

OPERATION WIPE OUT

*cervical
cancer*
ALABAMA

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ELIMINATE CERVICAL CANCER IN ALABAMA?

It takes **3 steps**:

1



HPV VACCINE

Give the HPV
vaccination to
children and
young adults
aged 9-26

2



SCREENING

Get regular
HPV/Pap test to
screen for
cervical cancer
beginning at
age 21

3



FOLLOW-UP/ TREATMENT

If your HPV/Pap
test is abnormal,
go back to your
doctor/health
care provider for
a follow-up
appointment

WE CAN END CERVICAL
CANCER IN OUR LIFETIME



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What Can I Do To Wipe Out Cervical Cancer In Alabama?

View the **WIPE OUT Regional Meeting** for your area and receive CME credit*

Encourage moms, dads, and legal guardians to talk to their doctor about their children (boys and girls aged **9 - 18**) getting the **HPV vaccination**. If they do not have health insurance, **Vaccines for Children (VFC)** provides **free HPV vaccine** for children and adolescents **9 - 18** years of age



Consider using **mobile units** to provide HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening

Consider training **nurse practitioners as colposcopists**. The tools used in mobile colposcopy are easy to transport. Adherence to colposcopy appointments has increased drastically in the local health departments in Alabama with the utilization of mobile colposcopists.

Ensure your female patients aged 21- 64 are **screened** for cervical cancer **regularly** via the **HPV/Pap test**

Utilize an **EHR or other alert system** to identify patients who are due for screening

If you don't provide cervical cancer screening in your practice, once approved, consider offering **self-collection for HPV testing**



Carefully explain abnormal results in detail to ensure understanding of importance of follow-up



Consider contracting with the **Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (ABC)**. For women with no health insurance, this program reimburses providers at the Medicare rate for cervical cancer screening, and, if needed, diagnostic testing, at no charge to the patient. The program also provides free treatment through **Medicaid (1-877-252-3324)**



Display educational flyers on bulletin boards, in restroom facilities, breakrooms, and other appropriate locations**



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*<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/bandc/news.html>

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