Western Australian Cancer Statistics, 2014
Cervical Cancer

- Cervical cancer is the growth of abnormal cells in the lining of the cervix.
- In 2014 cervical cancer was the 12th most common cancer diagnosed in Western Australian women.
- The chance of being diagnosed with cervical cancer before the age of 75 is one in every 156 women.
- Eighty per cent of women diagnosed with cervical cancer have either never had a Pap smear or do not have them regularly.
- The main cause of cervical cancer is long term infection with the human papillomavirus (HPV). There are currently 15 types of high-risk HPV that has been identified and linked to cervical cancer.

The incidence rate of cervical cancer has significantly decreased among Western Australian women since 1982 largely due to a national screening programme that was introduced in 1991.

- Fifty five percent of cervical cancer cases are diagnosed between the ages of 25 and 44.
- The HPV vaccination and regular cervical cancer screening can help to prevent the development of cervical cancer.
- Cervical cancer can be effectively treated when it is found early. In Australia, the five year survival rate for women diagnosed with cervical cancer is 72%.

*Cervical cancer incidence by age: Western Australia 2014

Mortality values were not added to this graph as the Western Australian Cancer Registry does not publish values less than 5.
Number of cases in women in Western Australia 1999-2014*  

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*Total number of cases recorded by the Cancer Registry in one year

Cervical cancer incidence and mortality:  
Western Australia 1983-2014

Age standardised rates (ASR) in women in Western Australia 1999-2014*  

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*Number of cases per 100,000 persons, adjusted for age (World 1960 population standard)

Cervical cancer age standardised (ASR) incidence and mortality:  
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