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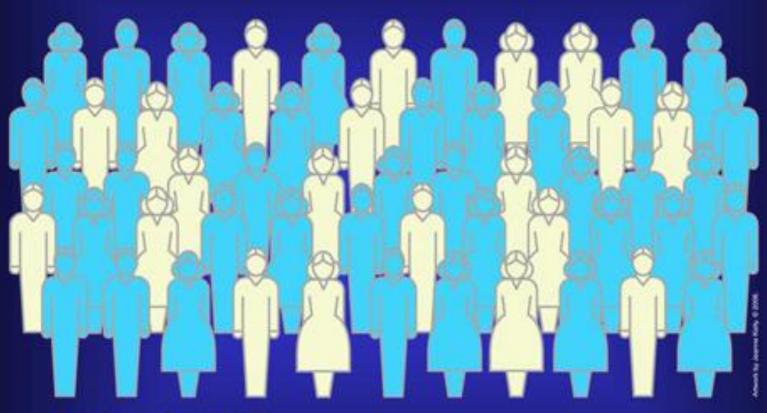
Disparities in HPV-related cancer occurrence in Puerto Rico: Implications for prevention efforts and population-based research

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Common Infection

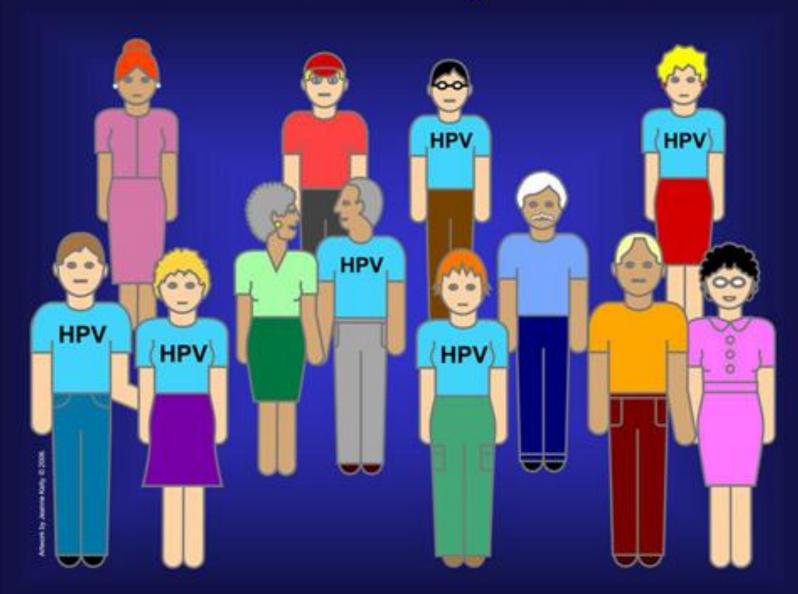


■ Infected with HPV

***80% of sexually active persons infected at some point



Infection Is Sexually Transmitted







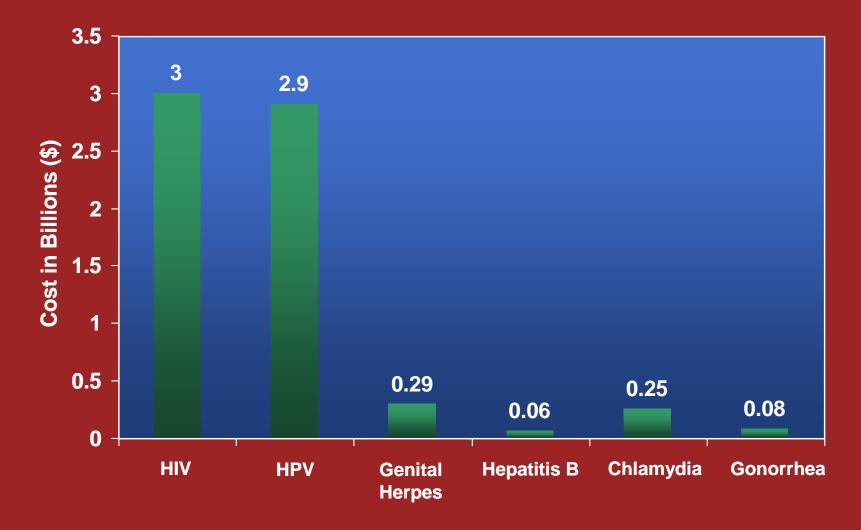
Human papillomaviruses (HPV)

- HPV are a group of more than 100 viruses.
- Sexually transmitted, high-risk HPVs include types 16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, 68, 69, and possibly a few others.
- Types associated with warts include types HPV–6 and HPV–11.

