

Thesis title Study of Factors Affecting the Attendance
 at PAP Screening Test among Women in Hanoi,
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ABSTRACT

This cross-sectional study was designed to determine factors influencing the attendance at PAP screening tests among sampled women in Hanoi, Vietnam. 295 respondents were interviewed for this study. The demographic, socio-economic characteristics, reproductive health factors, sources of information, knowledge, attitudes towards cervical cancer and attitudes towards the PAP screening test were collected by means of a questionnaire. Data were analyzed by using appropriate statistics such as percent, mean, standard deviation, binary logistic regression. The coverage rate for PAP screening tests among sampled women was 27.1 percent between 1985 and 1995. Three factors directly influenced women

in taking a PAP screening test, namely: concern for gynecological status; the incidence of cervical cancer among relatives, friends or acquaintances; and knowledge about cervical cancer and the PAP screening test. Knowledge about cervical cancer and the PAP screening test was influenced by the means of transmission of information about the threat of cervical cancer and the benefit of the PAP screening test, that is through word of mouth from relatives or acquaintances. This information could serve to motivate women at risk to attend PAP screening test program in the future.
