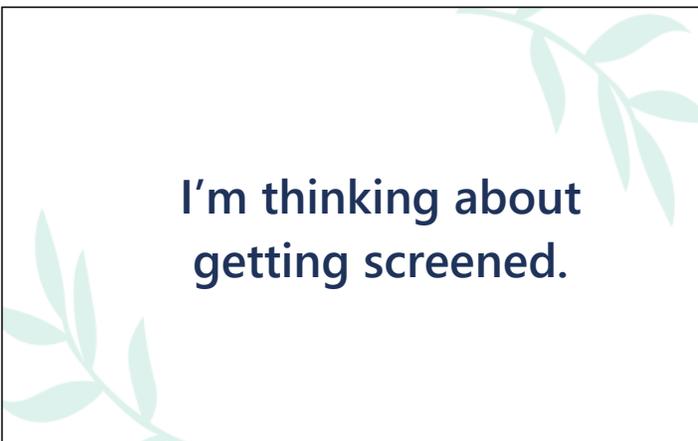


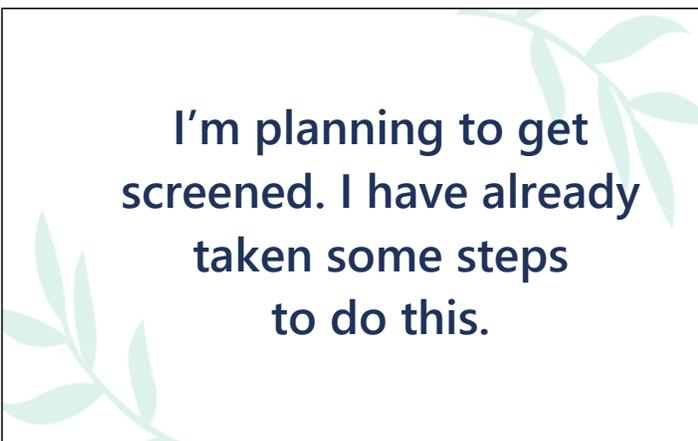
**I haven't thought about getting screened.**

I understand that you haven't thought about getting screened. I'd like to help you start thinking about it.



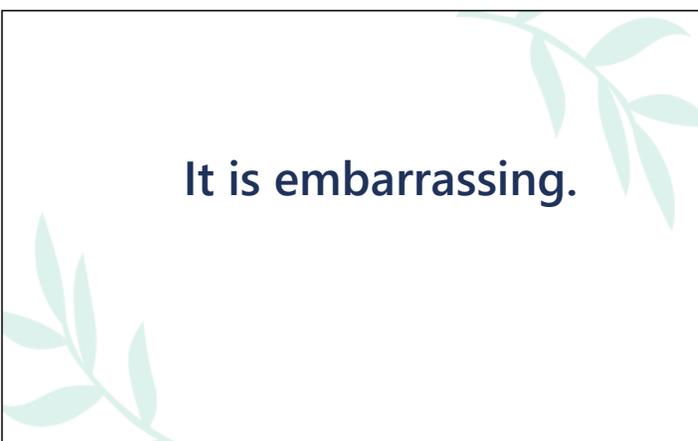
**I'm thinking about getting screened.**

I'm happy you're thinking about getting screened. I'd like to help you make a plan to get screened.



**I'm planning to get screened. I have already taken some steps to do this.**

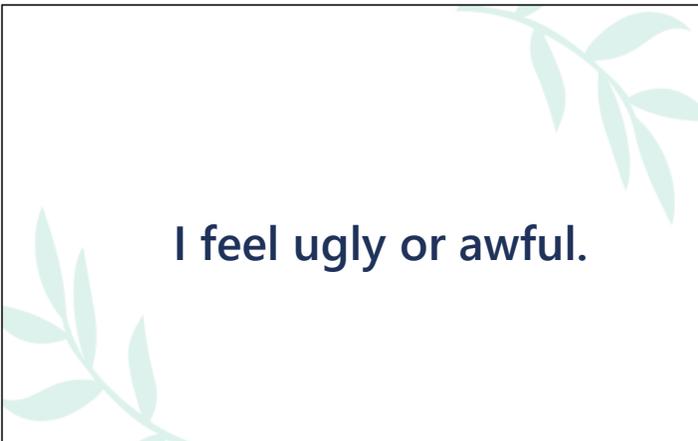
It's great that you're planning to get screened! What steps have you taken? I'd like to help you make and keep an appointment.