HPV and cancer

- □ 5.2% of world-wide cancer incidence HPV related
- Persistent infection with certain types of HPV established as a necessary cause for cervical cancer.
- □ Also associated to cancer of the anus, vulva and vagina, penis, mouth, and oro-pharynx.
- □ Current estimates of the population attributable fraction in the US are very high (MMWR, 2012):
 - □ 96% for cervical
 - □ 93% for anal
 - □ 51% for vulvar
 - □ 64% for vaginal
 - □ 36% for penile
 - □ 63% of oropharyngeal cancer

Estimated Direct Medical Costs of HPV and Other STIs in Persons 15–24 Years of Age, 2000¹



^{1.} Chesson HW, Blandford JM, Gift TL, Tao G, Irwin KL. Perspect Sex Reprod Health. 2004;36:11–19.

Prevalence of HPV infection in US women and men

- Self-sampled HPV DNA among US females enrolled in the 2003-2004 NHANES: 26.8% (Dunne, 2007).
- Anal and cervical HPV DNA among Hawaiian women, 29% and 27%, respectively (Hernández, 2005).
- Varies from 20-90% among HIV positive individuals.
- Penile/scrotal samples among men: 61.3% (Giuliano, 2008).

Risk Factors for HPV Infection

Women

- Young age (peak age group 20–24 years of age)¹
- Lifetime number of sex partners²
- Early age of first sexual intercourse³
- Male partner sexual behavior³
- Smoking⁴
- Oral contraceptive use⁴
- Uncircumcised male partners⁵

Men

- Young age (peak age group 25–29 years of age)¹
- Lifetime number of sex partners⁶
- Being uncircumcised⁶

^{1.} Insinga RP, Dasbach EF, Myers ER. *Clin Infect Dis.* 2003;36:1397–1403. 2. Burk RD, Ho GYF, Beardsley L, Lempa M, Peters M, Bierman R. *J Infect Dis.* 1996;174:679–689. 3. Murthy NS, Mathew A. *Eur J Cancer Prev.* 2000;9:5–14. 4. Winer RL, Lee S-K, Hughes JP, Adam DE, Kiviat NB, Koutsky LA. *Am J Epidemiol.* 2003;157:218–226. 5. Schiffman M, Castle PE. *Arch Pathol Lab Med.* 2003;127:930–934. 6. Svare EI, Kjaer SK, Worm AM, Osterlind A, Meijer CJLM, van den Brule AJ. *Sex Transm Infect.* 2002;78:215–218.

HPV Prevention

Abstinence

Monogamous Relationship

Condom use

Vaccine

HPV vaccines

- Two licensed vaccines (safe and effective)
 - a quadrivalent vaccine (HPV4) for the prevention of cervical, vaginal and vulvar cancers (in females) and genital warts and anal cancer (in females and males)
 - a bivalent vaccine (HPV2) for the prevention of cervical cancers in females.
- Vaccines most effective when given before exposure to HPV through sexual contact.
- Administered intramuscularly.
- Second dose should be administered 2 months after the first dose and the third dose 6 months after the first dose.

The Recommended Immunization Schedules for Persons Aged 0 through 18 Years are approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices

(http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/acip), the American Academy of Pediatrics (http://www.aap.org), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (http://www.aafp.org).

