



Update – January 2016

Nation's Cancer Centers Issue Statement Urging HPV Vaccination

On Wednesday, January 27, 2016, all 69 National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated Cancer Centers across the country simultaneously released a [consensus statement endorsing HPV vaccination as cancer prevention](#). The American Cancer Society, one of many organizations and institutions supporting this collective announcement, issued a [press release](#), a [cancer.org article](#) and [blog](#); also on the [National HPV Vaccination Roundtable website](#). The HPV Vaccination Roundtable currently has multiple representatives from NCI and several Cancer Centers working on various task groups. [The Wall Street Journal](#) also posted an article that highlights this “joint statement calls for all boys and girls to complete the three-dose vaccination by their 13th birthdays.”

Task Groups' Update

The National Campaign task group has identified four projects:

1. Insurers: Work with HPV Vaccination Roundtable insurers and other insurers to connect those companies with, and get them to use, CDC materials in focused campaigns to those they insure and their providers.
2. Data-based State Guidance: Develop guidance for states to use state immunization registries and other state-based data to customize the CDC's national campaign.
3. High-impact TV Scripts/Story Lines: Educate, provide outreach, and partner with entertainment industry writers. Provide subject matter experts and script review as needed.
4. Communications: Develop a promotion and distribution plan for HPV Vaccination Roundtable products, such as a survivor speaker database, videos, etc. Identify whether CDC materials are being used by providers and/or identify additional target audiences/groups to help promote the CDC campaign.

Survivor Speaker Database:

The HPV Cancer Survivor Organization Database is live! This [resource](#) is a convenient way for your organization to find HPV survivors to speak at local events. Visit cancer.org/HPVVaccinationRoundtable for more details on the database and the National HPV Vaccination Roundtable.

Partner Spotlight

Founded in 1968, the **American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA)** is the national professional society for physician assistants. It represents more than 100,000 certified PAs across all medical and surgical specialties in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the majority of the US territories and the uniformed services. AAPA engages in advocacy and education on behalf the profession and for the patients PAs serve. The AAPA has supported and advocated for [routine HPV vaccination](#) since 2008, and encourages its members to educate their patients about HPV and the vaccine.

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Member Highlights

Tamika Felder, a member of the Survivor Involvement task group, was interviewed for the American Cancer Society's Stories of Hope. In [Cervical Cancer Survivor Teaches Others to Speak Out](#), Tamika tells her story; discusses her organization, [Cervivor](#); and explains her role with the National HPV Vaccination Roundtable.

The American Cancer Society [awarded Boston Medical Center](#) \$1 million for its [pilot program](#) focused on educating youth about the benefits of the HPV vaccine. Rebecca Perkins, Survivor Involvement Task Group Chair and a Roundtable Steering Committee member, is the principal investigator of the program.

Resources

A summary regarding the recent [Increasing HPV Vaccination in the U.S.: a Collaboration of NCI-designated Cancer Centers Summit](#) sheds light on low HPV vaccination rates in the United States, and includes an interview featuring National HPV Vaccination Roundtable participants.

Countering HPV Vaccination Opposition, an archived webinar presented by George Washington University, includes an introduction to and brief history of the anti-vaccine movement. It also discusses and debunks common vaccine myths, and highlights contemporary sources of misinformation while providing strategies for validating good information and countering misinformation.

Visit <http://nao-ntc.adobeconnect.com/vaxoppositionrecording/event/login.html> to view the webinar.

[You are the Key to HPV Cancer Prevention Continuing Education Training Self-Study Guide](#) is a 1.5-hour activity presented by the Postgraduate Institute for Medicine and National AHEC Organization. Valid for credit through December 31, 2016, the guide includes information about HPV vaccination for cancer prevention, the burden of HPV disease, and resources for making a strong recommendation to parents about HPV vaccination.

[Overcoming Barriers to Low HPV Vaccine Uptake in the United States: Recommendations from the National Vaccine Advisory Committee](#), approved by the National Vaccine Advisory Committee on June 9, 2015, is now available online.

HPV Vaccination in the News

[HPV Vaccine Completion and Dose Adherence Among Commercially Insured Females Aged 9 Through 26 Years in the US](#) Researchers conducted a retrospective cohort study using the 2008-2011 MarketScan data to examine HPV vaccine completion and dose adherence among commercially insured females between the ages of 9 and 26. Compared with females receiving vaccines from primary care providers, those receiving vaccines from OB/GYN providers were more likely to complete the vaccine series.

[Prevalence and Predictors of Human Papillomavirus \(HPV\) Vaccination among Young Women Surviving Childhood Cancer](#) The goal of this study was to estimate the prevalence of HPV vaccination among childhood cancer survivors and to identify factors associated with vaccine outcomes. The researchers found perceptions of vaccine benefit associated with vaccine completion, whereas perceptions of HPV-related severity associated with non-completion. Furthermore, despite their increased risk for HPV-related complication, a minority of childhood cancer survivors have initiated or completed HPV vaccination.

[Providers' Beliefs about the Effectiveness of the HPV Vaccine in Preventing Cancer and Their Recommended Age Groups for Vaccination: Findings from a Provider Survey, 2012](#) Using data from 2012 DocStyles, an annual, web-based survey of US health care professionals including physicians and nurse practitioners, researchers examined providers' knowledge about the effectiveness of the HPV vaccine in preventing cancer and their vaccine recommendation to all age-eligible females. It was found that knowledge about HPV vaccine effectiveness in preventing cervical cancer was highly prevalent, but less so for anal, vaginal, vulvar, and oropharyngeal cancers. Researchers concluded that improving providers' knowledge about HPV-associated cancers and the age for vaccination initiation and communicating messages focusing on the vaccine safety and benefits in cancer prevention and on the importance of its delivery prior to sexual onset may improve HPV vaccine coverage.

How do I find out more about the HPV Vaccination Roundtable?

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