WHO CERVICAL CANCER ELIMINATION INITIATIVE: FROM CALL TO ACTION TO GLOBAL MOVEMENT

GET INFORMED.
GET SCREENED.
GET VACCINATED.

World Health Organization

How the *right* lab test code can reduce bias & improve health equity…

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Who are we missing?

Status: Little or no detectable change ◎   <u>Learn more about our data release schedule</u>

Most Recent Data:
73.9 percent (2021) *

Target:
79.2 percent [1] *

Desired Direction:
Increase desired

==Wide and unacceptable screening disparity!==

- Minoritized race/ethnicities: 54%-73%

- Ppl living w disability 62%

- <100% FPL 64%

- Gay/lesbian 68%

- Transgender males 37%

- Health Center Patients (2022 UDS Table 6b): **54% screened**

<u>Healthy people 2030</u> <u>https://health.gov/healthypeople/objectives-and-data/browse-objectives/cancer/increase-proportion-females-who-get-screened-cervical-cancer-c-09</u>

The *why* of Primary HPV~

♥ 35 y.o. TGM declined further PAP testing after an uncomfortable speculum-based test resulted as "unsatisfactory" for diagnosis.

♥ Unable to pre-schedule prevention due to lack of:
    Transportation
    Childcare
    Coverage
    Time

♥ 25 y.o. living with bipolar disorder and childhood trauma, refuses any consideration of speculum exam.

♥ 52 y.o. with ESRD on PD (multiple prior abdominal procedures). Unable to be listed for renal transplant until she completes her cancer screenings.. including cervical.

♥ 26 y.o. acquired quadriplegia d/t spinal infarction, now home vent dependent. No prior cervical screening..

How can we improve?

- Screen at every opportunity (don't defer, don't refer..)
- Give front-line clinicians the tools/training
- Design and supply exam rooms for all bodies
- Advocate for access to primary HPV at our health centers
- Consider off-label self-screening for patients who refuse speculum (with primary-HPV)
- Incorporate trauma-informed pelvic care
- Prevent many types of cancer through HPV vaccination

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for all people to be able to
attain their highest level

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Health Centers should examine how

common workflows may create inadvertent bias

that hinders health equity

Harper et al. It Is Time to Switch to Primary HPV Screening for Cervical Cancer | AAFP Jan 2024.