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Dear <<Patient Demographics:Greeting>>,

### Re: Free Cervical Cancer Vaccine

We would like to notify you of the availability of an important preventive health initiative for women aged 18 to 26 years.

The Australian Government is providing the cervical cancer vaccine **free for a limited time through general practice** to all women and girls aged 12 to 26 years through the National Immunisation Program. While school aged girls will receive the vaccine at school, women under 27 who have left school can receive it via their GP.

You may have read, or seen TV news coverage over the past year about a vaccine to help prevent cancer of the cervix, it is now here and available free if you are under 27 years of age.

Vaccination is a means of 'primary prevention' and Pap screening is an 'early detection' program. Vaccination combined with regular Pap screening offers women the best prevention strategy against both cervical cancer and pre-cancerous abnormalities. Every day, over 40 Australian women undergo surgery to remove pre-cancerous or cancerous lesions from the cervix as detected on Pap smear (AIHW 2005). The majority of these women are under 40 years of age.

Join the fight against both cervical cancer and pre-cancers, by receiving the vaccine whilst it is free. Please contact the surgery for details of our vaccination sessions or to make an appointment.

Yours Sincerely,

<<Doctor:Name>>

**References:** Australian Institute of Health & Welfare (AIHW) 2005. Cervical Screening in Australia 2002-2003.