

## 05. How long does it take for cervical cancer to develop?

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Once cervical cells begin to change, it typically takes 10-15 years before invasive cervical cancer develops. As the cells change, they first become "pre-cancerous" – a condition also known as "dysplasia" or CIN – the abbreviation for cervical intraepithelial neoplasia.

If detected early, dysplasia can be treated before the cells become cancerous.