

Break-out group 1: important issues to take into account when considering gender neutral vaccination

- Cost and cost-effectiveness: look at projected disease levels, not just current disease burdens? Are analyses covering all the appropriate costs?
- What proportions of cancer do we attribute to HPV?
- Herd immunity – is vaccinating girls adequate.
- How best to protect MSM.
- Men who have sex with unvaccinated women; fluidity of male sexuality.
- What happens if HPV vaccination coverage in girls falls?
- Equality and equity; exclusion of boys as a matter of principle.
- Ethics / Law (is it unlawful to exclude boys).
- Eradication goal would reduce costs of screening, etc. (But eradication is challenging).



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- Context is key - Complex question of country affordability.
- What is one trying to achieve? Control, elimination, eradication.
- Girls alone bearing burden of vaccination; relying on girls alone to take responsibility for sexual health (versus empowerment).
- Messaging important for gender neutral as a general anti-cancer vaccine (rather than anti-cervical cancer vaccine).

