ScreenUrSelf

REDUCE THE RISK OF CERVICAL CANCER: TAKE A SAMPLE YOURSELF

Dear

We are inviting you to take part in the 'ScreenUrSelf trial'. This allows us to find people with a higher risk of developing cervical cancer early. In the trial, you can take a sample yourself and have it examined. The trial is free of charge.

In Flanders, 350 women a year develop cervical cancer. This cancer is caused by a virus: human papillomavirus or HPV. Fortunately, we can detect this virus and the precursors of cancer early with a smear test. Thus, by a simple intervention, we can often avoid the virus causing cancer. You can have that smear taken by your GP or gynaecologist. Or you can now also have a **sample taken by yourself**. This is new. And just as good. This test shows whether you are infected with the virus.

| Are you willing to take part?

If so, ask for a free kit to take a sample yourself. You are not required to take part. But we do recommend it.

| Would you like to request the free kit?

You can: • Go to **www.ScreenUrSelf.be** (or scan the QR code) and fill in the form.

- Or email info@bevolkingsonderzoek.be with the subject line "ScreenUrSelf".
 - Or call free on **0800 60 160** (9-12am and 1-4pm).

We'll send you soon: The equipment to take a sample, instructions and an extra envelope to return the sample by post free of charge.

What happens next?

A lab examines the sample. You and your GP get the result within three weeks.

- What if the lab finds traces of the virus? Make an appointment with your GP or your gynaecologist. They will then take a swab.
- · What if the lab finds nothing? We will let you know that too. You don't have to do anything else.

| Would you like to know more or do you have a question?

- Read the leaflet accompanying this letter.
- · Go to www.ScreenUrSelf.be. You will also find a translation into French, English, Turkish, Arabic, Polish, Romanian and Russian of this letter.
- · Call free on **0800 60 160** (9-12am and 1-4pm) or email info@bevolkingsonderzoek.be.

With best regards,

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This trial has been approved by the medical ethics committee of University Hospital Antwerp and Antwerp University [B3002023000026]. In accordance with the Belgian law of 7 May 2004 on experiments on the human person, the sponsor is liable, even without fault, for any damage incurred by the participant or his/her beneficiaries and directly or indirectly related to the trial. Antwerp University is insured for this liability. So if you should suffer any harm as a result of your participation in this trial, it will be compensated according to the Belgian law of 7 May 2004. Antwerp University and CvK0 have obtained permission from the Information Security Committee ("IVC") [MR. 23/068] to request your data from the relevant agencies and use it in the context of this trial project. The IVC ensures that any use is made in compliance with applicable privacy regulations. More information on the protection of your personal data can be found here: www.uantwerpen.be/nl/overuantwerpen/organisatie/structuur/faculteiten-departementen-diensten/ informativeiligheid-privacy/privacy.



