

HPV Prevention and Control Board

Short introduction at the Sixth HPV Prevention and Control Board meeting 15-16/11/2018 Bogota, Colombia.



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Unique expertise: inspired on the Viral Hepatitis Prevention Board (VHPB)

- Embedded in the same facilities (University of Antwerp, Centre for the Evaluation of Vaccination)
- Based on a similar way of working
- Same scientific secretariat team
- More than 25 years of support to the control and prevention of Viral Hepatitis in Europe:
 - Support implementation of WHO recommendations related to Viral Hepatitis
 - Organising discussion forum and meetings (very fast if needed) with experts on Viral Hepatitis
 - Rapid response on Viral Hepatitis issues that can affect public health
 - Bringing together organisations working on Viral Hepatitis
- Network of advisors in the broad field of Viral Hepatitis
- Dissemination platform





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Recent meetings

- 2016 March, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 2015 November Riga, Latvia
- 2015 June London, UK

Recent publications

- Global progress in the control of viral hepatitis and acceptable delay in Hepatitis B immunization
Human Vaccines B: Immunotherapeutics 2016, DOI:10.1080/21645515.2016.1177689
- Long-term Protection After Hepatitis B Vaccine
J Infect Dis. 2016, doi: 10.1093/infdis/jiv750

Recent newsletters

- Prevention and control of viral hepatitis in the Baltic States: lessons learnt and the way forward
- Towards a hepatitis-free Europe: how to make it feasible and affordable
- Burden and prevention of viral hepatitis in Arctic region

News - World Health Assembly (WHA) endorsed WHO's first Global Health Sector Strategy on viral hepatitis for 2016-2021

On 28 May 2016, representatives from the WHO Member States convening the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly unanimously endorsed the Global Health Sector Strategy (GHSS) on viral hepatitis for 2016-2021.

Aim of the strategy: spur countries to action in order to eliminate hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030.



[Read more](#)

News - May is Hepatitis Awareness Month

In the United States, May is Hepatitis Awareness Month. The 19th of May is Hepatitis Testing Day.

For more info:

- CDC hepatitis website
- follow on twitter



[Read more](#)

News - Report on Innovative Financing into Hepatitis B and C Prevention and Treatment in Low and Middle Income Countries.

VHPB launches report on Innovative Financing into Hep B and C Prevention and Treatment.

Download the:

- Press release
- Infographic
- Report

Read the blog:

- Eliminating a 'silent killer': innovative sources of financing to help meet costs of prevention and treatment of viral hepatitis by Pierre Van Damme.







Prevention and control of Viral Hepatitis in Brazil and other Latin American countries, lessons learnt and the way forward

Brasilia, Brazil, 19-21 March 2014

Meeting

Co-organised by

Brazilian Ministry of Health, Brazilian Society of Hepatology,
PAHO, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Board



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Mission, Goal & Objectives

1. Mission:

Generate, multiply and disseminate relevant information on HPV to a broad array of stakeholders.

2. Goal:

Contribute to the control of HPV infection and to the prevention and screening of HPV related cancers.

3. Objectives:

Providing evidence based guidance on key technical and strategic issues.

Monitoring the progress of HPV control programs at the country and regional levels.





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STRUCTURE

A multi-disciplinary Board formed by prominent experts

- Act in their personal capacity
- Are often affiliated with stake holding partners
- This provides open and honest discussions
- Advisors and speakers at HPV Prevention & Control Board meetings are not paid
- No formal organisation with president, vice-president etc : minimal bureaucratic structure

Advisors:

- Dr. Marc Arbyn, Scientific Institute of Public Health, Belgium
- Prof. dr. Paolo Bonanni, University of Florence, Italy
- Dr. Xavier Bosch, Catalan Institute of Oncology (ICO), Spain
- Dr. Kate Cuschieri, Scottish HPV Reference Laboratory, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
- Dr. Silvia de Sanjosé, Catalan Institute of Oncology (ICO), Spain
- Prof. dr. Eduardo Franco, McGill University, Canada
- Prof. Dr. Anna Giuliano, Moffitt Cancer Center, USA
- Dr. Mark Kane, Consultant, USA
- Dr. Sharon Hanley, Hokkaido University, Japan



A multi-disciplinary Board formed by prominent experts

Advisors:

