

Thank you for your interest in our HPV educational toolkit for dental professionals.

Data published in 2017 by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention attribute the cause of over 31,000 cases of cancer each year to HPV. While in women most of these cancers continue to be cervical, the total number of HPV-related head and neck cancers has now surpassed the number of cases of cervical cancer attributed to HPV.

Head and neck cancers related to the well-known risk factors of smoking and alcohol consumption have been declining, but those related to HPV are on the rise (Baylor College of Medicine, 2016).

Preteens are more likely to see their dental provider on a routine basis than their primary medical care provider, uniquely positioning dental professionals to provide education to patients and their parents at the opportune time for HPV vaccination.

This toolkit provides relevant, medically sound cancer prevention information that you can use to positively influence patients and their parents to make well-informed oral health and cancer prevention decisions.

The toolkit includes:

- **Provider Handout:** Informational sheet with HPV facts, advice to dental professionals about starting the HPV conversation with patients, and answers to common questions about HPV and the HPV vaccine
- **Reference List:** Additional resources for dental professionals about HPV, HPV-related cancers, and cancer prevention through the HPV vaccine
- **Patient “Frequently Asked Question” Handouts:** Education for patients and parents with basic information about HPV and the HPV vaccine, in both English and Spanish
- **“Rx” Pads:** Mock prescription sheets, in both English and Spanish, that you can use after a conversation about the HPV vaccine to remind parents to contact their health care provider, local health department, or pharmacy

The Greater Salt Lake Immunization Coalition designed these materials in partnership with the Salt Lake County Health Department, Intermountain Primary Children’s Hospital, the University of Utah School of Dentistry, and the Utah Department of Health. Some of these materials were inspired by items generously provided to us by Team Maureen, a cervical-cancer awareness and prevention organization in Massachusetts.

If you need additional toolkit items, have questions about the materials, or would like to be more involved in our efforts to educate about HPV, please let us know at sally.dawson@imail.org.

Thank you for helping us provide accurate, timely cancer prevention information to preteens and their parents.