

Barriers to Cervical Cancer Screening

Individual Factors

Embarrassment

Intimate nature of screening

Privacy in screening environment

Uncomfortable undressing for screening procedure

Fear

Fear of Pain

Fear of Positive Result

Fear screening could cause cancer

Knowledge of Cervical Cancer

Awareness of screening procedures & location

Understanding personal risk

Awareness of signs & symptoms

Awareness of causes

Barriers to Cervical Cancer Screening among women in Rural Uganda

Social/ Cultural Factors

Gender Power Relations

Traditional Healers

Religious Values

Stigma

Costs

Cost of Time

Transportation costs

Treatment costs

Screening costs

Health System Challenges

Limited resources

Lack of health facilities offering screening

Services far distance from community

Lack of awareness of service available