Cervical Cancer
Patient Information sheet

You have been recently diagnosed with cervical cancer. The cervix which is sometimes called the neck of the womb is located at the lower end of the womb.

There are two main types of cervical cancer. The first type grows in the skin lining the cervix (neck of the womb). The second type grows from the lining of the glands of the cervix. Both these different types of cervical cancer are treated in the same way.

Cervical cancer is associated with HPV infection; however only a very small minority of women with HPV infection go on to develop either pre-cancer changes in their smear or cancer.

Cervical cancer has two main ways of spreading; local invasion and lymphatic spread. The spread of cancer to different parts of the body is called metastasis.

Cervical cancer can be treated by surgery alone, by surgery followed by chemotherapy plus radiotherapy or by chemotherapy and radiotherapy alone. The treatment will depend on the stage of the cancer. The stage depends if the cancer is confined to the cervix, or spread to lymph nodes (lymph glands) or other areas.

Your doctor will discuss your treatment options with you.
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