Recommended Immunization Schedule for Persons Aged 7 Through 18 Years—United States • 2010 For those who fall behind or start late, see the schedule below and the catch-up schedule

Vaccine ▼ Age ►	7–10 years	11–12 years	13–18 years			
Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis ¹		Tdap	Tdap	Danna of		
Human Papillomavirus ²	see footnote 2	HPV (3 doses)	HPV series	Range of recommende ages for all		
Meningococcal ³	MCV	MCV	MCV	children exce certain high-r		
Influenza ⁴		Influenza (Yearly)		groups		
Pneumococcal ⁵	PPSV					
Hepatitis A ⁶	ALIANANANANANANANANANANANANANANANANANANA	HepA Series	, in a variation and a variati	Range of recommende ages for		
Hepatitis B ⁷		Hep B Series		catch-up immunization		
Inactivated Poliovirus ⁸		IPV Series				
Measles, Mumps, Rubella ⁹		MMR Series		Range of recommende		
Varicella ¹⁰		Varicella Series		ages for certa high-risk grou		

HPV vaccination among youth aged 11-18 years entered into the PR Immunization Registry (February 4, 2013)

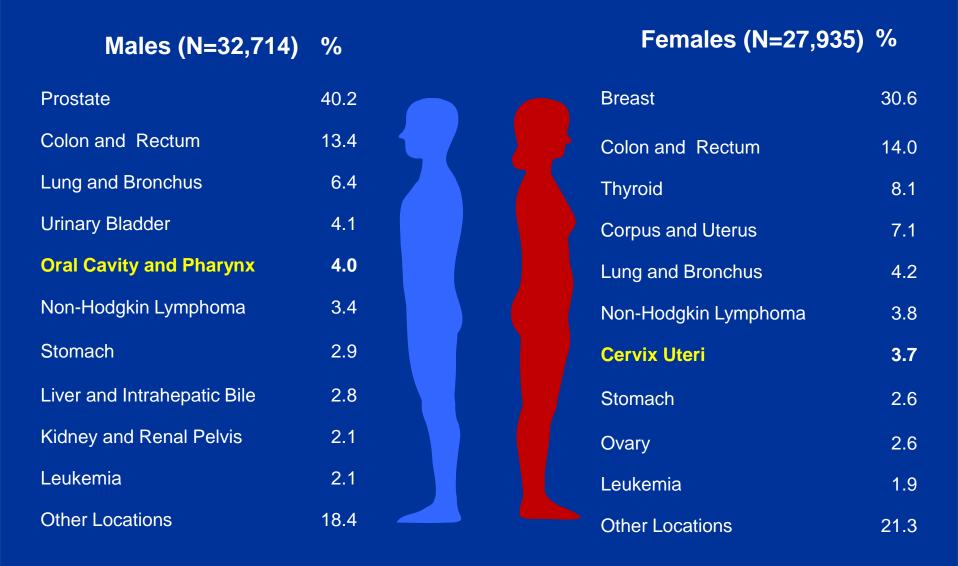
	Both Sexes	Female	Male	Unknown**
1 dose	39%	45%	34%	28%
2 doses	26%	28%	26%	21%
3 doses	13%	17%	8%	7%
Total Population*(n)	467,865	233,788	224,481	9,596

^{*}Total de población por cada grupo entrada a PRIR (Registro de Vacunación de Puerto Rico) al lunes 4 de febrero de 2013.

^{**}Desconocidos: se desconoce el sexo ya que no lo entraron en el Registro.

Puerto Rico

Top Ten Incidence Cancer Sites, 2005-2009*



^{*}Statistics are from an average of the years 2005-2009/statistics that presents the year 2009 are preliminary. Cases with age unknown were included/ Statistics were generated from malignant cases only

Rates are per 100,000 and age-adjusted to the 2000 PR population

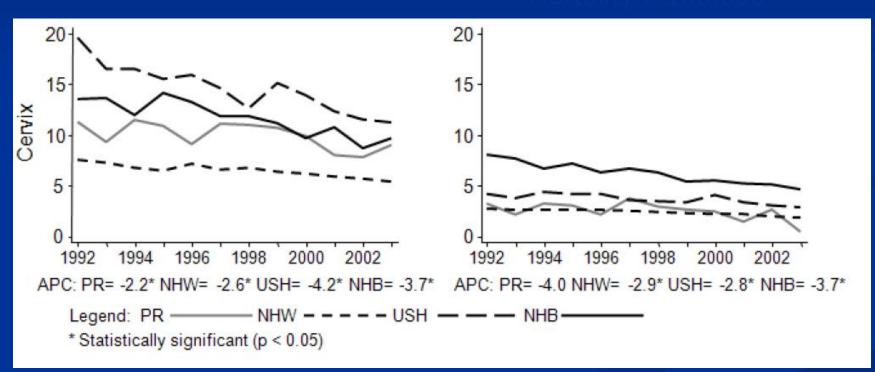
Data Source: Puerto Rico Central Cancer Registry, Preliminary Puerto Rico Cancer Incidence File (December, 2011)

