

Online Supplementary Material

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SUPPLEMENTAL APPENDIX

We used the following questions to guide the focus group interviews.

1. What are your thoughts about how to stay healthy?
 - What is included? (Prompts: doctor's visits, and regular health maintenance and screening tests)
 - What influences your beliefs? (Prompts: family, friends, physicians, media, experience, such as critical events that changed your thinking)
 - Do you personally participate in health screening? (Prompts: why or why not)
2. What are your thoughts about Pap smears?
 - Are they effective? (Prompts: reduction in mortality or morbidity from cervical cancer, identification of other diseases vs low incidence of disease, other priorities)
 - Do you believe that there are other advantages for women in completing Pap smears? (Prompts: opportunity to discuss health topics, patient reassurance, provision of birth control or other health promotion services)
 - Do you believe that there are disadvantages or problems with doing Pap smears?
 - What women should get Pap smears? (Prompts: risk factors, age, income considered, posthysterectomy, other illnesses or comorbidities, psychosocial factors, other priorities)
3. How often do you think that a woman should have a Pap smears? (Prompts: does the recommendation change with risk status, age, race, income, insurance)
4. What helps women get a Pap smear? (Prompts: annual examination scheduled, patient request, office staff, reminders, reimbursement)
5. What prevents women from getting Pap smears? (Prompts: embarrassment, dislike, discomfort, fear, forgets, age, knowledge, beliefs in value of test or provider's ability, time, socioeconomic status, cost, insurance, transportation)
 - What do you think is the most important barrier(s)?
6. What is your opinion about getting Pap smears less than once a year (every 3 years if a woman is at low risk, not at all for women older than age 65 years or posthysterectomy)?
7. How should the idea of getting Pap smears less than once a year for low-risk women be presented to them and to women in general?