HPV AND VACCINATION

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HPV

- Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a sexually transmitted pathogen that causes anogenital and oropharyngeal disease in males and females.
- The high-risk HPV genotypes 16 and 18 cause approximately 70 % of all cervical cancers worldwide, and types 31, 33, 45, 52, and 58 cause an additional 20 %.
- HPV types 16 and 18 cause 90 % of anal cancers and oropharyngeal cancer, vulvar and vaginal cancer, and penile cancer.
- HPV types 6 and 11 cause approximately 90 % of anogenital warts.

EPIDEMIOLOGY OF ANOGENITAL INFECTION

- Globally, anogenital HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection.
- peak prevalence of HPV infection typically occurs within the first decade after sexual debut, typically between the ages of 15 to 25 years in most western countries.
- It has been estimated that at least 80 percent of sexually active individuals are exposed to HPV once in their lifetime .
- However, many experts believe that virtually all sexually active adults have been infected by HPV for the following reasons:
- Most HPV infections are transient and can come and go in the interval between HPV testing .

- **Role of human papillomavirus —**
- is the major etiologic agent of cervical precancer and cancer .
- HPV infection is necessary for development of cervical neoplasia, but HPV alone is not sufficient to cause these disorders.
- The two major factors associated with development of high-grade CIN and cervical cancer are the subtype of HPV and the persistence of the virus.
- Environmental factors (eg, cigarette smoking) and immunologic influences also appear to play a role.

Types :

- over 100 HPV types; approximately 40 types are specific for the anogenital epithelium .
- The HPV type determines the clinical manifestations of the infection and the oncogenic potential (low or high) of the virus :
- ●Low-risk types, such as HPV 6 and 11, only cause low-grade lesions (CIN 1) and benign condylomatous genital warts . Overall, account for 10 percent of low-grade lesions and 90 percent of condylomatous genital warts.
- ●High-risk HPV types, such as 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, and 58, are strongly associated with high-grade lesions (CIN 2,3) and progression to invasive cancer, although they may also be associated with low-grade lesions. HPV 16 and 18 have the highest risk of developing CIN 3 or greater and account for 25 percent of low-grade lesions, 50 to 60 percent of high-grade lesions, and 70 percent of all cervical cancers

- The interval between the acquisition of HPV infection and progression to invasive carcinoma is usually 15–20 years or longer.
- The basis for this progression is not well understood but the predisposing conditions and risk factors include the following:

HPV type; immune status (progression time shorter in persons who are immunocompromised , HIV-infected, or receiving immunosuppressive therapy);

HOW TO PREVENT HPV?

PREVENTION

- Safe sex
- Handwashing
- Regular Pap Smears
- Smoking makes HPV infection more difficult to clear
- vaccination

- WHO position The priority purpose of HPV immunization is the prevention of cervical cancer, which accounts for 82% of all HPV-related cancers.
- The 2020 WHO Global Strategy to Accelerate the Elimination of Cervical Cancer recommends that HPV vaccines should be included in all national immunization programmes and should reach 90% of all girls by age 15 by 2030.

vaccinnation

- All HPV vaccines are indicated for use in females aged 9 years or older, and are licensed for use up to 26 or 45 years of age.
- Some HPV vaccines are also licensed for use in males.

AVAILABLE VACCINES

Three different vaccines have been clinically developed:

1. **Human papillomavirus quadrivalent vaccine (Gardasil) targets HPV types 6, 11, 16, and 18.**
2. **Human papillomavirus 9-valent vaccine (Gardasil 9) targets the same HPV types as the quadrivalent vaccine (6, 11, 16, and 18) as well as types 31, 33, 45, 52, and 58.**
3. **Human papillomavirus bivalent vaccine (Cervarix) targets HPV types 16 and 18**