HPV related cancer burden in PR

- In PR, the estimated economic impact of HPV related cancers in 2004 was high; approximately 7.5% (close to 5 million dollars) of the total cancer costs (Ortiz-Ortiz, 2010).
- High burden of cervical cancer in PR as compared with NHW in the US, as well as an increasing incidence of anal cancer (Ortiz, 2010; Colón-Lopez, 2010).
- Higher incidence and mortality from oral and penile cancer in PR as compared with NHW in the US (Suarez, 2009; Ho, 2009).
- Increasing trends of anal cancer (PRCCR, 2012).

Trends for cervical cancer ASR(Global) incidence and mortality rates (per 100,000) for Puerto Rico (PR) and Non-Hispanics whites (NHW), Non-Hispanics black (NHB) and US Hispanics (USH), 1992-2004.





Oral and pharyngeal cancer

Table 1: ASR(World) for incidence and mortality (per 100,000) for oral and pharyngeal cancer during 1998-2002.

		Age Standardized Rate (ASR)				Standardized Relative Ratioa (SRR)		
	PR	USH	NHW	NHB	PR vs. USHb	PR vs. NHWb	PR vs. NHBb	
Incidencec							_	
Male	18.5	9.5	16.3	17.3	1.96 (1.69, 2.22)	1.14 (1.05, 1.22)	.08 (0.96, 1.19)	
Female	5.2	4.3	7.1	5.4	1.20 (1.00, 1.45)	0.74 (0.65, 0.83)	0.95 (0.81, 1.12)	
SRR Men vs. Women ^b	3.56 (3.10, 4.12)	2.20 (1.83, 2.65)	2.30 (2.21, 2.41)	3.17 (2.79, 3.45)				
Mortality								
Male	7.9	3.5	4.4	6.8	2.27 (1.92, 2.70)	1.79 (1.59, 2.00)	1.15 (1.01, 1.30)	
Female	2.3	1.2	2	2.1	1.82 (1.41, 2.33)	1.10 (0.88, 1.35)	1.09 (0.86, 1.33)	
SRR Men vs. Women ^b	3.50 (2.78, 4.47)	2.80 (2.36, 3.35)	2.17 (2.10, 2.23)	3.29 (3.03, 3.46)				

^a The ratio of two ASR (World) with 95% confidence interval between parentheses.

Higher Risk

Lower Risk

^b Reference group

 $c \times 100,000$

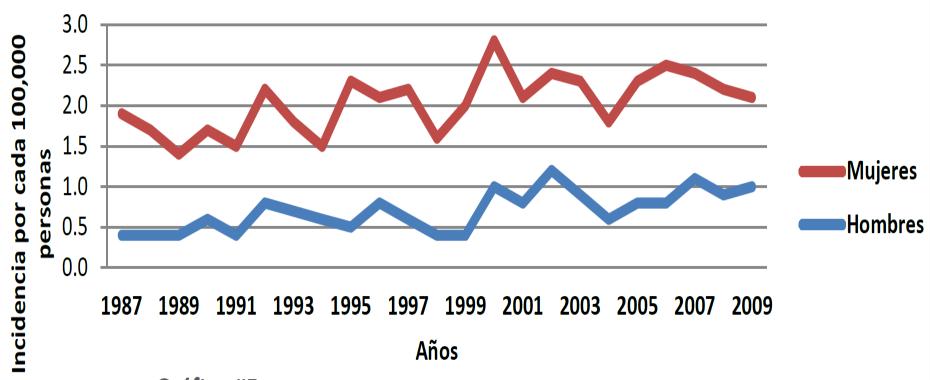
Age-standardized (World) Incidence and Mortality Rates (per 100,000) for Penile Cancer: 2000-2004.

