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Take Time to Save Your Life

QuickStats: Percentage of Women Aged ≥ 25 Years Who Had a Papanicolaou (Pap) Smear Test During the Preceding Three Years, by Age Group and Education Level — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2005

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Would you take a simple, routine test if you knew it could save your life? The Pap smear is the most successful test we have to prevent cervical cancer. Once the leading cause of death among women in the United States, cervical cancer cases have been steadily decreasing over the past 50 years, thanks in large part to early detection as a result of the Pap smear. Over half of cervical cancers occur among women who have never had a Pap test or have not had one in the past 5 years. So ask your doctor about a Pap smear. A few minutes of your time is a small price to pay to avoid a deadly disease.

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