

# AAP's HPV Monthly Bulletin

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**HPV Fact of the Month:** Since HPV vaccination was introduced over 10 years ago, HPV infections have dropped significantly. Infections with HPV types that cause most HPV cancers and genital warts have dropped 71 percent among teen girls. (Source—CDC)

#### **HPV-Related Events**

#PreteenVaxScene Back-to-School Showcase: Resources to Help You Become an HPV Champion

# Wednesday, June 27, 1-2 pm ET

Summer is known as the unofficial "vaccination season," the period of the year when school-age children are receiving the vaccines they need before they start school in the fall. This webinar will feature upcoming summer and back-to-school HPV vaccination campaigns and resources to help health care professionals take advantage of the back-to-school timeframe to boost their HPV vaccination rates.

HPV News—Physicians Who Are Persistent In Encouraging Parents To Get Children Vaccinated For HPV See Improved Vaccination Rates, Study Suggests.

A new <u>study</u> published in the journal *Pediatrics* suggests that physicians who are persistent in encouraging pediatric patients to receive the HPV vaccine can increase vaccination rates through changing "parents' thoughts and beliefs about the vaccine with targeted questions." University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center researchers found that when physicians "did not challenge the parents, and acquiesced" to their concerns, "the child was not immunized"; but when physicians "relied on both persistence and acquiescence," 15 percent of patients were vaccinated. When physicians "relied solely on persistence," 94 percent of children received vaccinations.

## Spotlight—National AHEC Organization

The National AHEC Organization supports and advances the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Network to improve health by leading the nation in recruitment, training and retention of a diverse health work force for underserved communities.

The National AHEC Organization receives funding from the CDC for a project to provide education to health professionals regarding the HPV vaccine. Selected AHEC entities in all 50 states work to increase awareness as well as train health professionals about the HPV vaccine, in an overall effort to increase HPV vaccination rates.

To see what successes AHEC has accomplished in your area go here.

To view AHEC's HPV resources go here.

## **HPV Champion Toolkit Resource of the Month—Video Clips**

Have any videos that you think should be included in our Toolkit? Email us at hpv@aap.org.

Contact Us:

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