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## Cervical Cancer Action News Brief | December 2014

*News and views of interest to our community*

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### CCA webinar on the new World Health Organization "pink book" on cervical cancer prevention and control

**Please join us on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 for an animated discussion—"WHO's comprehensive global guidance on cervical cancer control: new evidence, guidance and fundamentals for country-level success"**

On January 20, Cervical Cancer Action (CCA) will host its eleventh global webinar, to support broad dissemination of the WHO's newly updated guidance document: *Comprehensive cervical cancer control: A guide to essential practice* ([available for free download](#)). The document provides country-level decision makers and civil society stakeholders with the latest evidence, recommendations, and tools to support an effective, efficient, and far-reaching national response to cervical cancer prevention and control.

The webinar, organized in collaboration with the WHO, will convene leading experts to discuss the evidence review process and will highlight new recommendations. Panelists will also speak on how the WHO recommendations can be adapted and scaled for effective national programs.

*This webinar will be presented in English. French and Spanish language webinars will be offered once translations of the document become available later in the year.*

#### Registration

[Please register](#) for "WHO's new comprehensive global guidance on cervical cancer control: new evidence, guidance and fundamentals for country-level success" on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

#### Webinar panel

- **Dr. Debbie Saslow**, PhD, Director, Breast and Gynecologic Cancer, American Cancer Society (Moderator)
- **Dr. Nathalie Broutet**, MD, PhD, Controlling Sexually Transmitted and Reproductive Tract Infections, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, World Health Organization
- **Dr. Vivien Tsu**, PhD, MPH, Director, HPV Vaccines Project and Associate Director, Reproductive Health at PATH
- **Dr. Mike Chirenge**, MD, FRCOG, Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, College of Health Sciences, University of Zimbabwe
- **Professor Lynette Denny**, PhD, MB ChB, MMed, FCOG, Chair and Professor of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Groote Schuur Hospital, South Africa
- **Dr. Partha Basu**, MD, DNB, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Gynecological Oncology at Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, India

The webinar will last 90 minutes, beginning at:

07h00 Seattle  
10h00 New York  
15h00 Dakar  
16h00 Geneva

17h00 Johannesburg, Harare, Lusaka  
18h00 Kampala, Nairobi

[Find the time of the webinar in your country.](#)

## Missed the CCA HPV testing webinar? Here's the archived version.

On September 10, the Cervical Cancer Action coalition conducted its most popular and well-attended webinar yet —"HPV tests: the key to universal screening for cervical cancer?" The webinar featured five speakers:

- **Dr. Jose Jeronimo** (moderator), Senior Advisor for Women's Cancers and Director of the Scale-Up project, PATH (USA)
- **Dr. Debbie Saslow**, Director of Breast and Gynecologic Cancer, American Cancer Society (USA)
- **Dr. Silvina Arrossi**, Scientific Coordinator, National Program on Cervical Cancer Prevention, Centro de Estudios de Estado y Sociedad/National Council for Scientific and Technologic Research (Argentina)
- **Dr. Carolyn Nakisige**, Gynecologist, Mulago Teaching and National Referral Hospital, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Gynaecological Oncology Unit (Uganda)
- **Dr. Joanna Cain**, Professor and Vice-Chair, OB/GYN, and Director of Faculty Talent Management, University of Massachusetts Medical School and Chair of the World Health Organization Committee on the revision of Comprehensive Cervical Cancer Control, WHO's new guide on cervical cancer control (USA)

Listen to the talks and view the slides on the [Cervical Cancer Action website](#).

## Guatemalan Ministry of Health releases national guidelines for screening and treatment of cervical cancer

In a bold step for the health of Guatemala's women, the country's Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance has [released new national guidelines](#) for the screening and prevention of cervical cancer.

The guidelines, presented publicly by the Health Minister on December 11, have the potential to save the lives of thousands of women—mothers, grandmothers, sisters, and friends—by giving health care workers leading-edge approaches to stop cervical cancer before it starts.

## US FDA approves Gardasil 9

The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [recently approved Gardasil 9](#) (Human Papillomavirus 9-valent Vaccine, Recombinant) for the prevention of certain diseases caused by nine types of human papillomavirus (HPV). Covering nine HPV types—five more HPV types than Gardasil (previously approved by the FDA)—Gardasil 9 has the potential to prevent approximately 90 percent of cervical, vulvar, vaginal, and anal cancers.

## Cervical cancer prevention in Kiribati

Recently CCA partner [Grounds for Health's](#) Clinical Director Ellen Starr, Clinical Consultant Susan Hollinger, and volunteer Tatum FitzGerald traveled to the island nation of Kiribati, where they were tasked by Pacific Island Medical Aid to help get a fledgling cervical cancer prevention program off the ground.

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