

PAP smear

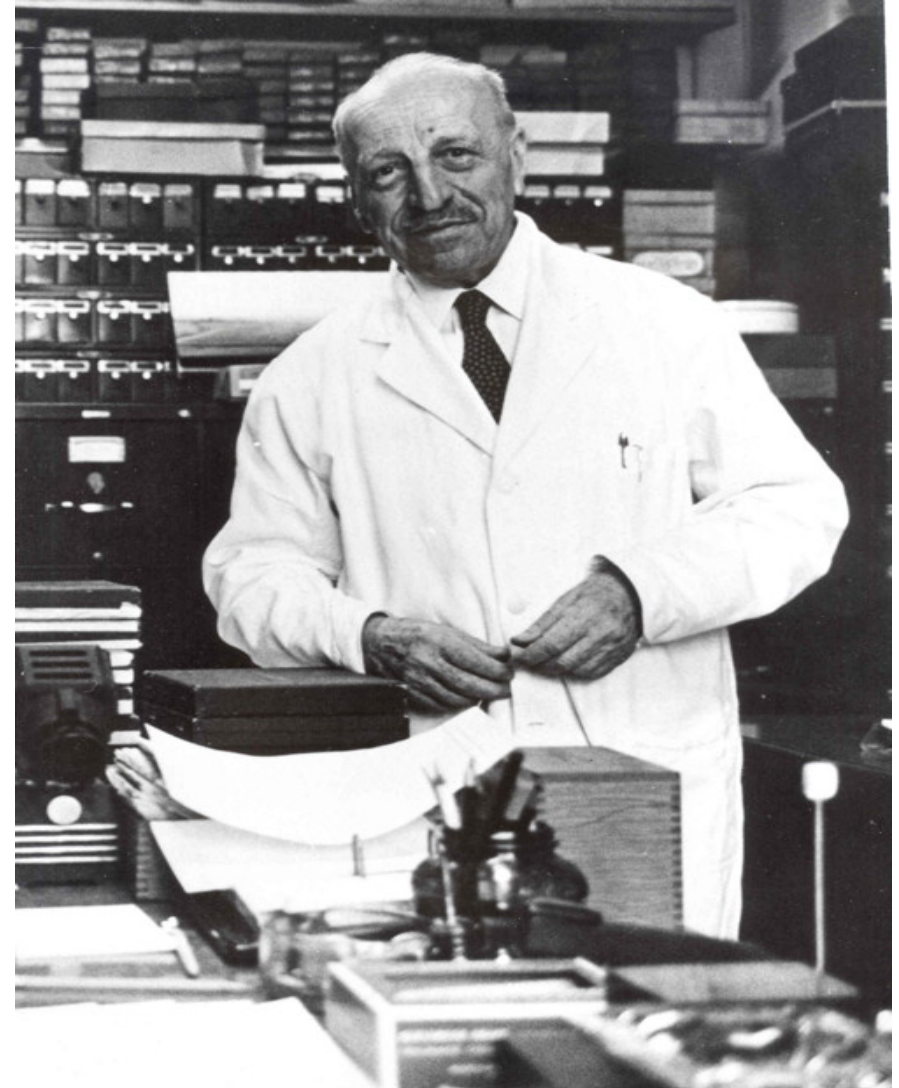
(Papanicolaou Test)

PAP test

- Is a screening test to prevent/ detect cancerous processes in endocervical canal
- It reduces the mortality caused by cervical cancer up to 80%

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- The test was invented by and named after the Greek doctor Georgios Papanikolaou in 1928