	PR	USH	NHW	NHB	SRR (95% CI)		
					PR vs. USH	PR vs. NHW	PR vs. NHB
Incidence	2.81	1.09	0.84	0.92	2.59 (1.99-3.43)	3.33 (2.80-3.95)	3.04 (2.21-4.36)
Mortality	0.63	0.33	0.19	0.25	1.89 (1.30-2.68)	3.32 (2.38-4.43)	2.51 (1.71-3.55)

Higher Risk

Source: Colón-López V, **Ortiz AP**, Soto-Salgado M, Torres-Cintrón M, Pettaway CA, Puras-Báez A, Martínez-Ferrer M, Suárez E. Penile Cancer Disparities in Puerto Rican Men as compared to the United States Population. Int Braz J Urol. 2012 Nov;38(6):728-38.

Incidencia de Cáncer de Ano en Hombres y Mujeres en Puerto Rico: 1987-2009



Gráfica #5. Incidencia de cáncer de ano por sexo en Puerto Rico.

Boletín: Gonzalez VC, Moreno CA, Rivera AI, Sánchez CT, Guiot HM, Pérez N, Colón-López V, Ortiz-Ortiz K, Ortiz AP. (2012). Cáncer de Ano. Registro Central de Cáncer, Centro Comprensivo de Cáncer Universidad de Puerto Rico. Vol 4(Num 4).

What have we learned from studies of HPV infection, awareness and related risk behaviors in Puerto Rico?

Results

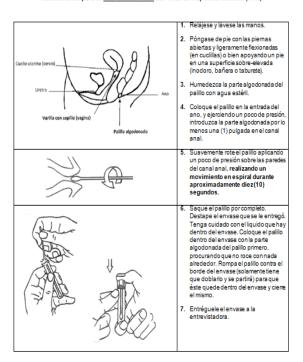
Population-based study of HPV infection among women in the San Juan Metropolitan Area of Puerto Rico

- Study design and population:
 - Cross-sectional study (2010-2013)
 - Study sample is being identified through a complex sampling design of households in the San Juan Metropolitan Area, composed of seven municipalities, and includes non-institutionalized women aged 16-64 years old residing in this area.

■ n=600 women

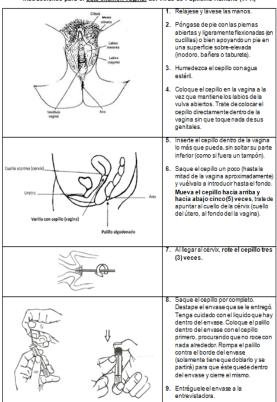
Instructions for self-collection

Instrucciones para el auto-examen anal del Virus de Papiloma Humano (VPH)



Referencia: Female Swab Specimen Collection Kit, DIGENE Corporation, Gaithersburg, MD

Instrucciones para el auto-examen vaginal del Virus de Papiloma Humano (VPH)

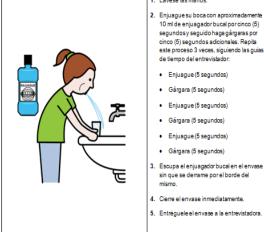


Referencia: DNA Collection Device, DIGENE Corporation, DIGENE Corporation, Gaithersburg, MD

Instrucciones para el auto-examen oral del Virus del Papiloma Humano (VPH)

Vamos a pedirle que haga un enjuague bucal con el enjuagador bucal "Scope"*, y luego que escupa el enjuagador bucal en un envase, con el objetivo de hacer una prueba para identificar la presencia de un virus que algunas personas tienen en su boca llamado Virus del Papiloma Humano (VPH).

Primero, enjuagará su boca con el enjuague bucal por cinco (5) segundos y luego hará gárgaras por 5 segundos. Hará esto tres (3) veces y luego escupirá el enjuagador bucal en un envase. Yo (el entrevistador) le dejaré saber cuándo hacer cada uno de los pasos. ¿Tiene preguntas?



Lávese las manos.