**It is embarrassing.**

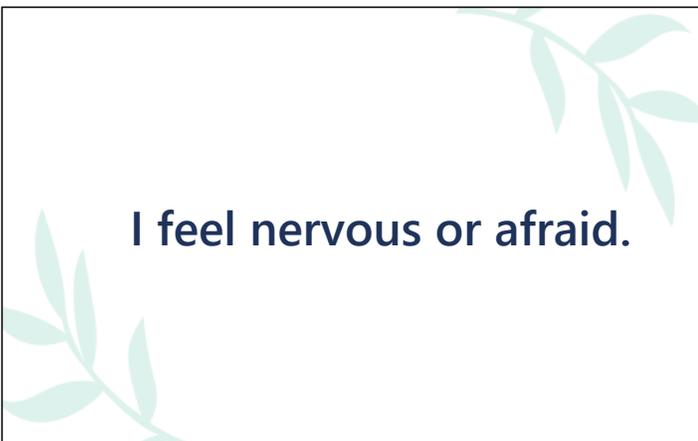
Many of us feel embarrassed about getting screened for cervical cancer. The test does not take very long. The clinic staff are professionals, and they see women's bodies every day.





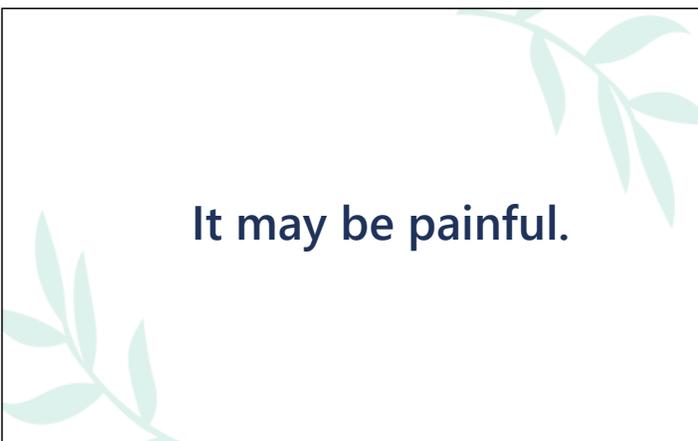
**I feel ugly or awful.**

Getting screened may make us feel uncomfortable. It will just be for a short time. It is worth it for the sake of our health.



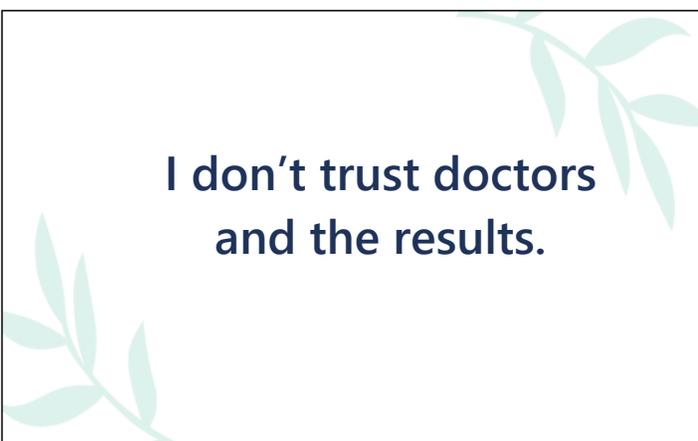
**I feel nervous or afraid.**

Many of us feel nervous or afraid to get screened. The clinic staff can answer any questions we have. It can help us to know what is going to happen.



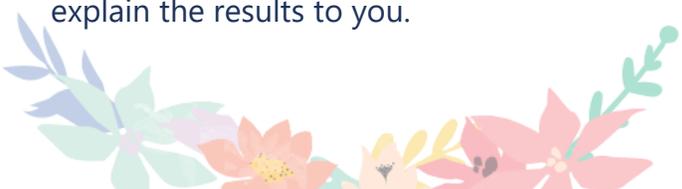
**It may be painful.**

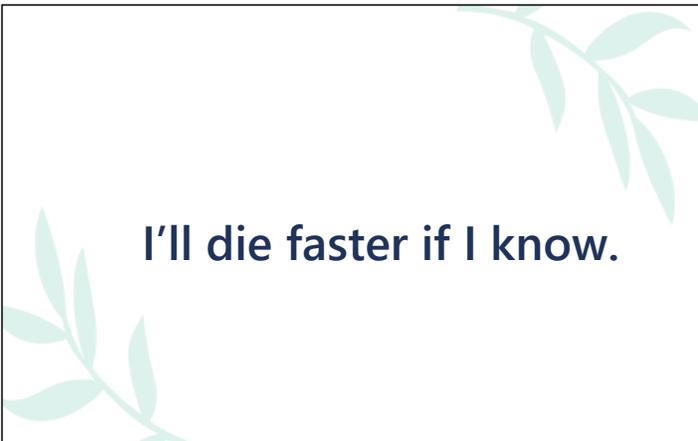
Sometimes screening can be a little painful. The test will only take a few minutes and the pain is usually very little. It's worth it for our health.



