EL SALVADOR
CERVICAL CANCER PROFILE

**Morbidity and Mortality**

Crude cervical cancer incidence per 100 000 women (2020): 15.4
Age-standardized cervical cancer incidence per 100 000 women (2020): 13.1
Cumulative risk of cervical cancer, ages 0-74 (2020): 1.3%
Cervical cancer deaths (2019): 450
Cervical cancer mortality-to-incidence ratio (2020): 0.6
Population-based cancer registry exists (2021): Yes

**Primary Prevention**

HPV vaccination programme coverage among girls (2020):

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2 in 10 girls in the primary target cohort in 2020 have received their first HPV vaccination dose

HPV vaccination programme (2020):

- HPV included in national vaccination programme: Yes
- Scale of vaccination programme: National
- Year of introduction: 2020
- Primary target cohort: 9 years

**Related risk factors:**

- Tobacco use prevalence, women aged 15+ years (2020)**: 2%
- Condom use at last high-risk sex (-): ND
- HIV incidence per 1000, women aged 15+ years (2020): 0.15

**Secondary Prevention**

National screening programme for cervical cancer exists (2021): Yes
Primary screening test used (2021): HPV test
Target age range of programme (2021): 30-59 years
Programme/guidelines exist to strengthen early detection of first symptoms at primary health care level (2021): Yes
Clearly defined referral system exists from primary care to secondary and tertiary care (2021): Yes

8 in 10 women have been screened for cervical cancer in the last 5 years

Screening for cervical cancer (2019):

- Screened in last 5 years: 97%
- Ever screened: 95%

**Treatment and Supportive Care**

National guidelines on cervical cancer management exist (2021): Yes

Cancer diagnosis and treatment services generally available (2021):

- Cancer centre or cancer department at tertiary level: Yes
- Pathology services (laboratories): Yes
- Cancer surgery: Yes
- Chemotherapy: Yes
- Radiotherapy: Yes

Palliative care for patients with NCDs in the public health system generally available (2021):

- In primary health care facilities: No
- In community or home-based care: No

Number of radiotherapy units per 10 000 cancer patients (2020): 9
Number of brachytherapy units per 10 000 cancer patients (2020): 2

Number of medical staff (per 10 000 cancer patients):

- Radiation oncologists (2019): ND
- Medical physicists (2019): 11
- Surgeons (2009): 1183
- Radiologists (2019): 62
- Nuclear medicine physicians (2019): 2

Reported annual opioid consumption - excluding methadone - in oral morphine equivalence per capita (2017): 6mg

**WHO Cervical Cancer Elimination Strategy Targets for 2030**

- 90% of girls fully vaccinated with the HPV vaccine by the age of 15
- 70% of women are screened with a high-performance test by 35 years of age and again by 45 years of age
- 90% of women identified with cervical disease receive treatment

ND = data not available

* Programme coverage: % of national target population (among 9-14-year-old girls)
† Coverage by age 15: % of population turning 15 that have been vaccinated against HPV at any time between ages 9 to 14

See Explanatory Notes for indicator descriptions.

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