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CCA issue briefs

Cervical Cancer Action has published three new issue briefs providing succinct analyses of the latest evidence and experience in cervical cancer prevention for developing countries. All three briefs are available in English, Spanish, and French; look for them on the [Cervical Cancer Action](#) and [RHO Cervical Cancer](#) websites. And let us know if there are other specific topics that would be useful to you.

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FIGO offers Global Guidance for Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control

The International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) recently published an update on cervical cancer prevention, screening and treatment strategies. This guidance is intended to help physicians and policymakers plan and execute effective, comprehensive cervical cancer prevention programs. The guidance brings together the most up-to-date knowledge about a variety of options, with an emphasis on low-resource settings. The guidance is available in English, French, and Spanish on the [FIGO website](#).



Cervical Cancer Prevention Action Planner

In February PATH launched the Cervical Cancer Prevention Action Planner to help busy health program decision-makers, planners and managers—especially those based in Africa, Asia and Latin America—think through issues related to cervical cancer programming. The Action Planner also provides many free resources to help with program planning. Available in English and Spanish, it features multimedia, impact models, useful information and resources, and the chance to design a personal action plan. The tool is available on PATH's [RHO Cervical Cancer website](#) and on CD-ROM.

Nubia Muñoz: Scientist, visionary and cervical cancer advocate

There are few individuals who have had as great an impact on contemporary science and public health as Nubia Muñoz. Her extraordinary contributions have shaped our scientific knowledge and delivered the tools to dramatically reduce cervical cancer globally. Her story, her vision, and her commitment are an inspiration to us all. Ambition, hard work, and a desire to help others have been hallmarks of Dr. Muñoz' career.

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UNFPA, PAHO, and PATH present cervical cancer program results at Global Health Council meeting

Participants at the Global Health Council annual conference in Washington, DC were among the first to hear as-yet-unpublished findings from HPV demonstration projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America and preliminary results of field trials of a new, less expensive and easier to use HPV DNA test called *careHPV*[™] (QIAGEN, Inc.).

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HPV demonstration projects and political commitment continues to expand in Bolivia

In April 2010, the Bolivian Ministry of Health and Sports, in close collaboration with Centro de Investigación, Educación y Servicios (CIES), launched the second phase of its HPV vaccination demonstration project targeting 30,000 girls in five departments in Bolivia.

The project aims to bring HPV vaccine to some of the most vulnerable populations in the country, where cervical cancer mortality remains among the highest in the world.

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Advances in Cervical Cancer Prevention in Latin America

It has been almost two years since the PAHO Directing Council, a governance body composed of ministers of health from the Americas, passed a resolution urging the strengthening of comprehensive cervical cancer prevention programs in Latin America and the Caribbean. This was following their review and endorsement of the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control which outlines a seven-point action plan to improve the quality, coverage, and effectiveness of cervical cancer programs, including HPV vaccine introduction. As a means to stimulate further implementation of this strategy, PAHO, along with the Panama Ministry of Health and PATH, convened a meeting in Panama in June.

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Cervical cancer prevention: An innovative partnership in Georgia

Cervical cancer is the leading cause of death among middle-aged women in Georgia. It also is the second leading cause of death among women of reproductive age, after breast cancer. In an effort to improve prevention and early detection of cervical cancer, JSI Research & Training Institute, with support from the United States Agency for International Development, initiated the Georgia Survive Project or "Survive." This project brings together a unique set of partners around a compelling cause. Public institutions, private sector groups and civil society partnered with an unusual degree of harmony to tackle cervical cancer.

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Progress in preventing cervical cancer: Updated evidence on vaccination and screening (*Outlook* newsletter)

This 12-page issue of *Outlook*, co-produced by PATH, UNFPA, PAHO, and the GAVI Alliance, provides an update on opportunities for preventing cervical cancer through vaccination and screening. It summarizes recent evidence on the safety and efficacy of HPV vaccines as well as successful approaches for screening and treatment in low-resource areas. Other topics include cost-effectiveness, communication and training, and implications for policy and programs. *Outlook* is available on the [RHO Cervical Cancer website](#).

United Nations General Assembly to hold Non-Communicable Disease Summit in 2010

For the first time ever, the United Nations General Assembly will hold a Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Summit involving Heads of State in September 2011. The Summit will address the threat posed by NCDs to low- and middle-income countries. The UN General Assembly decision was congratulated by the World Heart Federation, International Diabetes Federation, International Union Against Cancer, and the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease. This alliance of nongovernmental organizations represents the four diseases—cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer and chronic respiratory diseases—that are responsible for 35 million annual deaths globally, 80% of which occur in low- and middle-income countries. The NCD Alliance has been at the forefront of advocacy efforts to ensure the rising burden of NCDs was addressed in the global health and development agendas.

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Together we are stronger. Sign now for a cancer-free world!

Cancer kills more people than AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined and without immediate, significant improvements, preventable/curable cancers will continue to kill millions of people worldwide. By signing and promoting the [World Cancer Declaration](#), you will be joining a worldwide community that is calling on key decision makers to eliminate cancer as a life-threatening disease for future generations. Together we are stronger! Help us reduce the global cancer burden, join the campaign today!

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UICC World Cancer Congress, August 18–21 in Shenzhen, China

The UICC World Cancer Congress, held every two years, will take place in Shenzhen, China in 2010. This unique Congress will review in broad terms the very latest knowledge about cancer causes, prevention, treatment, and care. It will examine how to optimize plans to control cancer now and how to influence a nation's or a region's cancer agenda as well as assess the role of cancer organizations in implementing the cancer agenda.

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UICC HPV and cervical cancer curriculum

Evidence-based, state-of-the-art, and interdisciplinary e-learning material has been developed as a basis for courses, workshops and self-learning with the aim of contributing to the improvement of individual knowledge on HPV and cervical cancer of health care personnel, program managers, educators and policy-makers.

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United Kingdom National Health Service key messages on cervical cancer

The UK National Health Service recently published key messages on cervical cancer. Developed by health professionals and patient groups in the UK, these messages are simple, accurate and relevant to all cervical cancer education efforts in all settings. The messages and other useful links are available on the [UK National Health Service website](#).

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