

# Cervical Cancer: Screening Matters

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## HOW IT STARTED

I went for my first smear test after having my daughter. The results weren't normal, so I was sent for more tests. That's when the doctor told me I had CIN3, which means there were serious pre-cancerous cells.

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## THE DIAGNOSIS

After a biopsy and a LLETZ treatment to remove the cells, I was called back to the hospital. That's when I was told I had stage 2 cervical cancer. I was only 29. It all felt like a blur.

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## TREATMENT

I had a scan to check how far the cancer had spread. The doctors said I needed surgery to remove it. I was so relieved I didn't need a hysterectomy, as I still hoped to have another baby.

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## THE OUTCOME

I go for check-ups every year, and thankfully things are looking good. It hasn't been plain sailing, but against all odds, I've had my miracle baby.

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## WHAT I LEARNED

My message to other women: know your body, and please don't fear your smear test. In just three years, I went from a clear result to stage 2B cervical cancer. That test may well have saved my life.