



HPV-FASTER IMPLEMENT

Cancer burden

7.8 Cervical cancer age-standardized
incidence rate per 100,000 women (2024)

2.1 Cervical cancer age-standardized
mortality rate per 100,000 women (2024)

SWEDEN

Eligible population approached with combined
HPV-based screening and vaccination in the
HPV-FASTER-Implement project in Sweden:

- Migrants and female sex workers who are un(der)vaccinated and un(der)screened

Institution leading implementation: Karolinska Institutet (KI)

- There are 6 regional cancer centres (RCC) that support screening programmes and are coordinated by the national cancer coordinator under the **Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SKR)**.
- The **Centre for Cervical Cancer Elimination at Karolinska University Hospital** is the national reference laboratory for HPV and the lead for cervical cancer elimination strategies in Sweden. Screening is organized at the regional level and regions are responsible for planning the implementation of the vaccination programmes.

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HPV vaccination

Doses (interval)	Target population
 (0, ≥6 months)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People aged 9-26.
 (0, 2, 6 months)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People living with HIV and other immunocompromising conditions.



- A combination of HPV vaccination and HPV screening (HPV-FASTER strategy) is being offered in all regions to women born in 1994-1999 as part of a study supported by the Parliament to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem. A second dose of vaccine will be given after 3 years.
- Routine vaccination administered by school nurses.
- Vaccination in the abovementioned study administered by midwives or at vaccination centres.



- Free of charge for eligible population.

Cervical screening

Test (interval)	Target population
HPV-detection test (5 years up to age 49; 7 years from age 50; 3 years for women living with HIV, transplanted and other immunocompromising conditions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People with a cervix aged 23-70.



- At midwifery clinics by midwives or with self-sampling; regional decision on primary method.
- Individual invitation of persons with a female personal identify number and a registered address by letter or digital post, with option of self-sampling. In some regions self-sampling is sent directly to women, with option to book an appointment for a clinician-collected sample.



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