

# OPERATION WIPE OUT

*cervical  
cancer*  
ALABAMA

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ELIMINATE CERVICAL CANCER IN ALABAMA?

It takes **3 steps**:

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### HPV VACCINE

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

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### SCREENING

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

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### FOLLOW-UP/ TREATMENT

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

# I am a **Physician, Physician Assistant,** **Or a Nurse Practitioner**

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

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

**Address known barriers** to cervical cancer prevention and screening

- Establish a trusting relationship with your female patients
- Educate female patients about the HPV virus being the leading cause of cervical cancer
- Schedule the screening right away, before the patient departs from the office
- Explain what the screening consists of and next steps, particularly in the event of abnormal results

**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 recommending and offering **self-collection for HPV testing**

As a nurse practitioner **consider becoming a colposcopist**. 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

Use the **ASCCP** app on your phone to determine appropriate follow-up based on test results and family history

- The ASCCP app is \$9.99 for a lifetime subscription
- The ASCCP app can be found in the Apple/Android store under ASCCP Management Guidelines (ASCCP: American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology)

Consider contracting with the **Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (ABC)**. For women with no health insurance, this program reimburses physicians 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)**



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

**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



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

**Encourage** your staff to **educate, inform, and engage** with patients regarding inquiries and concerns about **screening and HPV vaccination**



Use your **credibility** as a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner to **spread** the word in your office and community



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<https://operationwipeout.org/>

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

\*\*<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/cancer/cervical.html>