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News and views of interest to our community

Cervical cancer initiative launched in London

On November 4, 2015 Cervical Cancer Action (CCA) hosted a high-level meeting in London called "Investing in Cervical Cancer Prevention 2015–2020." The meeting was attended by more than 70 individuals representing 44 international agencies, global philanthropies, national governments, international not-for-profit organizations, and vaccine and medical diagnostic companies. Among the participants were The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS; the World Health Organization; United Nations Population Fund; UNICEF; International Atomic Energy Agency; The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, & Child Health; Every Woman Every Child; Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance; The Department for International Development; Japan International Cooperation Agency; The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon; Women Deliver; and the nine CCA Governing Council partners.



At the meeting, CCA and its partners launched a five-year global initiative to tackle the growing burden of cervical cancer in low- and lower-middle income countries. [Taking Cervical Cancer Prevention to Scale: Protecting All Women and Girls](#) aims to increase collaboration, commitment, and investment to ensure that all women and girls are protected. It is focused on expanding and aligning global efforts to ensure that all girls are vaccinated against HPV and all women receive screening and preventive treatment of cervical precancer.

Founding partners of the Initiative include the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS; the Union for International Cancer Control; PATH; the American Cancer Society; the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics; International Planned Parenthood Federation; Grounds for Health; the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine; Cancer Research UK; Jhpiego; and Women Deliver.

During the London meeting 26 partners made commitments to fighting cervical cancer in low-resource settings worldwide. The partners, and their commitments, will be posted on the CCA website soon.

The only requirements for joining the Initiative are for partners to articulate a clear, measurable commitment toward cervical cancer prevention, that is achievable in the next five years (2015–2020) and to briefly report

progress back to the Initiative on an annual basis. To declare your commitment, download the [Initiative commitment form](#).

New HPV vaccine lessons learned resources

To aid decision-makers interested in HPV vaccine introduction or scale-up, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and PATH completed the first comprehensive review of HPV vaccine delivery experiences across 37 low- and middle-income countries. A package of materials synthesizing findings from this review is [now available online](#). For a quick preview, watch [this short video](#). Highlights include key findings and lessons from HPV vaccination across five themes: preparation, communications, delivery, achievements, and sustainability. Also addressed are the value of demonstration projects and potential HPV vaccination pitfalls.

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