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CCA webinar video now available online

Cervical Cancer Action's June 2 webinar, [Leveraging advocacy opportunities for Cervical Cancer at the United Nations High Level Meeting on non-communicable diseases](#), is now available online. Webinar panelists from the American Cancer Society, Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), and PATH discussed what is needed to strengthen advocacy efforts for cervical cancer in relation to the United Nations High Level Meeting scheduled for September 2011.

Panelists offered updates on work underway to increase attention to non-communicable diseases, with the understanding that the UN meeting is an opportunity to position cervical cancer as one of the more preventable cancers. Webinar participants were encouraged to make cervical cancer a priority in their public health agendas and directed to [advocacy resources](#) on the CCA website.

CCA report card now available in Spanish

[Progress in Cervical Cancer Prevention: The CCA Report Card](#) is now available in Spanish as well as English. The report documents global progress in low- and middle-income countries over the past decade to fight cervical cancer using new, proven, and cost-effective approaches.

Your updates are needed!

The maps of cervical cancer prevention programs included in the CCA Report Card reflect our understanding of the situation at the end of 2010, but we know that programs are changing rapidly. If you have more recent, or more accurate, information about cervical cancer prevention in your country, please add a comment to the appropriate [map on the CCA website](#) so that we can produce updated maps in the future. Thank you for your assistance and interest in cervical cancer prevention!

New program guidance document from UNFPA

[Comprehensive Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control Programme Guidance for Countries](#) is a guidance document for UNFPA country offices as well as program managers in ministries of health and partner agencies that are developing or updating cervical cancer prevention and control programs. The document advocates for comprehensive strategies that include prevention with human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination for young girls, screening and treatment for women diagnosed with precancerous lesions, and treatment and palliative care for women with invasive cervical cancer.

This document is the product of a collaborative effort to share information and experience and develop program guidance based on lessons learned. Program managers from ministries of health and UNFPA country offices from seventeen countries as well as technical experts from seven partner agencies were consulted in the course of this publication's development.

Implementing HPV Vaccination Programs: Practical Experience from PATH

From 2006 to 2011, PATH conducted demonstration projects in four low- and middle-income countries--India, Peru, Uganda, and Vietnam--to provide evidence for decision-making about public-sector introduction of HPV vaccines. The Cervical Cancer Prevention: Practical Experience Series summarizes lessons learned from these projects that can help guide future HPV vaccination program planning, especially in low-resource settings around the globe.

[Implementing HPV Vaccination Programs](#) is the first to be published in the series. It offers practical information to countries that plan to pilot, expand, or scale up HPV vaccination programs. While this unit includes resources on general immunization topics, the main focus is on issues specific to HPV vaccination, such as working with a young adolescent target population in school settings and developing community support for HPV vaccination programs. Additional units in this series will be available soon.

Lessons learned from Uganda HPV vaccine demonstration project

PATH, Child Health and Development Centre (CHDC), and the Uganda National Expanded Programme on Immunisation (UNEPI) have published [HPV Vaccination in Africa: Lessons Learned From a Pilot Program in Uganda.](#)

The report summarizes results from the HPV vaccination program implemented by PATH, CHDC, and UNEPI through the *HPV Vaccines: Evidence for Impact* project. Through a demonstration project conducted in select districts, HPV vaccine was made available to more than 10,000 girls. This document will be useful for policymakers and program managers around the world, especially those in sub-Saharan Africa, who are designing public-sector HPV vaccination programs.

A similar "lessons learned" report from the PATH project in Peru, [HPV Vaccination in Latin America: Lessons Learned from a Pilot Program in Peru](#) is also available. In the coming months, lessons learned reports will be published from the other two PATH project countries--India and Vietnam.

Alliance for Cervical Cancer Prevention summarizes new evidence on cervical cancer screening

The Alliance for Cervical Cancer Prevention (ACCP) has published a fact sheet, [Recent Evidence on Cervical Cancer Screening in Low-Resource Settings](#), summarizing recent data on cervical cancer screening approaches. Available in both English and French, the summary presents evidence published since ACCP's 2009 [article](#) on alternative screening approaches.

New evidence continues to support the feasibility and accuracy of screening technologies that are alternatives to resource-intensive Pap smears. Comprehensive prevention programs that include human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination of young adolescent girls before exposure to HPV, timely screening with HPV testing or visual inspection for mid-adult women, and appropriate treatment can dramatically reduce cervical cancer mortality.

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