- Storage of HPV vaccines All HPV vaccines should be maintained at 2–8 °C, not frozen and protected from light. They should be administered as soon as possible after being removed from the refrigerator. The shelf-life of HPV vaccines varies by product. Cervarix is stable and can be stored outside the refrigerator for up to 3 days at temperatures between 8 °C and 25 °C, or for up to 1 day at temperatures between 25 °C and 37 °C. Gardasil and Gardasil-9 are licensed to be stored for 3 days at temperatures from 8 °C to 42 °C (controlled temperature chain (CTC)) or for 4 days at temperatures from 8 °C to 40 °C

ADMINISTRATION

Indications and age range

- we recommend routine HPV vaccination for all females and males in the following age ranges :
- Routine HPV vaccination is recommended at 11 to 12 years. It can be administered starting at 9 years of age.
- For adolescents and adults aged 13 to 26 years who have not been previously vaccinated or who have not completed the vaccine series, catch-up vaccination is recommended.

ADMINISTRATION

Indications and age range

- For adults 27 years and older, catch-up vaccination is not routinely recommended;
- the ACIP notes that the decision to vaccinate people in this age group should be made on an individual basis.
- The likelihood of prior exposure to HPV vaccine types increases with age, and thus the population benefit and cost-effectiveness of HPV vaccination is lower among older patients.

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Indications and age range

- However, for some individuals in this age group, such as those with no prior sexual experience or with a limited number of prior sexual partners, the risk of prior HPV exposure may be very low.
- We offer HPV vaccination to such individuals if they are deemed to have a future risk of HPV exposure (eg, expected new sexual partners).
- Although supporting data are limited, we also suggest HPV vaccination for health care workers who may be at risk for occupational exposure to HPV, even if they are older than 26 years.

ADMINISTRATION

Indications and age range

- However, clinicians and patients should be aware that HPV vaccination of individuals older than 26 years may not be covered by insurance providers or other payers, and this may affect the decision to vaccinate.
- In the United States, the HPV vaccine is approved through age 45. It is possible that some individuals over the age of 45 years may also benefit from vaccination, but the benefit has not been well studied, and reimbursement for vaccination of such individuals is even less likely.

OPTIMAL TIMING

- the optimal time for HPV immunization is prior to an individual's sexual debut.
- immunization with HPV vaccine is most effective among individuals who have not been infected with HPV (eg, patients who are "HPV-naïve").

OPTIMAL TIMING

- None of the available HPV vaccines treat or accelerate the clearance of pre-existing vaccine-type HPV infections or related disease.
- Vaccination at a younger age is associated with greater reductions in cervical cancer incidence than later vaccination

CHOICE OF VACCINE

- Not all HPV vaccines are available in all locations. If cost and availability are not an issue, we recommend the human papillomavirus 9-valent vaccine.
- In general, the same formulation should be used to complete the series, if possible.
- However, if the HPV vaccine formulation initially used is unknown or unavailable, or if the 9-valent vaccine is being introduced into the formulary, a different HPV vaccine formulation can be used to complete the series

INDIVIDUALS INITIATING THE VACCINE SERIES AT 9 TO 15 YEARS OF AGE

- **Two doses of HPV vaccine should be given at 0 and at 6 to 12 months.**
- **If the second dose was administered less than five months after the first, the dose should be repeated a minimum of 12 weeks after the second dose and a minimum of five months after the first.**

Bivalent HPV vaccines Cervarix (WHO)

- For girls and boys aged 9–14 years as a 2-dose schedule (5–13 months apart).
- If the recipient’s age at the time of the first dose is ≥15 years, three doses should be given (at 0, 1–2.5 months and 5–12 months).