**I don't trust doctors  
and the results.**

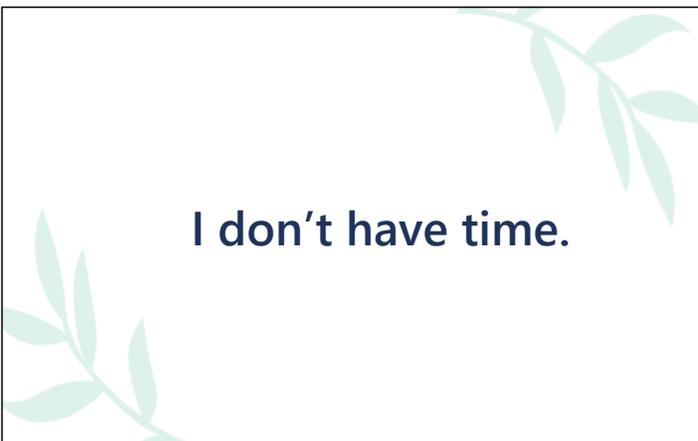
Screening for cervical cancer is something doctors do all the time. They are trained to do these tests and they do them frequently. We can trust the results we are given. It's OK to ask questions. They will explain the results to you.





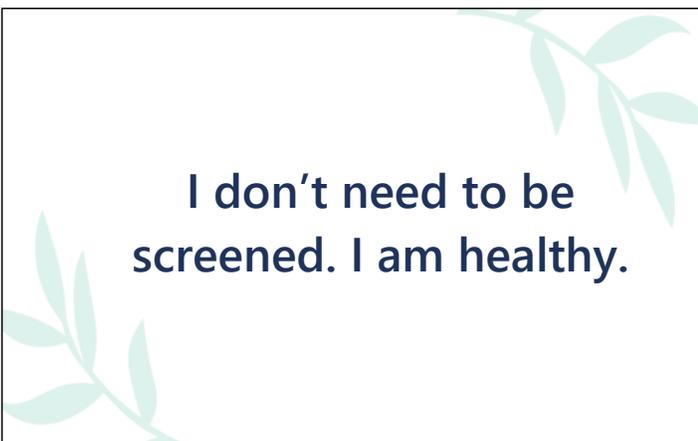
**I'll die faster if I know.**

In fact, we may die faster if we don't get screened. The Pap test can find cervical cancer early so it can be treated. The HPV test can tell us if we have the virus that may cause cervical cancer.



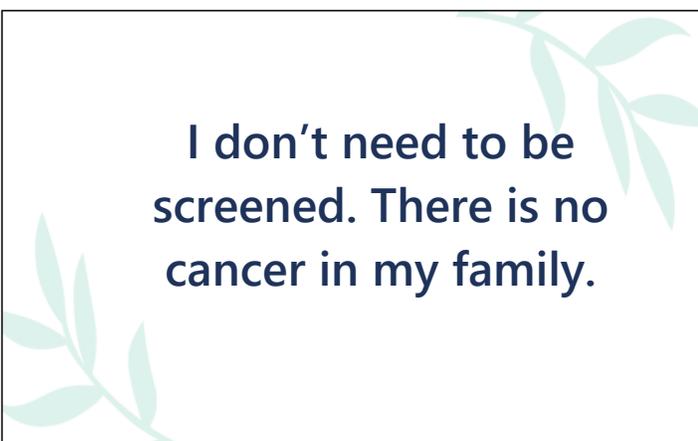
**I don't have time.**

Sometimes it can be hard to make time for screening when we are very busy. It's important to make time to take care of ourselves. Our health depends on it!



**I don't need to be screened. I am healthy.**

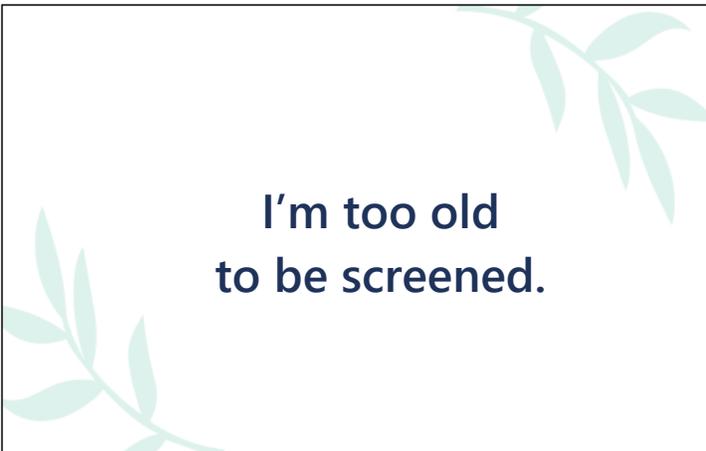
It can be hard to understand why screening is important when we don't feel sick. Until we have had a test, we won't know for sure if we are healthy.



