


TRIP could find no guidelines that suggested including a pelvic examination at the time of a routine cervical smear. Of course, none of the readers of this Journal are doing a pelvic examination as a screening tool in an asymptomatic patient, but they might come across professionals who have not considered the purpose of pelvic examinations and can pass on the website and the references.

If you have a question of general interest to health professionals in primary care you might consider posting it on this site, which is a very useful resource.

Websites: NHL Home: http://library.nhs.uk/ Primary Care Question Answering Service provided as a pilot service by TRIP Database: http://www.clinicalanswers.nhs.uk/index.cfm?question=177. Reviewed by Gill Waldby, MD, MFFP Visiting Professor in Primary Care Development, Staffordshire University and Freelance GP, Writer and Lecturer, Aberavon, UK.