

# Men's awareness of cervical cancer: A qualitative study among male staff in UniKL RCMP

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## **ABSTRACT**

**Introduction:** Cervical cancer, originating from cells in the cervix, poses a significant health risk for sexually active women due to its association with HPV. Despite this, awareness among men regarding cervical cancer remains limited, with little information available on male involvement in its prevention. This study aimed to investigate men's awareness of cervical cancer to gain deeper insights into their perspectives and highlight their pivotal role in prevention efforts. **Objectives:** This study explores the knowledge, attitudes, and awareness of male staff at UniKL RCMP regarding cervical cancer, as well as their perceived roles in its prevention. **Materials and Method:** A qualitative approach was employed, involving focus group discussion with 13 participants, guided by the principle of data saturation. Semi-structured interview guides were utilised, and thematic analysis was conducted for data interpretation. **Results:** Participants generally indicated awareness of cervical cancer but lacked sufficient knowledge about its etiology and preventive measures. Many remained uncertain about their specific roles in preventing cervical cancer. Awareness levels varied based on participants' educational backgrounds and experiences. Additionally, several barriers hindering men's involvement in disease prevention were identified. **Conclusion:** This study highlights the inadequacy of male awareness and knowledge regarding cervical cancer prevention. While participants acknowledged a role for men in prevention efforts, their current awareness levels may not effectively contribute to disease prevention. Strategies are therefore warranted to enhance awareness and knowledge among men regarding cervical cancer prevention.