

Cervical cancer strikes younger women in UAE

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Dubai: Women in the UAE are dying at a younger age from cervical cancer, about ten years younger than the world average of 49, prompting doctors to call for better awareness and prevention.

Dr Sa'ad Gazzal Aswad, head of obstetrics and gynecology at Tawam Hospital said at a press conference on Wednesday that he was seeing more and more women between the age of 35 and 40, instead of 50 a decade ago.

"I don't know why; we will have to study more. But the point is that it affects young women of childbearing age with children, leaving (the children) when they die," he told *Gulf News* later.

"The impact is really sad. I had a 32-year old patient who died and she had nine children, the youngest is 2. The cancer affects not just the person but the whole family," he said.

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