**I don't need to be screened. There is no cancer in my family.**

Some of us think that we don't need to be screened if cancer doesn't run in our family. Most women need to be screened for cervical cancer, even if no one in their family has had cancer.

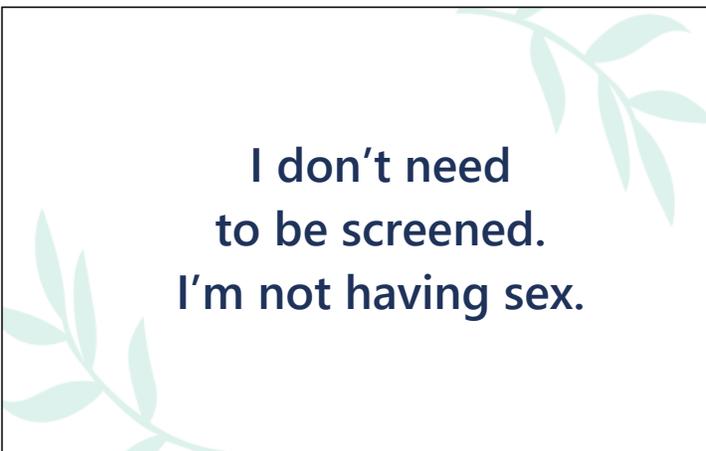




**I'm too old  
to be screened.**



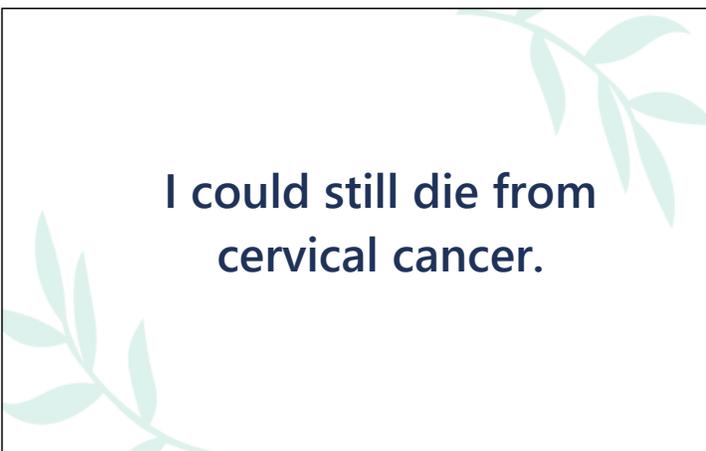
Most women need to be screened up to at least age 65, because the HPV virus can remain in a woman's body for years. Talk to your doctor if you are 65 or older to see if you should be tested.



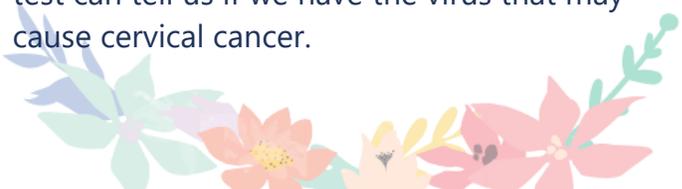
**I don't need  
to be screened.  
I'm not having sex.**



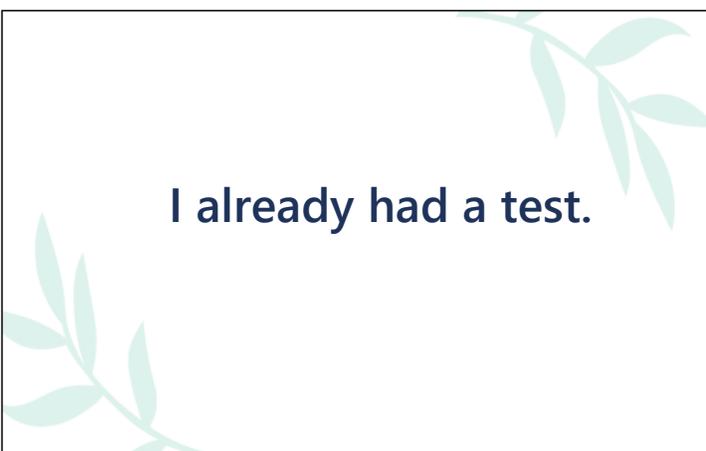
Most women need to be screened. This includes women who are no longer having sex, because the HPV virus can remain in a woman's body long after having sex.