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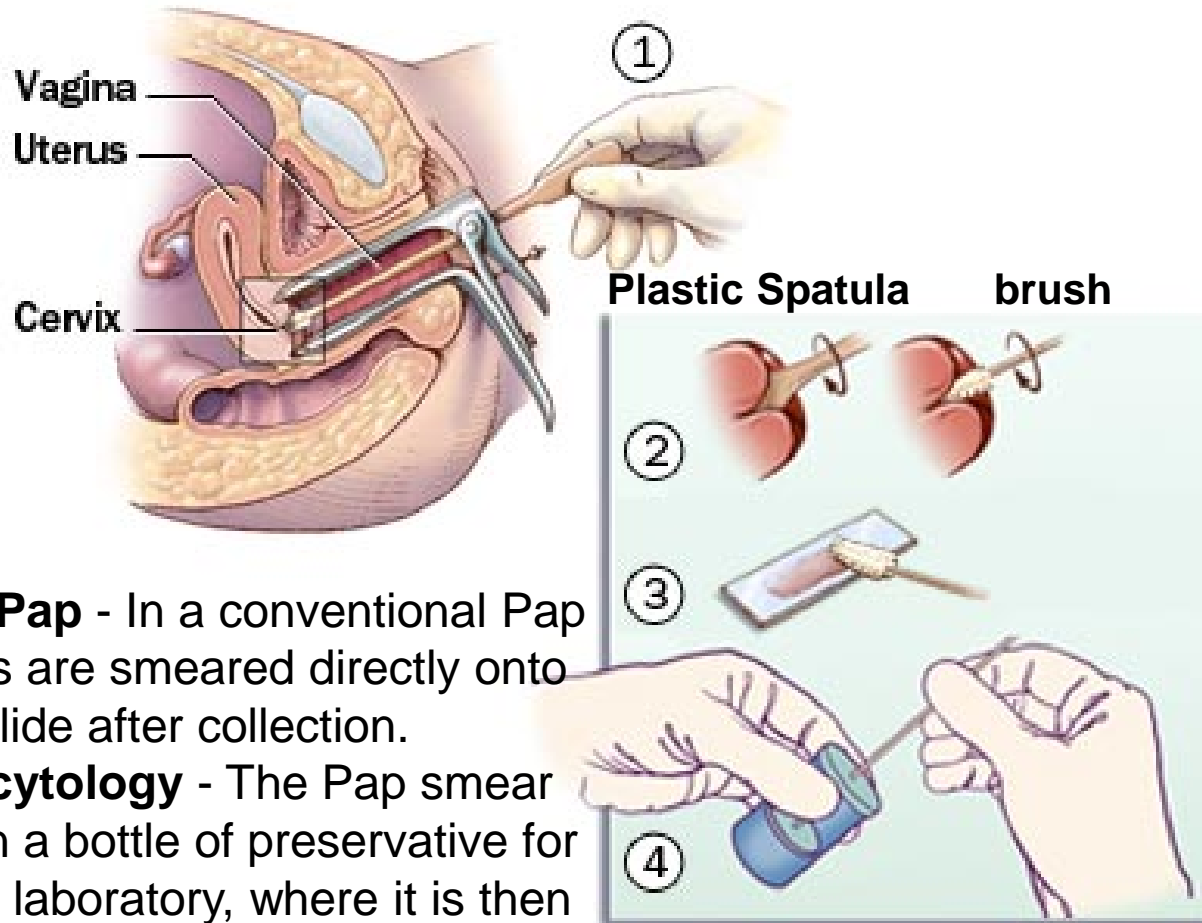
- Aurel Babeş of Romania independently made similar discoveries in 1927



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- Papanicolaou's name was repeatedly submitted to the Nobel Committee in 1950s and rejected every time.
- Because the investigator discovered Babeş' contributions that had never been cited by Papanicolaou and duly reported this fact to the Committee, which then rejected Papanicolaou's Nobel award.

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Conventional Pap - In a conventional Pap smear, samples are smeared directly onto a microscope slide after collection.

