PORTUGAL
CERVICAL CANCER PROFILE

Morbidity and Mortality

Crude cervical cancer incidence per 100 000 women (2020): 16.1
Age-standardized cervical cancer incidence per 100 000 women (2020): 10.8
Cumulative risk of cervical cancer, ages 0-74 (2020): 1.0%
Cervical cancer deaths (2019): 330
Cervical cancer mortality-to-incidence ratio (2020): 0.44
Population-based cancer registry exists (2021): Yes

Primary Prevention

HPV vaccination programme coverage among girls (2020)

Programme coverage:
- Complete dose: 97%
- First dose: 93%
- Coverage by age 15: 95%

Among girls turning 15 years old in 2020, 9 in 10 received their final HPV vaccination dose

HPV vaccination programme (2020):
- HPV included in national vaccination programme: Yes
- Scale of vaccination programme: National
- Year of introduction: 2008
- Primary target cohort: 10 years

Related risk factors:
- Tobacco use prevalence, women aged 15+ years (2020)**: 15%
- Condom use at last high-risk sex (-): ND
- HIV incidence per 1000, women aged 15+ years (2020): 0.04

Secondary Prevention

National screening programme for cervical cancer exists (2021): Yes
Primary screening test used (2021): HPV test
Target age range of programme (2021): 25-60 years
Programme/guidelines exist to strengthen early detection of first symptoms at primary health care level (2021): No
Clearly defined referral system exists from primary care to secondary and tertiary care (2021): No

Screening for cervical cancer (2019)

Screened in last 5 years: 84%
Ever screened: 88%

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

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: Yes
- In community or home-based care: Yes

Number of radiotherapy units per 10 000 cancer patients (2021): 9
Number of brachytherapy units per 10 000 cancer patients (2021): 3
Number of medical staff (per 10 000 cancer patients):
- Radiation oncologists (2019): 15
- Medical physicists (2019): 23
- Surgeons (2013): 989
- Radiologists (2019): 212
- Nuclear medicine physicians (2019): 14

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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