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## **Cervical Cancer Action News Brief | July 2013** *News and views of interest to our community*

### **Progress right before your eyes: new CCA map slide shows**

Inspired by a comment from Dr. Jan Agosti of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, CCA has created [slide shows](#) comparing our first maps of VIA screening, HPV DNA screening, and HPV vaccination with the most recent versions. You will be amazed, and pleased, at the progress the world has made in three years! There is plenty of work yet to do... and here's evidence that we are moving in the right direction.

### **New paper on HPV vaccine safety**

In an article published in June 2013, Macartney et al. examine current evidence regarding the safety of HPV vaccines. The authors conclude that "both vaccines are associated with relatively high rates of injection site reactions, particularly pain, but this is usually of short duration and resolves spontaneously. Systemic reactions have generally been mild and self-limited. Post vaccination syncope [fainting] has occurred, but can be avoided with appropriate care. Serious vaccine-attributable adverse events, such as anaphylaxis, are rare, and although not recommended for use in pregnancy, abnormal pregnancy outcomes following inadvertent administration do not appear to be associated with vaccination." Furthermore, "well-conducted population-based studies show no association between HPV vaccine and... a range of new onset chronic conditions, including autoimmune diseases."

The full article is not available for free, but you can [read the abstract](#) online.

### **Expanded cervical screening and treatment section of the Action Planner**

PATH's Cervical Cancer Prevention Action Planner is an interactive tool designed for public health officials seeking guidance and resources related to developing evidence-based cervical cancer prevention programs in their countries. PATH recently expanded the Planner's information and resources on [implementing cervical cancer screening and treatment programs](#).

### **New colleague: Cervical Cancer-Free Coalition**

The [Cervical Cancer-Free Coalition](#) (CCFC) is building country-level partnerships across Africa, Asia and Latin America. The coalition aims to help country partners share their experiences creating national policy coalitions and country-specific implementation projects focused on HPV vaccination, cervical cancer screening and continuity to treatment. If you are involved in a national coalition focusing on cervical cancer prevention in your country, CCFC would like to hear from you.

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