

# NEWSLETTER

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## BUSY MONTH FOR OPERATION WIPE OUT

OPERATION WIPE OUT has had a busy and exciting month with activities and engagement of new counties, new partners, and activities! Some highlights include:

- ▶ Dr. Gary Pugh, Medical Officer, Family Health service, Alabama Department of Public Health share the successful experience of mobile colposcopy in Alabama as part of a national event organized by the American Cancer Society National Roundtable on Cervical Cancer. OPERATION WIPE OUT is very thankful for the dedication of Dr. Pugh and traveling nurse practitioners to make sure women get their follow-up for abnormal cervical cancer no matter where they live in Alabama.
- ▶ George Miranda, Cancer Center Director at Russel Medical Cancer Center brought together a committed group of individuals to launch OPERATION WIPE OUT in Tallapoosa and Coosa counties including the Rotary Club of Alexander City, Tallapoosa cooperative Extension Service, Chamber of Commerce, Mayor's Office, Central Alabama Community College and other partners.
- ▶ Dr. Isabel Scarinci was invited to speak at the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando to engage Rotarians all over the world in the elimination of cervical cancer.
- ▶ Nancy Wright was invited to share the OPERATION WIPE OUT efforts with the Alabama Board of Health where she got a lot of support from all involved.
- ▶ Dr. Olosunmisola Oyesiku and Nancy Wright were invited to speak with members of the Rotary Club of Selma and engage the club to get started in Dallas County.

## HPV VACCINATION BILLBOARDS. LET'S START A COMPETITION!

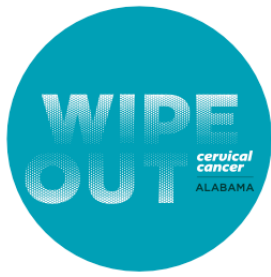
Thanks to the partnership with the Alabama Department of Public Health Immunization Division, OPERATION WIPE OUT is very visible across Alabama through billboards to increase awareness about HPV vaccination.

Share pictures of the billboard on your story and tag [@operationwipeout/](https://www.instagram.com/operationwipeout/) on Instagram or [Operation WIPE OUT](https://www.facebook.com/OperationWIPEOUT/) on Facebook by 4/30/25. The person with the most posted pictures will win a prize! DO NOT TAKE PICTURES WHILE DRIVING!



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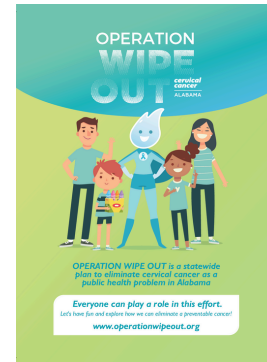




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## WHAT ARE THE CHAMBERS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DOING THESE DAYS?

The Health Science High School students from Chambers County School District have launched an OPERATION WIPE OUT activity book targeting middle/junior high students with information about HPV and cervical cancer. Adults can also enjoy the coloring pages, crossword puzzles, word searches, and other engaging activities in the book. Check the OPERATION WIPE OUT [resources page](#) for a copy of the activity book.



## UAB PEER WELLNESS AMBASSADORS ARE GETTING THE WORD OUT!



The Peer Wellness Ambassadors at UAB have been actively promoting HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening through campus events and partnerships, including UAB Student Health for vaccination efforts. They also teamed up other campus organizations to create Valentine's Day cards for gynecological cancer survivors. They have an exciting lineup of activities planned for this Spring and Summer and are already gearing up for a big splash in the Fall. Follow them on Instagram [@operationwipeout\\_pwas](#) and check out their UAB Medicine article [here](#).

## STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL

- ▶ Celebrating Medical-Dental Integration in Oral Cancer Awareness Month (April 2025)-OPERATION WIPE OUT has partnered with the Alabama Department of Public Health Dental Director and Alabama Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics to bring an HPV Communications Skills Training to Alabama's providers to be launched next month.
- ▶ OPERATION WIPE OUT will be represented at the Regional Wellness Day 2025 at the Birmingham CrossPlex on 4/17/2025. This is an event coordinated by the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center and partners to promote education and wellness screenings. For more information contact [coeinfo@uab.edu](mailto:coeinfo@uab.edu), (205) 975-0003.

- ▶ The UAB Peer Wellness Ambassadors are organizing a festive event on 4/10/25 on the UAB campus to promote cervical cancer awareness, HPV vaccination, and screening.

### Welcome New Partners:

OPERATION WIPE OUT welcomes new partners who joined us within the past month and have brought so much energy and enthusiasm to our mission.

#### SistersCANcervive

Jefferson County Health Department  
Central Alabama Community College  
Cahaba Medical Care

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists - Mississippi Section