**I could still die from  
cervical cancer.**



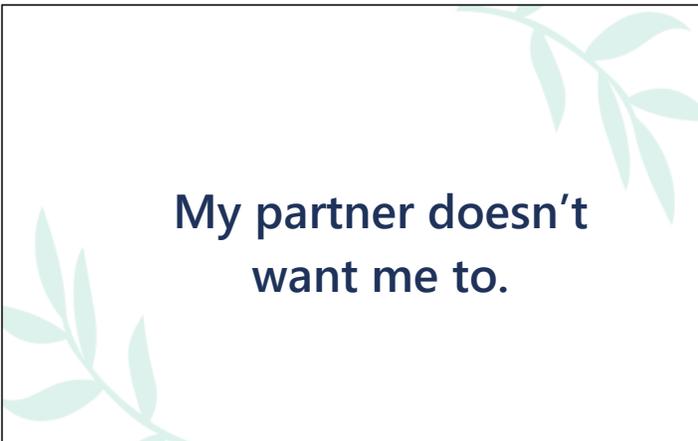
There is no guarantee with screening. But it's more likely that we could die from cervical cancer if we don't get screened. That is because a Pap test can find cervical cancer early, when treatment works best. An HPV test can tell us if we have the virus that may cause cervical cancer.



**I already had a test.**

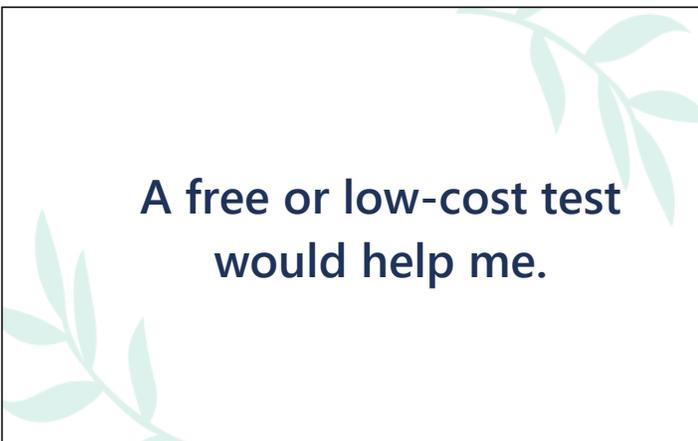


Getting a test once is not enough. Getting screened should be a regular part of a woman's life so she stays healthy!



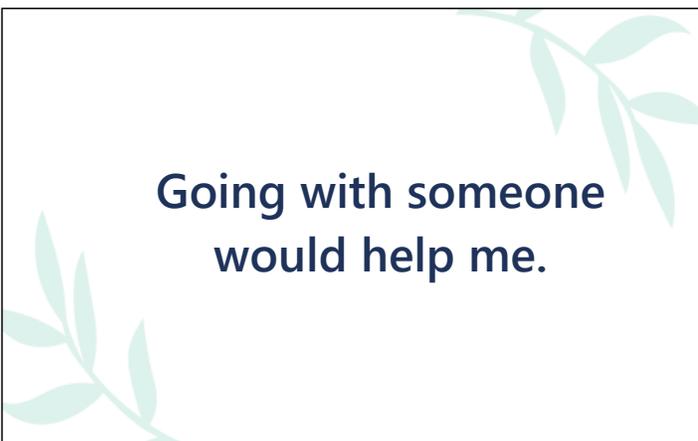
**My partner doesn't want me to.**

It's important that we take care of our health, even if we don't have encouragement or help. We will stay healthy for our families.



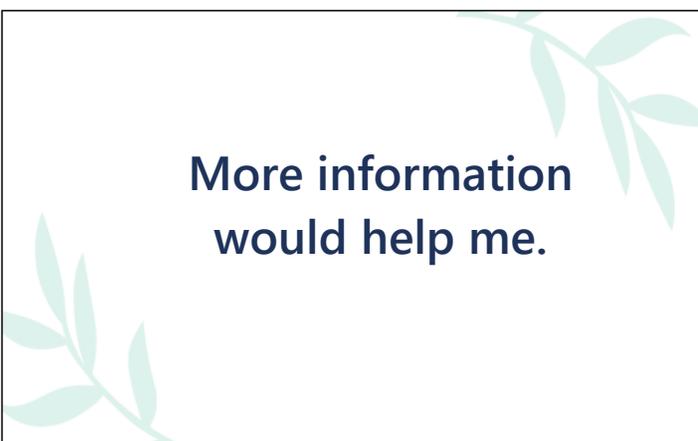
**A free or low-cost test would help me.**

There are clinics that give low-cost or free screenings. Other clinics can set up a payment plan. I can give you information about those clinics.



