



**5.4** Cervical cancer age-standardized incidence rate per 100,000 women (2022)

**1.6** Cervical cancer age-standardized mortality rate per 100,000 women (2022)

# Catalonia (SPAIN)

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

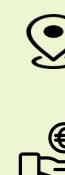
- Vulnerable migrants from HPV high-prevalence regions and female sex workers

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- The healthcare system in Spain is decentralized. Coordination and recommendations on cervical cancer screening and vaccination are made at the national level by the **Interterritorial Council of the National Health System** (NHS), where each of the 19 Spanish regions are represented.
- In the region of Catalonia in particular, the organizations coordinating vaccination and cervical cancer screening are the Public Health Agency of Catalonia and the Catalan Cancer Plan from the **Department of Health of the Catalonian Government** respectively.

## HPV vaccination

Doses (interval)	Target population
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12-year-old girls and boys (11 years in Catalonia).</li> <li>• Unvaccinated females and males up to age 18 (unvaccinated women up to age 26 in Catalonia).</li> <li>• Sex workers and men who have sex with men, sexually abused people, and trans women up to age 25.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sex workers and men who have sex with men, sexually abused people, and trans women aged 26-45.</li> <li>• Unvaccinated women with treatment for high-grade intraepithelial lesion in the cervix.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unvaccinated people with immunosuppression (WHIM - Warts, Hypogammaglobulinemia, recurrent bacterial infections and Myelokathexis- syndrome, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection, solid organ or hematopoietic stem cell transplantation) up to age 45.</li> </ul>



- Administered at school and primary care mostly, sexually transmitted infections (STI) clinics and sexual and reproductive health care centres (ASSIR) by nurses and sometimes by medical doctors.
- Free of charge.

## Cervical screening

Test (interval)	Target population
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People with a cervix aged 25-29.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People with a cervix aged 30-65.</li> <li>• Screening ends at 65 if adequately screened in the previous 10 years and all tests were negative/normal.</li> <li>• In case of lesion, screening is maintained for 25 years even if age is over 65.</li> </ul>



- At sexual and reproductive health care centres (ASSIR) by midwives (mainly) and gynaecologists.



- In areas where population-based programme is being implemented women are invited by SMS or letter to collect HPV self-sampling kit at pharmacies.



- Free of charge.

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