- Prof. dr. Mira Kojouharova, National Centre of Infectious and Parasitic Diseases (NCIPD), Bulgaria
- Prof. dr. Susanne Krüger Kjaer, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Dr. Heidi Larson, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
- Prof. dr. Pier Luigi Lopalco, University of Pisa, Italy
- Prof. dr. Nubia Muñoz, Em. Prof of the National Cancer Institute of Colombia
- Prof. dr. Mario Poljak, Institute of Microbiology and Immunology, clinical Microbiology, Slovenia
- Dr. Kevin Pollock, Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland, UK
- Prof. Dr. Margaret Stanley, University of Cambridge, UK
- Prof. Dr. Pierre Van Damme, University of Antwerp, Belgium
- Dr. Alex Vorsters, University of Antwerp, Belgium
- Dr. Scott Wittet, Consultant, USA

Observers:

- Dr. Iacobo Baussano, IACR
- Dr. Nedret Emiroglu, WHO Euro
- Mr. Tarik Derough, ECDC
- Dr. Liudmila Mosina , WHO Euro
- Dr. Lauri Markowitz, CDC, USA
- Dr. Susan Wang, CDC, USA



Supported by a permanent & dynamic Scientific Secretariat:

- Personnel involved:

- Brenda Janssens, Xenia Mikulla
- Greet Hendrickx
- Alex Vorsters

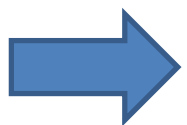


- Executive Secretary: Pierre Van Damme
- Located within the facilities of the Centre for the Evaluation of Vaccination (CEV), University of Antwerp



Secretariat implements

- Preparation and organisation of meetings
- Publications
- Media activities
- Website: www.hpvboard.org
- Participation in third party meetings
- All financial issues are done by the rules of the University of Antwerp



Permanent intensive communication between HPV board members and secretariat





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WAY OF WORKING

Two meetings per year

1. Technical meeting (topics: future vaccines, vaccine strategies, booster doses, health economics, screening technologies and strategies, vaccine safety, dealing with anti-vaccine messages, et cetera)
2. Country meeting: SWOT analysis of a country or a region



Output of the meetings published:

- HPV Prevention & Control Board website
- International Scientific Journals
- New: Videos of presentations will be made available



**Country meeting: 'Prevention and control of HPV and HPV related cancers in Denmark: lessons learnt and the way forward'
17-18 November 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark**



**Technical meeting: Symposium: Building Trust, Managing Risk:
Vaccine Confidence and Human Papillomavirus Vaccination,
7-8 June 2017, London, UK**



Country meeting: 'Prevention and control of HPV and HPV related cancers in Ireland and the UK: lessons learnt and the way forward'
30th November – 1 December 2017, Dublin, Ireland.



As the meeting was held in Dublin, we had the honour to have Mr Simon Harris, Minister of Health of Ireland, open the meeting. In his [speech](#), he reiterated his full support to the HPV vaccination programme in Ireland and emphasized the role of qualified medical professionals



Publications in scientific journals

Papillomavirus Research:

Manuscript on 'Overcoming barriers in HPV vaccination and screening programs'



Papillomavirus Research

Volume 4, December 2017, Pages 45-53

open access



Overcoming barriers in HPV vaccination and screening programs

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Vaccine:

HPV Immunization programs:
Ensuring their sustainability and
resilience.



Contents lists available at ScienceDirect

Vaccine

journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/vaccine



Commentary

HPV immunization programs: Ensuring their sustainability and resilience

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Table 1

Checklist for countries to strengthen their immunization program. Example of HPV vaccination.

| Prior to introduction of HPV immunization program | Countries maintaining a program | In case of a crisis |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Focus on positive effects and impact of vaccination | | |
| Elaborate an action plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combine screening and vaccination • Include a communication budget • Document burden of disease | Implement a monitoring, follow up and adjustment tool to correct communications, training and/or policy if required. | Assign a focal point who deals with the media |
| Communication strategy with a focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One voice • Trustworthy websites • Use of social media • Train the media | | |
| Train HCP on HPV and on how to discuss the vaccine with the target audience | Invest in/restore confidence among HCP and public health staff | |
| Create political support and reach out to silent supporters of the vaccine | Engage professional networks and enhance political support | |
| Develop and (at regular intervals) test a crisis prevention and mitigation plan | | |
| Develop a monitoring, follow up and adjustment tool | | |
| Define the right age for vaccination | Take alleged side-effects seriously: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show empathy • Early response is essential • Don't be complacent • Do not think problems will go away by themselves, they may get worse | |



