

# BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER

Helping you understand the impact of Breast and Cervical Cancer, the importance of screenings, and what services are available to you.

## WHAT BREAST CANCER?

**Breast cancer is a malignant tumor that starts in the cells of the breast.**

A malignant tumor is a group of cancer cells that can grow into surrounding tissues or spread to distant areas of the body. The disease occurs almost entirely in women.

## WHAT CERVICAL CANCER?

**Cervical cancer is an abnormal growth of cells located at or around the entrance to the uterus (womb).**

The cervix is the narrow part of the lower uterus, often referred to as the neck of the womb. Most cervical cancers begin in the cells lining of the cervix. The normal cells of the cervix can gradually develop pre-cancerous changes that turn into cancer. Early detection by getting a routine pelvic exam and Pap test, is the first step in identifying cervical problems.

## YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE BREAST AND/OR CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING SERVICES

Regular cancer screening or testing is one of the most powerful weapons for preventing cancer. Screening is the process of looking for cancer in people who have no symptoms of the disease.

### If you are...

- a Women residing in Prince George's County
- Between 40 to 64 years of age
- Low income, uninsured or underinsured

... you may be eligible for **FREE** breast/cervical cancer screenings services.



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