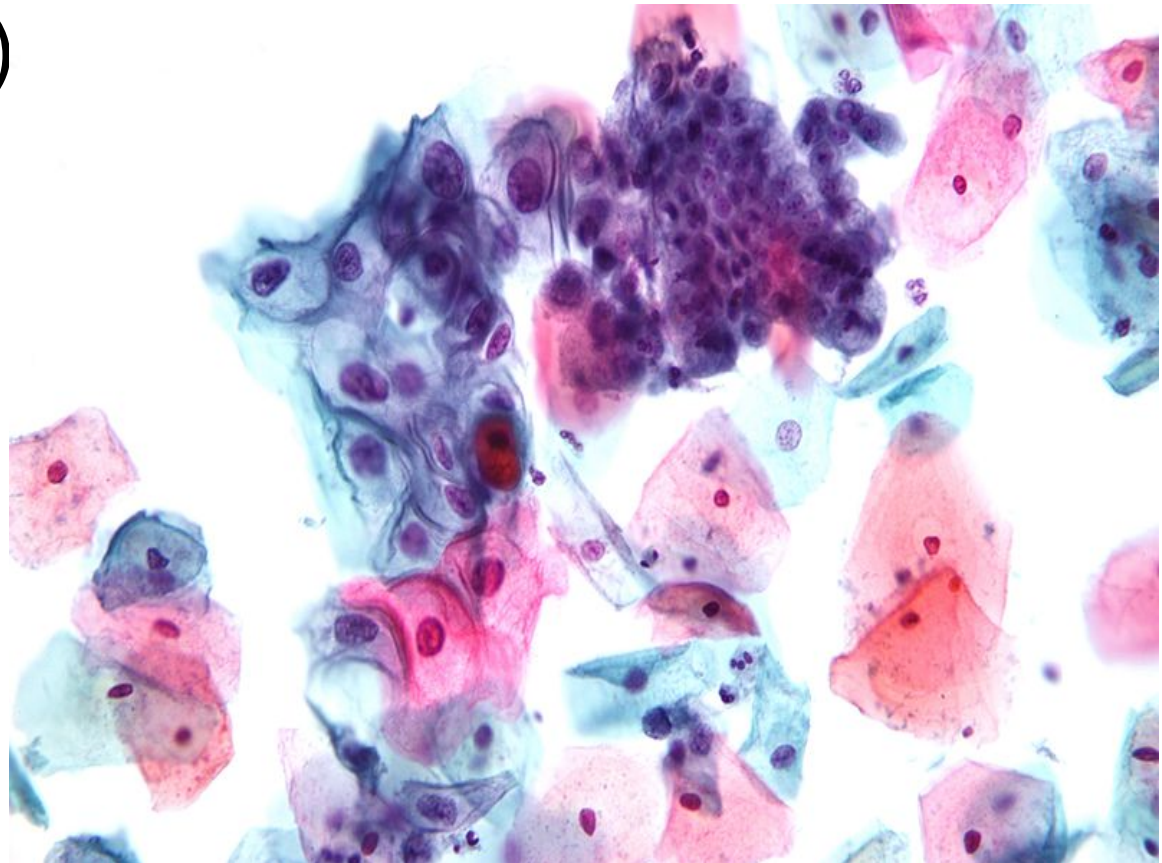
Liquid based cytology - The Pap smear sample is put in a bottle of preservative for transport to the laboratory, where it is then smeared on the slide.

- Abnormal results are grouped as follows:
- Atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance (ASCUS) (typically 2–5% of Pap results)
(atypical cells of uncertain significance)

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- Low-grade dysplasia (LSIL) (about 2% of PAP results)

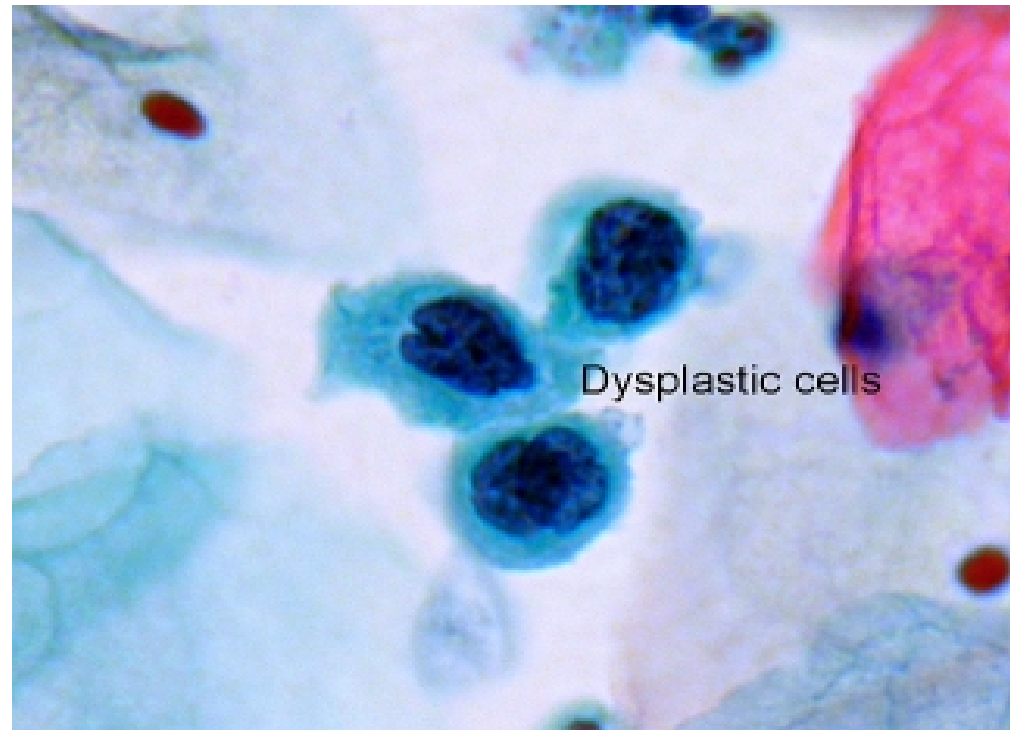
precancerous changes are likely to be present
But spontaneously regress without ever leading to cervical cancer



