Screening Assistance for Low-Income and Uninsured or Underinsured West Virginia Women

The West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (WVBCCSP) provides free or low-cost breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services for eligible women in West Virginia.

To be eligible for the Program, a woman must be a West Virginia resident between the ages of 25 and 64 years, be uninsured or underinsured and be at or below 250% of the federal poverty level. Women who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through the WVBCCSP may be eligible to receive treatment through the WV Medicaid Treatment Act.

For more information about the WVBCCSP, eligibility requirements, or to find a healthcare provider in your area, please call 1-800-642-8522 or visit www.wvdhhr.org/bccsp.
Breast Cancer in West Virginia

Breast Cancer Screening

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) describes breast cancer screening as checking a woman’s breast before there are signs or symptoms of the disease. The CDC supports mammography as the best way to find cancer earlier and lower the risk of death.

All women are encouraged to talk to their doctor about which tests are right for them, when to begin screening, and how often screening should occur.

Screening Recommendations

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<th>Organization</th>
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<th>Clinical Breast Exam</th>
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<td>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention¹</td>
<td>Age 40 to 49: Talk to your doctor about when and how often you should have a screening mammogram.</td>
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<td>Age 50 to 74: Every two years.</td>
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<td>National Cancer Institute⁶</td>
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<td>NOTE: Women should know how their breasts normally look and feel and report any breast change promptly to their health care provider. Breast self-exam (BSE) is an option for women starting in their 20s.</td>
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At least every three years for ages 20-39.                                                  |

Annually, beginning at age 40.                                                               |

NOTE: Breast exams performed by a doctor or nurse and breast self-exams do not decrease the risk of death. All women who choose to use these exam methods should get routine screening mammograms as well.

References

8. West Virginia Health Statistics Center, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.

Breast Cancer Screening Data

According to the 2012 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, among West Virginia women:

Age 20-39: 76.4% reported having a clinical breast exam in the past three years.

40 and over: 72.2% reported having a mammogram in the past two years and 57.4% had a clinical breast exam every year.

Age 50-74: 78.1% reported having a mammogram in the past two years.

For more information, please contact the West Virginia Comprehensive Cancer Program:

www.wvcancer.com
304-356-4193

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