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South Georgian Bay Cervical Cancer Screening Clinics - *Pap-a-Palooza*, Coming to Collingwood Select Dates, Limited Appointments

South Georgian Bay – January is cervical cancer awareness month and to help ensure residents in South Georgian Bay aged 25-70 are able to get tested, the South Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team (SGB OHT) is hosting *Pap-a-Palooza*, Cervical Cancer Screening Clinics (pap tests) over four days beginning on January 10th. Limited and select appointments for *Pap-a-Palooza*, are coming to Collingwood to help support residents who need cervical cancer screening and do not have access to a local doctor or nurse practitioner. This community clinic also supports COVID-19 recovery in South Georgian Bay by offloading demand for cancer screening that could not be completed during the pandemic.

“Cervical cancer is almost 100% preventable with Pap tests and proper follow up, however, many women in our growing community don’t have a primary care provider to do this simple test,” says Dr. Gillian Brakel, Family Physician in Wasaga Beach. “We are lucky to have this initiative for women in our local community to ensure they keep their Pap Screening up to date. I’m excited to be a part of the Pap-a-Palooza team. It’s a fast and simple test and we are here for you.”

The South Georgian Bay *Pap-a-Palooza*, Cervical Cancer Screening Clinics are being held by appointment only on Tuesday, January 10th, Friday, January 13th, Tuesday, January 17th, and Tuesday, January 24th from 9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm. Appointments for the clinic are available by booking online through this link: <https://ocean.cognisantmd.com/online-booking/581acc56-381e-4ec9-a406-adae253997c7> or by dialing 2-1-1 (24/7 bilingual helpline) for assistance with booking an online appointment. Additional clinics may be added at future dates based on demand.

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About the South Georgian Bay Ontario Health Team (SGB OHT)

The SGB OHT is a new model of organizing and delivering health care that better connects patients and providers in their communities to improve patient outcomes. We are comprised of eleven anchor partners and a strong network of supporting community organizations. SGB OHT members collaborate with patients, families, caregivers, and the community to co-design the best possible care for our region. To learn more about SGB OHT or get involved please visit www.southgeorgianbayoht.ca or follow us on Facebook [@SGBOHT](https://www.facebook.com/SGBOHT) and Twitter [@SGBOHT](https://twitter.com/SGBOHT)

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