



WHAT TO KNOW

What a Pap Smear Does, and Doesn't, Catch

A PAP SMEAR SCREENS FOR

Cervical cancer, by finding HPV-related changes on the cervix.

IT DOES NOT RELIABLY FIND

Uterine (endometrial) cancer, which begins inside the uterus. No routine test screens for it.

So how is uterine cancer usually caught? By paying attention to symptoms, especially bleeding after menopause, and getting evaluated early. That is why symptoms are not screening: waiting for a sign is not the same as being checked for one.

Signs worth a doctor's visit:

- ✓ Any bleeding after menopause
- ✓ Bleeding between periods
- ✓ Unusually heavy or long periods
- ✓ Pelvic pain, pressure, or unusual discharge