INDIVIDUALS INITIATING THE VACCINE SERIES AT 15 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

- Three doses of HPV vaccine should be given at 0, 1 to 2 (typically 2), and 6 months.
- The minimum intervals between the first two doses is four weeks, between the second and third doses is 12 weeks, and between the first and third dose is five months. If a dose was administered at a shorter interval, it should be repeated once the minimum recommended interval since the most recent dose has passed.
- Immunocompromised patients – Three doses of HPV vaccine should be given at 0, 1 to 2, and 6 months regardless of age

WHO now recommends:

- A one or two-dose schedule for girls aged 9-14 years.
- A one or two-dose schedule for girls and women aged 15-20 years.
- Two doses with a 6-month interval for women older than 21 years
- Immunocompromised individuals should receive at a minimum two doses and where possible three doses .

MISSED DOSES

- Patients often do not follow up for their immunizations on schedule . The ACIP recommends that if the vaccination series is interrupted for any length of time, it can be resumed without restarting the series.

UNNECESSARY EVALUATION

- ***Prevaccination assessment*** — HPV vaccination can be administered without special evaluation. Serologic or HPV DNA testing is not warranted prior to immunization . Pregnancy testing is also not necessary.
- ***Postvaccination serology*** — There is no evidence that the measurement of postvaccination antibody titers to monitor immunity is useful for determining who is protected against infection by the vaccine-targeted types.
- ***Limited benefit of revaccination*** — HPV vaccines have demonstrated durable protection from HPV-associated diseases, and there is no evidence that revaccination is necessary.

PREGNANT OR BREASTFEEDING FEMALES

- HPV vaccination during pregnancy is not recommended because of limited information about safety
- If a woman is found to be pregnant after initiating the vaccination series, she can be reassured that available evidence does not indicate any increase in risk of adverse pregnancy outcome with vaccination. the remainder of the series should be delayed until the woman is no longer pregnant.
- Lactating females can receive the immunization series since subunit vaccines do not affect the safety of infant breastfeeding.

PRE-EXISTING HPV-ASSOCIATED DISEASE

- A history of genital warts, a positive HPV test result, or abnormal cervical, vaginal, vulvar, or anal cytology all indicate a prior HPV infection but not necessarily with the HPV types included in the vaccines.
- Vaccination is still recommended in individuals within the recommended age range who have evidence of prior HPV infection, as it can still provide protection against infection with HPV vaccine types not already acquired

HEALTH CARE WORKERS AT RISK FOR OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE

- **There is evidence that upper aerodigestive (nasal and oropharyngeal) HPV infection may be transmitted through exposure to HPV in vapors generated during surgical excision or ablation of HPV-associated lesions, although the magnitude of this risk is unknown .**

EFFICACY AND IMMUNOGENICITY

- **Immunogenicity** — Excellent antibody responses have been reported following immunization with the human papillomavirus 9-valent, HPV quadrivalent, and HPV bivalent vaccines, with seroconversion rates of 93 to 100 percent in females and 99 to 100 percent in males .
- Elicited titers are generally higher in younger than in older individuals.

EFFICACY

- *Cervical, vaginal, and vulvar disease* — HPV vaccination is effective in preventing cervical disease, including cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN2 or 3) and adenocarcinoma in situ and vulvar andvaginal cancer.

Duration of protection

- With a multidose schedule, antibody titres remain high for at least 12 years for the bivalent (Cervarix) and quadrivalent (Gardasil) vaccine and for at least 6 years for the more recently licensed nonavalent vaccine.

- For the nonavalent vaccine, efficacy of a 3-dose schedule against cervical, vulvar and vaginal lesions has been demonstrated up to 6 years postvaccination.
- Similarly, high levels of protection against anogenital HPV infection and vaccine type-associated disease have been demonstrated in males followed for 10 years after receiving 3 doses of quadrivalent (Gardasil) vaccine

Do women who've received the HPV vaccine still need to have Pap tests?

CERVICAL SCREENING

- HPV immunization is not effective in clearing HPV infection, genital warts, or cervical intraepithelial neoplasia that is already present, and the vaccine does not protect against 100 percent of types known to cause cervical cancer.
- Thus, HPV vaccination status does not impact cervical cancer screening recommendations .

