

# Women's Health Clinic



**Stark County Health Department 3969 Convenience Cir NW Canton, Ohio 44718**  
**Call for an appointment 330 493-9914 ext 100**

## Who is this clinic for?

This clinic is for any women ages 14 and older that needs a Pap test, or tested for sexually transmitted diseases whether they have insurance, a Medical Card, or no insurance.

The clinic offers a physical exam, testing for HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, Pap tests, education on self breast exams and other topics specific to women and family planning options.

The exams are offered by a nurse practitioner or a physician. RNs are available weekly to answer questions.

## What should I bring?

Everyone needs to bring a copy of a current pay stub, Medical Card or insurance card. The fees are calculated on a sliding fee scale using pay stubs depending on how many people are in the household. Payments are accepted.

## Pregnancy Tests

Wondering if you are pregnant? If you are a least one or two days late for your menstrual period you can come in and take a pregnancy test. The Stark County Health Department offers pregnancy tests, but no one will be turned away due to the inability to pay. A RN and social worker are available to answer questions at the time of the test.

## Who needs a mammogram?

Mammograms are probably the most important tool doctors have to help them diagnose, evaluate, and follow women who've had breast cancer. Safe and highly accurate, a mammogram is an X-ray photograph of the breast. Mammograms don't prevent breast cancer, but they can save lives by finding breast cancer as early as possible. Radiology now recommends annual mammograms for women over 40. If you're at high risk for breast cancer, with a strong family history of breast or ovarian cancer, or have had radiation treatment to the chest in the past, it's recommended that you start having annual mammograms at a younger age (often beginning around age 30). This, however, is something that you should discuss with your healthcare provider.

## Helpful Links

**Pink Ribbon of Stark, Portage, Summit, and Wayne Call 1 800 381-2489**

## What is HPV?

Genital HPV infection is a sexually transmitted disease (STD) that is caused by human papillomavirus (HPV). Human papillomavirus is the name of a group of viruses that includes more than 100 different strains or types. Most people who become infected with HPV will not have any symptoms and will clear the infection on their own. Some of these viruses are called "high-risk" types, and may cause abnormal Pap tests. They may also lead to cancer of the cervix, vulva, vagina, anus, or penis. Others are called "low-risk" types, and they may cause mild Pap test abnormalities or genital warts. Approximately 20 million people are currently infected with HPV. At least 50 percent of sexually active men and women acquire genital HPV infection at some point in their lives. By age 50, at least 80 percent of women will have acquired genital HPV infection. Most people who have a genital HPV infection do not know they are infected. The virus lives in the skin or mucous membranes and usually causes no symptoms. Some people get visible genital warts, or have pre-cancerous changes in the cervix, or vulva. Most women are diagnosed with HPV on the basis of abnormal Pap tests. There is no "cure" for HPV infection, although in most women the infection goes away on its own. The treatments provided are directed to the changes in the skin or mucous membrane caused by HPV infection, such as warts and pre-cancerous changes in the cervix.