

NATIONAL TRENDS FOR CANCERS WITH POPULATION-BASED SCREENING PROGRAMMES IN IRELAND 1994-2019

KEY FINDINGS: **CERVICAL CANCER**

Women aged **25 - 65** are eligible for free cervical screening tests via **CervicalCheck**

INCIDENCE



The overall incidence rate of cervical cancer has shown a statistically significant decrease



Overall incidence rate

↓ 2.8% per year since 2009

The incidence rate in the screening age group (25-60) has fluctuated (as would be expected) since screening was introduced.

STAGE



Women in the screening age group (25 – 60) diagnosed with cervical cancer via screening had a higher proportion of cancers detected at an earlier stage

88% v's 52%



SURVIVAL



Five-year survival for cervical cancer has increased

5 year overall survival rate

57% between 1994-1998
65% between 2014-2018

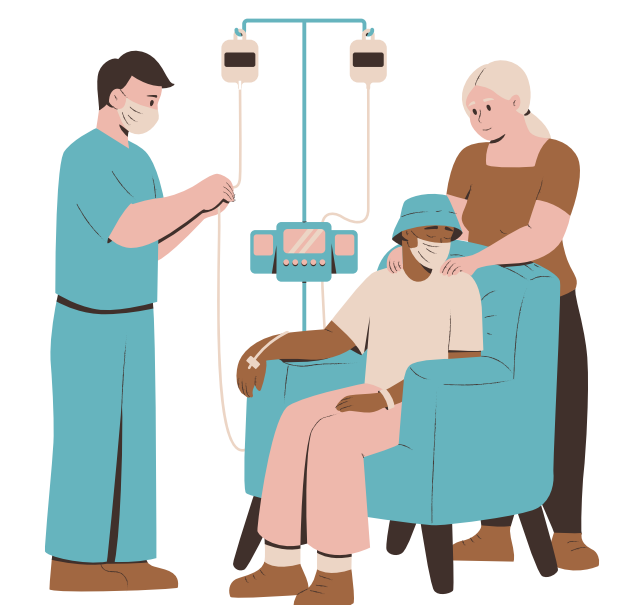


This improvement in survival was greatest in the screening age group (25-60 years)

5 year survival rate
screening age group

66% between 1994-1998
79% between 2014-2018

MORTALITY



The overall mortality rate of cervical cancer has shown a statistically significant decrease

Mortality rate

↓ 1.1% per year since 1994



A larger decrease in mortality rates has been seen in those of screening age (25-59 years) over the same period

Mortality rate
screening age group

↓ 1.5% per year since 1994