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Meetings

- > Building Trust, Managing Risk: Vaccine Confidence and Human Papillomavirus Vaccination - June 2017
- > Prevention and control of HPV and HPV related cancers in Denmark: lessons learnt and the way forward - November 2016
- > Barriers in HPV vaccination & cervical screening programmes - June 2016
- > Kick off meeting - December 2015
- > Workshops in international conferences

HPV Prevention and Control Board meetings

The Board organizes two meetings per year, one with a focus on technical issues, the second on a SWOT analysis of a country/region. Technical meetings include topics such as newer vaccines, vaccine safety, comparison of vaccine strategies, the need for booster doses, health economics, immunization of males, impact of vaccine on non-cervical diseases such as head and neck and anal cancers, screening technologies and strategies, dealing with anti-vaccine messages, etcetera. Country meetings take place in key countries and regions. Here, the Board invites local health authorities to present data on coverage of screening and immunization as well as impact and control strategies.

Workshops in international conferences

The HPV Prevention and Control Board also organizes workshops at international conferences

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Workshops in international conferences



The role of HCP in HPV vaccination and screening programme implementation - Prevention and control of HPV and HPV related cancers in Romania, 15 & 16 May 2018

Short Videos



Benefits and Safety of HPV Vaccination
- Dr. Xavier Bosch



USA - Helping healthcare providers
improve HPV communication - Dr. Noel
Brewer



- Newsletter was distributed with links to the meeting page and short videos.

Updates 1/2018

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The presentations of our most recent HPV Board meeting entitled "The role of Health Care Providers (HCP) in HPV vaccination and screening programme implementation - Prevention and control of HPV and HPV related cancers in Romania" are now available on our [website](#).

The meeting received the support of the MOH, and we were very fortunate to have the Romanian Health Minister Sorina Pintea attending (see picture above).

Meeting background document

Preliminary background document 'Prevention and control of HPV and HPV related cancers in Colombia: Lessons learnt and the way forward'
15 November – 16 November 2018, Bogota, Colombia

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Washington, D.C., USA, 23-27 September 2018

Provisional Agenda Item 4.5

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**PLAN OF ACTION FOR CERVICAL CANCER
PREVENTION AND CONTROL 2018-2030**





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| Goal | Impact indicator | Baseline (2012 latest year available) | Target (2030) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Reduce cervical cancer incidence and mortality in the Americas by one-third, by 2030 | 1. Cervical cancer incidence rate ^a | 14.9/100,000 women ^a | 10.0/100,000 women |
| | 2. Cervical cancer mortality rate ^a | 5.8/100,000 women ^a | 3.9/100,000 women |

- a. Source: International Agency for Research on Cancer. Estimated cancer incidence, mortality, and prevalence worldwide, 2012 [cited Jan 4 2018]. Available from:
http://globocan.iarc.fr/Pages/fact_sheets_population.aspx





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| | 2. Cervical cancer mortality rate ^a | 5.8/100,000 women ^a | 3.9/100,000 women | 8/100,000 women |

- a. Source: International Agency for Research on Cancer. Estimated cancer incidence, mortality, and prevalence worldwide, 2012 [cited Jan 4 2018]. Available from:
http://globocan.iarc.fr/Pages/fact_sheets_population.aspx





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Strategic Lines of Action

17. The Plan identifies the following four strategic lines of action:
 - a) Improve cervical cancer program organization and governance, information systems, and cancer registries;
 - b) Strengthen primary prevention through information, education, and HPV vaccination;
 - c) Improve cervical cancer screening and precancer treatment through innovative strategies; and
 - d) Improve access to services for cancer diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliative care.



Prevention and control of HPV and HPV related cancers in Colombia: Lessons learnt and the way forward.

Meeting objectives:

- Give an overview of the health care systems in Colombia.
- Provide a summary of the epidemiology, burden of disease and surveillance related to HPV and HPV related cancers in Colombia.
- Discuss successes, topical issues and challenges related to HPV vaccination and screening particular to Colombia.
- Review country examples from Latin America to learn from their successes and challenges.
- Gain insight in the various stakeholder perspectives.
- Propose recommendations for the way forward.



Thank you.

