

Cervical Cancer - After Treatment [1]

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ON THIS PAGE: You will read about your medical care after cancer treatment is finished and why this follow-up care is important. To see other pages, use the menu on the side of your screen.

After treatment for cervical cancer ends, talk with your doctor about developing a follow-up care plan. This plan may include regular physical examinations and/or medical tests, such as pelvic examinations and Pap tests (see [Diagnosis](#) [3]), to monitor your recovery in the coming months and years. Women treated for cervical cancer need regular follow-up appointments to check and see whether the tumor has returned, but the risk of recurrence declines over time.

ASCO offers [cancer treatment summary forms](#) [4] to help keep track of the cancer treatment you received and develop a survivorship care plan once treatment is completed.

Women recovering from cervical cancer are encouraged to follow established guidelines for good health, such as maintaining a healthy weight, not smoking, eating a balanced diet, and having recommended cancer screening tests. Talk with your doctor to develop a plan that is best for your needs. For women who smoke, quitting smoking can help recovery and reduce the risk of cancer recurrence. Learn more about [quitting smoking](#) [5]. Moderate physical activity can help rebuild your strength and energy level. Your doctor can help you create an appropriate exercise plan based upon your needs, physical abilities, and fitness level. Learn more about the [next steps to take in survivorship](#) [6], including [making positive lifestyle changes](#) [7].

The next section offers a list of questions you may want to ask. Use the menu on the side of your screen to select [Questions to Ask the Doctor](#), or you can select another section, to continue reading this guide.

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[1] <http://www.cancer.net/cancer-types/cervical-cancer/after-treatment>

[2] <http://www.cancer.net/about-us>

[3] <http://www.cancer.net/node/18680>

[4] <http://www.cancer.net/node/25394>

[5] <http://www.cancer.net/node/25003>

[6] <http://www.cancer.net/node/25400>

[7] <http://www.cancer.net/node/24554>