

NH CANCER PLAN COMMUNITY IMPLEMENTATION INITIATIVE

INCREASING HPV VACCINATION RATES IN NH



Organizations across New Hampshire came together in 2016 to form the HPV Vaccine Stakeholders Working Group to collaborate on evidence-based efforts to increase HPV vaccine rates across the state.

NH Cancer Plan Objective

- Increase the percentage of NH youth who complete the recommended HPV vaccination series

Background

- Human papillomavirus (HPV) is very common. Most people will be infected with it at some point in their lives.
- HPV is associated with several types of cancer, including cervical, anal, vaginal, penile, and oropharyngeal cancers. About 1,783 cases of cancer were attributable to HPV in New Hampshire from 1999-2013.
- The HPV vaccine is an important, but underutilized cancer prevention tool. Among 13-17 year old adolescents in New Hampshire in 2015, 25.8% of females and 30.2% of males had not received any doses of the vaccine.

Results

- More than a dozen organizations participate in the HPV Vaccine Stakeholders Working Group.
- The Working Group has joined together to:
 - Implement screenings and panel discussions of *Someone You Love: The HPV Epidemic*, reaching more than 100 people
 - Coordinate healthcare provider training sessions, reaching more than 30 people
 - Disseminate educational information through social media, written materials, and newspaper formats
- Next steps include:
 - Continued educational efforts targeting the public and healthcare professionals
 - Evaluation and strategic planning for future efforts

Partner Organizations

- American Cancer Society
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock Leadership Preventive Medicine Residency
- Dartmouth Primary Care Cooperative Research Network
- Merck
- New Hampshire Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration member organizations
- NH Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency at Concord Hospital
- NH Oral Health Coalition
- NH Pediatric Improvement Project
- Norris Cotton Cancer Center
- Southern NH Area Health Education Center
- State of NH Comprehensive Cancer Control Program
- State of NH Department of Education
- State of NH Immunization Program