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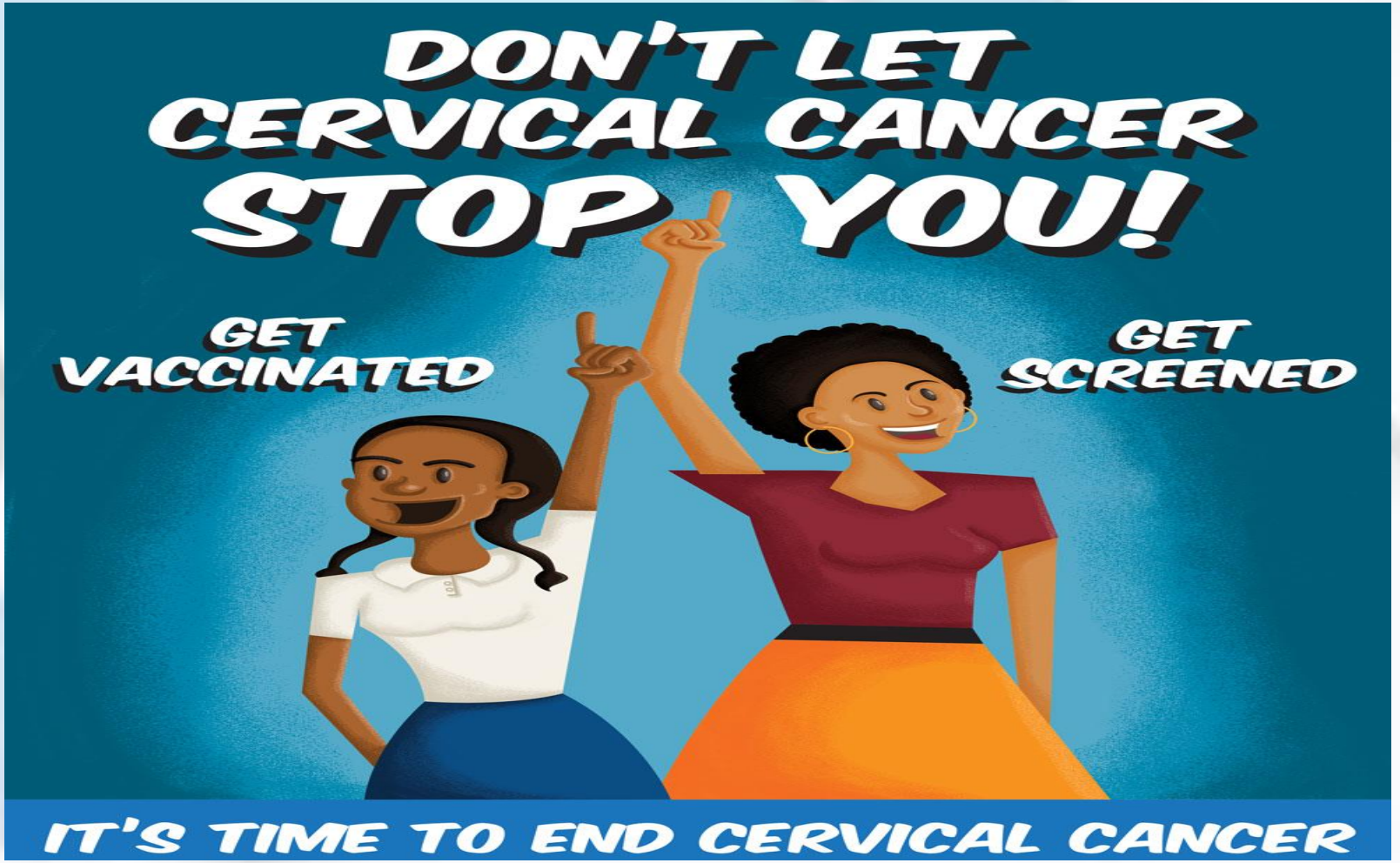
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