



Monthly Update – July 2016

American Cancer Society Releases New HPV Vaccine Recommendations

ACS has endorsed the [HPV vaccination guidelines](#) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Academy of Pediatrics, and other medical associations and organizations. The guideline recommends the HPV vaccination for **all** adolescents aged 11-12 and endorses the use of the nine-valent vaccination.

Get to Know the National HPV Vaccination Roundtable Team

Jennifer Nkonga, MS, Director, HPV Vaccination Roundtable, Health Systems and Provider Engagement is the most recent addition to the ACS HPV Vaccination Roundtable team. Jennifer has been with ACS for five years. As Senior Director of Primary Care Systems in Florida, Jennifer led a team that partnered with community health centers on cancer prevention and early detection initiatives, focusing on quality improvement. Prior to that, she led training efforts in ACS's Midwest Division to train staff and community volunteers to advance health equity and decrease cancer disparities. Jennifer brings a variety of previous experiences working in higher education, government, and the nonprofit sectors.

Jennifer Sienko, MPH, Director, HPV Vaccination Roundtable, Communication and Public Engagement will continue to serve as the staff contact for all things related to communication and public engagement as well as the National Meeting and Best Practices Conference. Jennifer joined the ACS HPV Vaccination Roundtable team at the end of April 2016. Before that she was with the President's Cancer Panel for seven years as special assistant and prior to that she was a policy analyst in the National Cancer Institute's Office of Government and Congressional Relations.

Debbie Saslow, PhD, Vice Chair for the National HPV Vaccination Roundtable will continue to provide leadership and strategic oversight to the ACS staff team and Roundtable Steering Committee. As the Director for Cancer Control Intervention (HPV Vaccination & Women's Cancer), Debbie has been the staff lead and spokesperson for the organization on HPV-related cancer prevention since joining ACS in 1997.

Lisa Oliver, Project Specialist will continue to provide administrative support to the HPV Vaccination Roundtable. She manages the HPV Vaccination Roundtable website and all travel and meeting logistics, prepares meeting materials, coordinates registration and on-site meeting support, and provides as needed assistance to the HPV Vaccination Roundtable.

Jeremy Martinez, Lead Evaluator is responsible for the HPV Vaccination Roundtable's outcomes evaluation. Prior to his work with the HPV Vaccination Roundtable, Jeremy worked extensively in performance monitoring and evaluation of ACS's community-based projects, focusing on increasing cancer screening in health equity communities.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The pre-meeting survey for the **National HPV Vaccination Roundtable National Meeting** (August 30-31) has been emailed to Roundtable members and task group members. Please take a moment to complete the survey, if you have not already. Registration emails for both the Best Practices Conference (Aug. 29) and the National Meeting will be sent to you once you complete the survey. Email Jennifer Nkonga (Jennifer.Nkonga@cancer.org) if you did not receive the link.

The one-day **National Conference on Best and Promising Practices for Increasing HPV Vaccination** will be livestreamed on Aug. 29th for those not able to attend in-person. Follow the [link](#), and enter password: Aug29Conf

Tools

The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** (CDC) released [What Can We Do?: What specific partners can bring to the table](#). This one-page document gives ideas for improving HPV vaccination rates based on type of partner organization.

The **American Cancer Society** created an [interactive map](#) of major state and national HPV vaccination projects/interventions. This map provides search features by state and program name and type and also includes project contact information.

The **HPV VACs** team made a half-page [resource handout](#) that provides quick links to access resources including the HPV Vaccine Initiative Map, and the Steps for Increasing HPV Vaccination in Practice action guide for clinicians.

The **American Pharmacists Association** and the **National Association of Chain Drug Stores** released a list of [HPV immunization resources](#) to support pharmacists' activities, as part of the immunization neighborhood, focused on increasing public awareness, access to, and administration of HPV vaccine.

HPV News You Can Use

The **CDC** released an MMWR featuring data on [HPV-associated cancers](#), including new statistics on annual rates of diagnosed cancers attributable to HPV in the United States.

The **National Cancer Institute** has a new [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#) that encourages research on how the healthcare delivery system enhances or inhibits the effectiveness of a provider's recommendation of the adolescent HPV vaccine. This research requires expertise in cancer prevention, adult and childhood behavior, immunization promotion, and healthcare delivery.

The **National Committee for Quality Assurance** released its [Updates for Quality Measures for HEDIS 2017](#). The new measure combines all recommended vaccines for female and male adolescents, and emphasizes their importance for preventive health and cancer prevention.