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- High-grade dysplasia (HSIL) (about 0.5% of PAP results)

The risk of cervical cancer is higher



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- Carcinoma in situ (CIS)

- Atypical glandular cells (AGC)

Cell changes that may lead to cancer are seen in cervical canal or inside the uterus

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Due to American Cancer Society Screening should start:

- 3 years after the first sexual intercourse
- or
- At the age of 21

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- Repeat every 3 years until the age 30
- Over the age 30 with both normal PAP smear and HPV test, every 5 years

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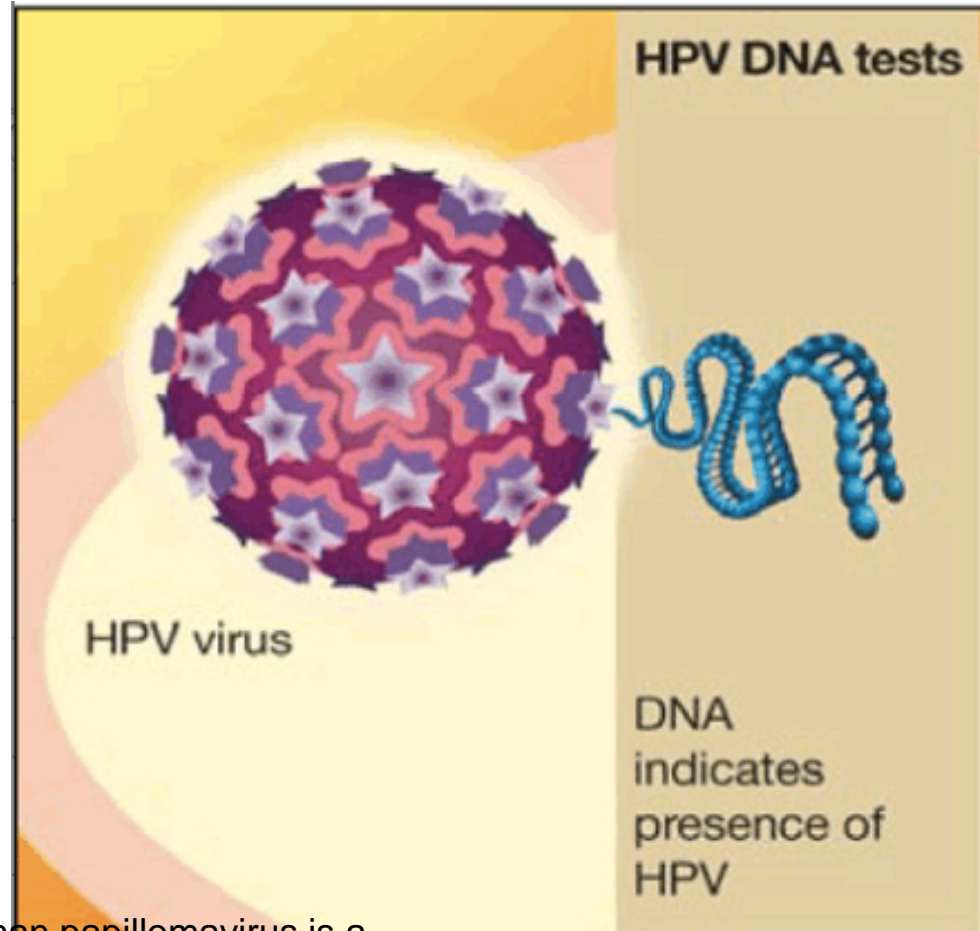
- **Precaution:**