**Going with someone would help me.**

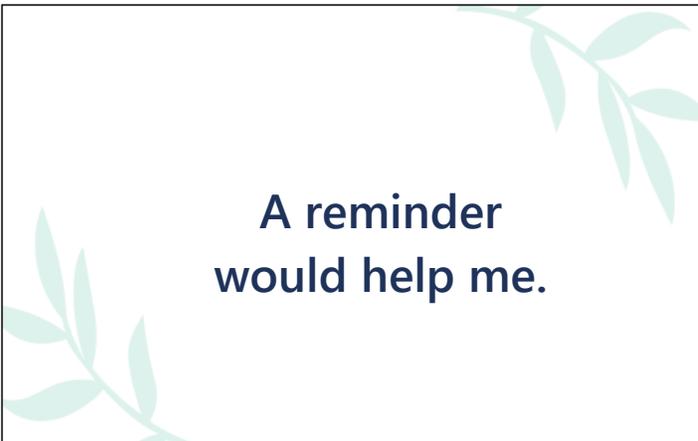
Some of us like to take a friend or family member with us to the clinic. It's OK to take someone with you if that will help you.



**More information would help me.**

Clinic staff can give us health information if we ask them. It's OK to ask questions. I'll also give you some information about cervical cancer and cervical cancer screening today.

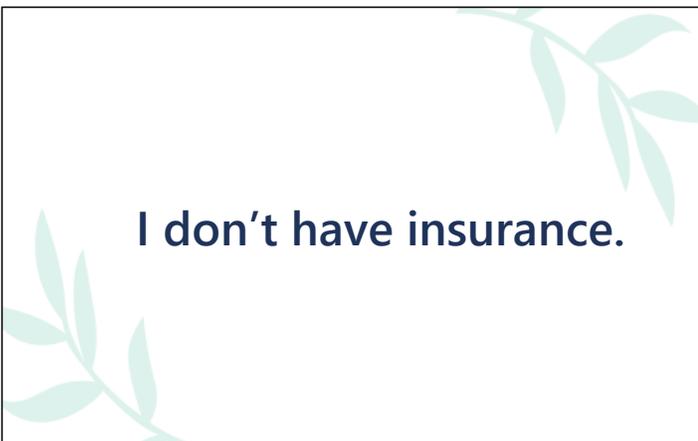




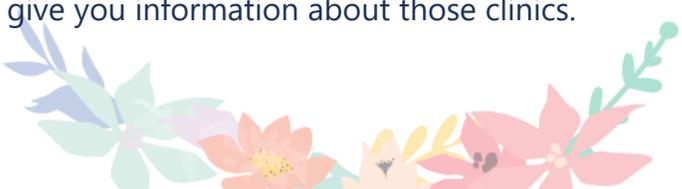
**A reminder  
would help me.**



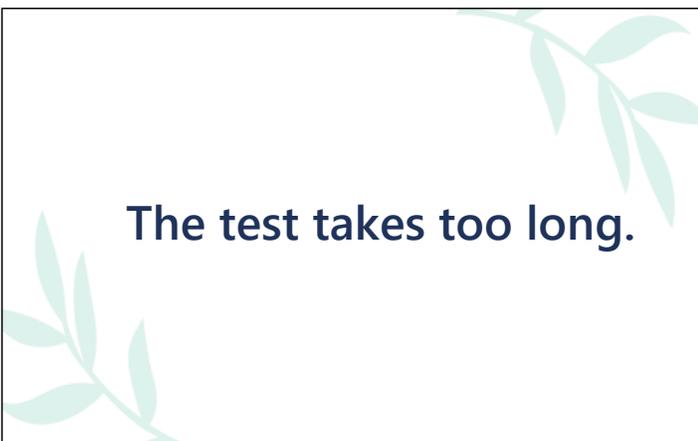
An easy way to remember that it's time for a test is to choose a date we will remember, like a time around our birthday. Make sure to get screened regularly. Let's review when we should get screened.



