

# OPERATION WIPE OUT

## How to Find Credible Health Information Online

*A Guide to Identifying Trustworthy HPV and Cervical Cancer Resources*

"At OPERATION WIPE OUT, we often get asked, 'Where do I go to find accurate information on HPV and cervical cancer?' Here are some tips on finding trustworthy health information on the internet."

### Essential Tips for Finding Credible Health Information

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#### Look for websites ending in .gov or .edu

These domains are used by government agencies and educational institutions, such as local, state, or federal health departments and universities. They typically provide accurate, up-to-date, and research-based information.

*Examples: cdc.gov, alabamapublichealth.gov*

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#### Use reputable non-profit organizations

Well-known organizations like the American Cancer Society or the Mayo Clinic often publish health information based on peer-reviewed research. These sites are excellent resources for learning about medical conditions, treatments, and prevention.

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#### Evaluate other websites carefully

If a site doesn't end in .gov, .edu, or belong to a recognized non-profit, check whether it cites credible sources. If it references information from trusted sites and the content aligns with what you've seen on official sources, it may still be a useful resource, especially if it presents the information in a clear and helpful way.

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#### Always use critical thinking

No matter where you are online, think critically about what you're reading. Ask yourself:

- Who is providing this information?
- What are their credentials?
- Are they trying to sell something?
- Do they cite reliable sources?

### Check our recommended resources

OPERATION WIPE OUT partners reference specific trusted sources regularly. These are vetted resources that provide accurate, evidence-based information about HPV and cervical cancer prevention.

### Give these tips a try

Practice using these guidelines when searching for health information online. Remember: your health decisions deserve to be based on facts, not fiction.

## OPERATION WIPE OUT Recommended Resources for HPV and Cervical Cancer Information

Website	Organization	Intended Audience
<b>CDC.gov</b>	<b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</b>	General public, health professionals, community leaders
<b>WHO.int</b>	<b>World Health Organization (WHO)</b>	General public, patients, researchers
<b>PubMed.gov</b>	<b>National Library of Medicine (NLM)</b>	Researchers, healthcare professionals, informed public users
<b>AlabamaPublicHealth.gov</b>	<b>Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)</b>	Alabama residents, general public, health professionals
<b>Cancer.org</b>	<b>American Cancer Society (ACS)</b>	General public, caregivers, survivors

### Take Action Today

Use these guidelines to find reliable information about HPV vaccination, cervical cancer screening, and follow-up care. Knowledge is power in preventing cervical cancer.

## OPERATION WIPE OUT

Working to eliminate cervical cancer in Alabama through awareness, HPV vaccination, screening, and follow-up/treatment.

For more information and resources: [operationwipeout.org](https://operationwipeout.org)

