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Multiple factors increase the risk of cervical dysplasia; they are not necessarily independent of one another ([DiSaia](#)): Onset of sexual activity at a young age Multiple sexual partners Increasing age Lower socioeconomic status Multiparity Promiscuity of the sexual partner, or male factor Sexual partner with penile cancer Tobacco HIV positivity ([Click here](#) for information about cervical dysplasia screening in HIV positive women.) Human papilloma virus (HPV) ([Click here](#) for information on when to test for HPV.)