**I don't have insurance.**



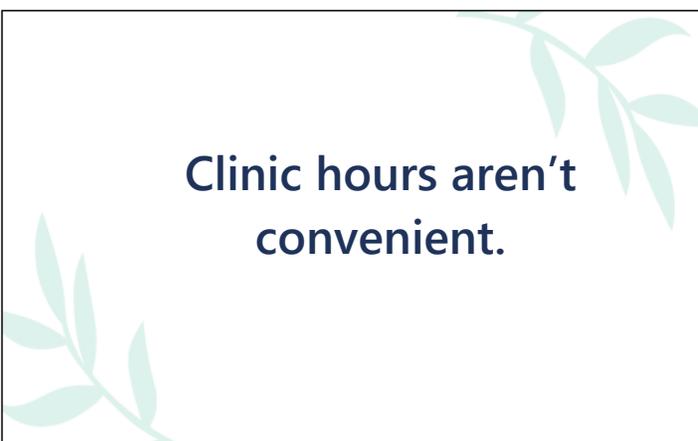
This is a problem for many of us. So, you are not alone. There are clinics that give screenings even if you don't have insurance. There are also clinics where you can get a free or low-cost test or set up a payment plan. I'll give you information about those clinics.



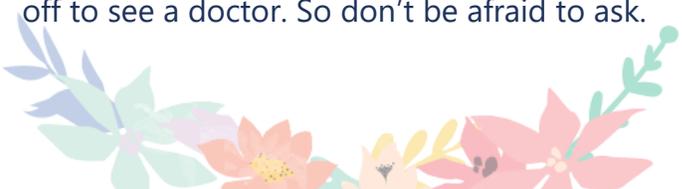
**The test takes too long.**



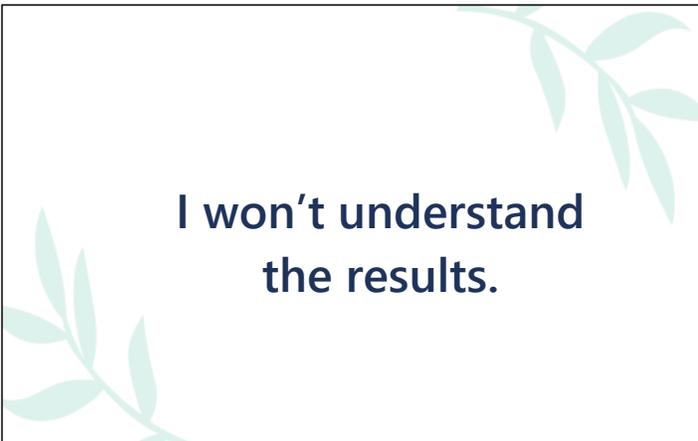
Sometimes the waiting time can be long, but not always. The screening doesn't take very long. It's important to make time for ourselves and our health.



**Clinic hours aren't  
convenient.**

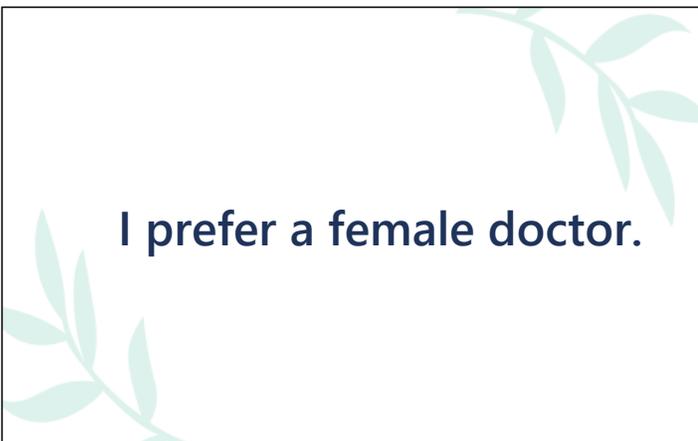


Many of us find it difficult to go to the clinic because it isn't open when we can go. Some clinics have weekend or evening hours. I'll give you information about those clinics. Also, some employers allow us to take time off to see a doctor. So don't be afraid to ask.



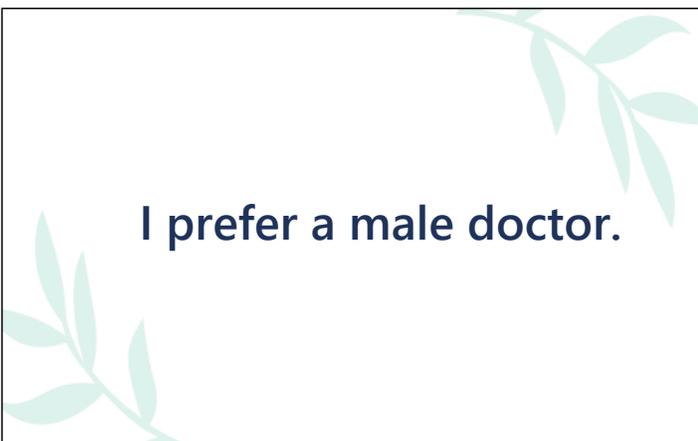
**I won't understand  
the results.**

It can be hard to know what the test results mean. If we don't understand the test results, we can ask the clinic staff to explain them.