Do not do for 24 hours before the test:

- Douche (douching should never be done)
- Have sexual intercourse
- Take a bath
- Use tampons
- Menstrual blood may make the Pap smear results less accurate

Human Papilloma Virus

HPV is a DNA Virus.
Its infection is a
cause of nearly all
cases of cervical
cancer.

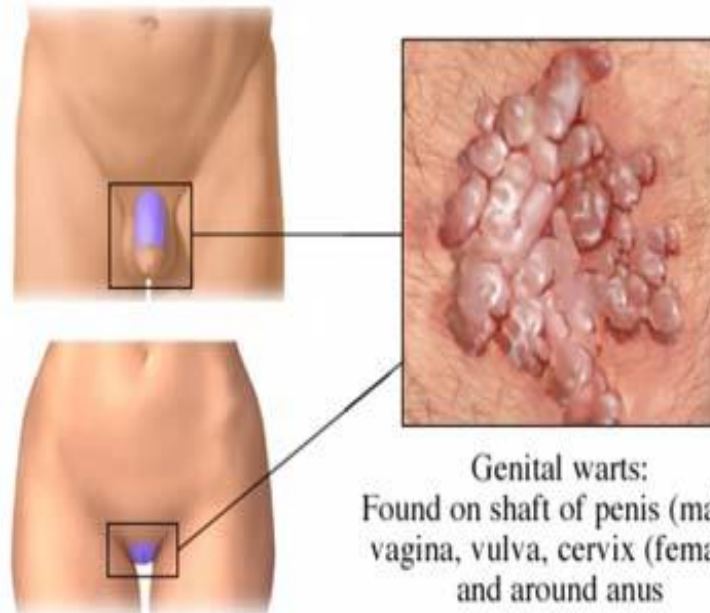


HPV

- Worldwide Infection prev.: 9-13% = 630 million
- Prevalence of clinically pre-malignant infections: 28-40 Million

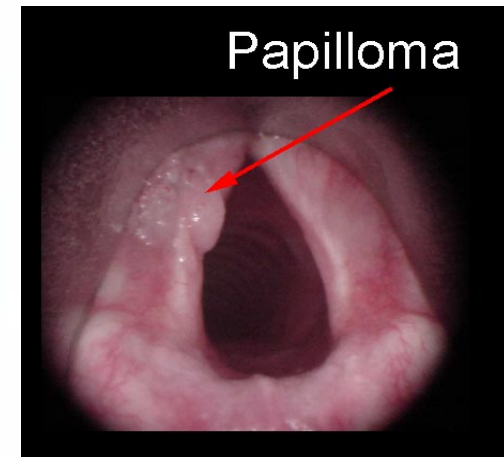


Cutaneous HPV inf.



Genital warts:
Found on shaft of penis (male),
vagina, vulva, cervix (female)
and around anus

Genital HPV inf.



Throat cancer

Transmission:

- Parental
- Sexual (genital infections)
- Blood products

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HPV

- Over 120 HPV types have been identified
- HPV-5 is discovered in 1978 by Stefania Jablonska and Gerard Orth

HPV

- carcinogenic "high-risk" sexually transmitted HPVs are:
- Types **16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, 68, 73, and 82**

HPV

- 95% of infected women clear HPV within 18 months
- Prolonged infection with a high-risk type can lead to precancerous developments after 10-15 Years

HPV

- Two Vaccines available:
- 1. Gardasil – marketed by merck
- 2. Cervarix – marketed by GlaxoSmithKline
- Both cover the infection with type 16 and 18
- Gardasil also protects against types 6 and 11, which cause 90% of genital warts

Thanks for your attention

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