# Reducing HPV-Related Cancers

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## Background

- Each year in the US, ≥20,000 women and 14,000 men develop HPVrelated cancers (most are oropharyngeal and cervical)
- ▶ If given prior to HPV exposure, HPV vaccine is nearly 100% effective
- Only 49% of U.S. 13-year-olds and 62% of adolescents aged 13-17 were up-to-date on their HPV vaccination in 2021
- Vaccination rates are lower for adolescents in rural areas
- We have developed a successful online, interactive, HPV vaccine communication education program for providers that raises rates by~5%

## Overview of the study

- ▶ Year 1: Understand processes/workflow related to HPV vaccination
  - ▶ 10 practices for interviews (~30 individuals, via zoom, <30 min)</p>
  - All practices eligible for surveys (email)
    - ▶ Communication with parents
    - ▶ Standing Orders
    - ▶ Nurses' role
- Years 2-4: 40 Practices are randomized to get:
  - ▶a) Communication training
  - ▶ b) Communication training + Standing Orders training
  - ► All get feedback on rates
  - Reassess with interviews and surveys after interventions

#### Interventions

- ▶ Communication
  - ► Three 15-minute modules individually or as a group for providers/nurses
- Standing Orders training
  - ▶ One 30 minute training module
  - Focus on training nurses to use a standing order
- All get practice 'check-ins' with quarterly feedback



# Benefits to participation

- Raise HPV rates and reduce HPV related cancers
- \$50 Amazon gift card for interviews (25 min)
- ▶ \$40 Amazon gift card for online survey (~7 people per practice)
- ▶ \$500 for practice participation in intervention
- ► CME/CNE credit

## Feedback/Questions

- ▶ Do you use Standing Orders for HPV vaccination?
- What is the nurses' role in educating patients about HPV vaccine?

Which individuals know the most about vaccines in your practice?

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