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**Quiz: Don’t fear the smear**

1. It is estimated that the smear test currently prevents 70% of cervical cancer deaths. What could this figure be if all eligible women attended?
2. 75%
3. 83%
4. 91%
5. 100%
6. True or false: attendance is lowest amongst women aged 30 to 35

True 🞏 False 🞏

1. How often are women aged 25 to 49, who are registered with a GP, invited for cervical screening (also referred to as a ‘smear test’)?
2. Every 2 years
3. Every 3 years
4. Every 5 years
5. Every 10 years
6. Name 2 barriers to attendance cited by Public Health England that prevent women from attending the test.
7. How often do women aged 50-64 receive invitations for cervical screening?
8. Every 2 years
9. Every 3 years
10. Every 5 years
11. Every 10 years

**Answers**

1. **B.** 83%

2. **False**. Attendance is lowest amongst women aged **25 to 29**.

3. **B.** Every 3 years

4. Any 2 of the following:

* + embarrassment about having a smear test
  + concerns about the test results
  + concerns about the procedure being painful
  + inconvenient appointment times
  + unaware of screening
  + unaware that they are at risk
  + cultural or language barriers
  + no female sample takers being available
  + lack of understanding of HPV (human papillomaviruses) and the role it plays in cervical cancer development

5. **C.** Every 5 years