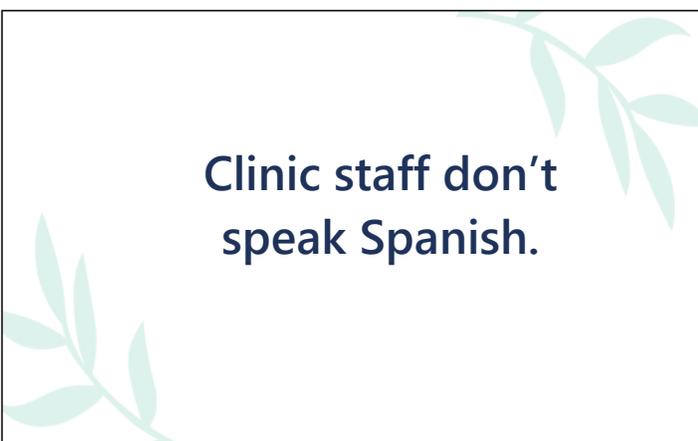
**I prefer a female doctor.**

Some of us prefer to have a female doctor when we get screened. Many clinics have female doctors. We can ask for one when we make our screening appointment.



**I prefer a male doctor.**

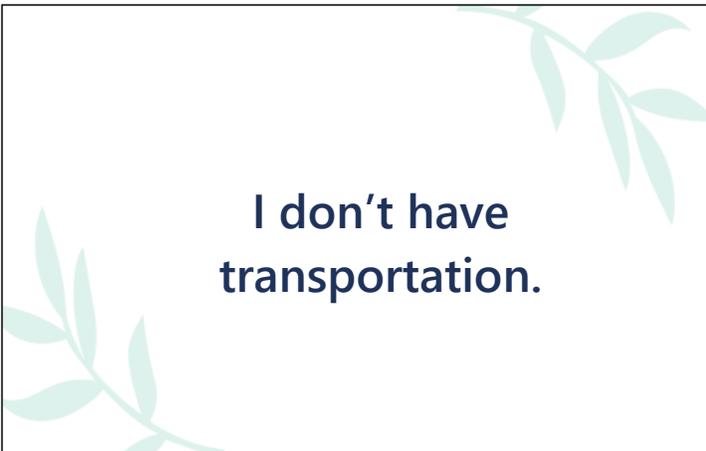
Some of us prefer to have a male doctor when we get screened. Many clinics have male doctors. We can ask for one when we make our screening appointment.



**Clinic staff don't  
speak Spanish.**

Many of us want to go to a clinic where they speak Spanish. Many clinics have doctors and staff who speak Spanish. We can ask for someone who speaks Spanish when we make our screening appointment.

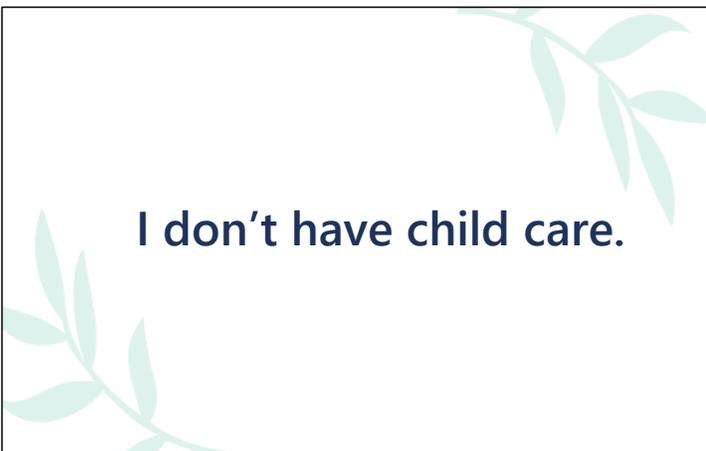




**I don't have transportation.**



Many of us don't have a way to get to the clinic. It's important for us to find a way to get to the clinic so we can get screened. Some clinics are easy to get to by bus. I can give you information about which bus to catch. You could also ask a friend or relative to give you a ride.



**I don't have child care.**



Many of us have trouble getting screened when we have children to take care of. Some clinics have child care. I'll give you a list of those clinics. We could also ask a family member or friend to care for our children while we go to the clinic.

