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THANK YOU
for attending for your
cervical smear test

By having a regular smear test you have less chance of
developing cervical cancer

You can expect a letter from
Carlisle & District PCT
with your results within 4 - 6 weeks

Cervical screening is a test carried out on women aged 20-64 and has greatly
reduced cancer of the cervix in the U.K. 90% of all smear tests are normal.

The test does not guarantee that an individual will not develop an abnormality or
cancer of the cervix in the future. Nor can it completely exclude the possibility
of the presence of cancer of the cervix.

This is why the test is repeated regularly to increase the possibility of early
detection.

There are a number of possible results from a cervical smear:

Negative (Normal)

- This means that no abnormal cells have been detected. You will receive a letter in about 3 to 3½ years inviting you for another smear. If you have previously had an abnormal smear, you will be invited for another test sooner.

Inadequate (Unsatisfactory)

- One in ten tests are inadequate.
- This means there were not enough cells on the slide to give a definite opinion.
- There may be many reasons for this, including your age or stage in your menstrual cycle.
- You will be asked to return for another smear in around two months.

Inadequate with Inflammation

- You will be asked to contact your smear taker in case you need any medical treatment.

Borderline or Mild Dyskaryosis

- Dyskaryosis means small changes which often return to normal by themselves. The changes are **NOT** cancer, and in most cases do not lead to cancer in the future.
- It is safe to give the small changes a chance to return to normal by themselves without having immediate treatment.
- If you have either of these results, you will be asked to return for another smear in six months time.

Moderate or Severe Dyskaryosis

- This is unlikely to be cancerous. However, these changes are less likely to return to normal by themselves.
- You may need some treatment at your hospital's colposcopy clinic. You will then need to have some follow up smears to make sure all the abnormal area has been treated and the cervix has healed well.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your smear taker:

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