- 10 ml de enjuagador bucal por cinco (5) segundos y seguido haga gárgaras por cinco (5) segundos adicionales. Repita este proceso 3 veces, siguiendo las guias de tiempo del entrevistador:
- Enjuague (5 segundos)
- Enjuague (5 segundos)
- Gárgara (5 segundos)

- 3. Escupa el enjuagador bucal en el envase sin que se derrame por el borde del
- 4. Cierre el envase inmediatamente.
- 5. Entréguele el envase a la entrevistadora.

Referencia: HPV Rinse (2009-2010), National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA

^{*} En caso de que la boca del participante esté initada, se hará el procedimiento con agua de sal.

Population-based study of HPV infection among women in the San Juan Metropolitan Area of Puerto Rico

Figure 1. San Juan Metropolitan Area

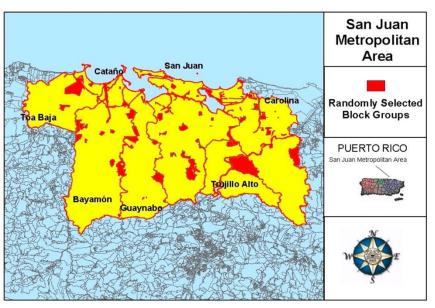
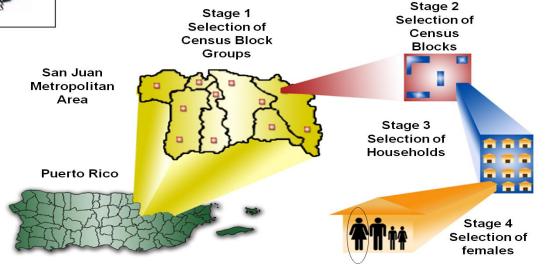


Figure 2. Sampling scheme



Recruitment Overview

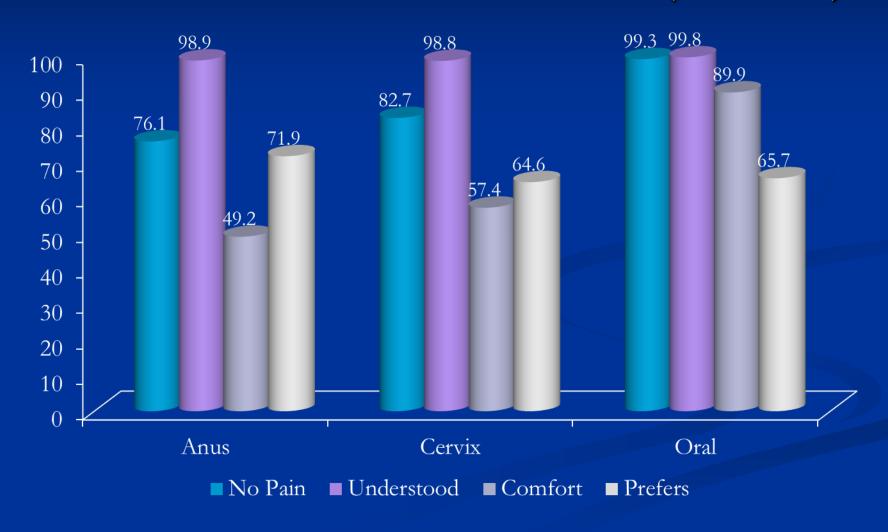
- Fifty randomly selected census tract blocks were sampled. We recruited 566 out of the 679 eligible women contacted, yielding an overall response rate of 83.4%.
- Response rates did not vary by age-group (p>0.05) and although they varied by socioeconomic (SES) census block stratums (p<0.05), they were good (>75%) in low, middle (87.6%), and high SES stratums.
- The age distribution of the participants was 32.0% for the 16-34 age group, 35.5% for the 35-49 group and 32.5% for the 50-64 group.

Demographics' of study population (n=566)

Variables	n* (%)
Age in years	
16-34	181 (32.0)
35-49	201 (35.5)
50-64	184 (32.5)
Birth place	
Puerto Rico	502 (88.7)
Dominican Republic	50 (8.8)
Other	14 (2.5)
Years of education	
≥ 12	475 (83.9)
< 12	91 (16.1)
Annual family income ^a	
≥ \$20,000	212 (41.2)
< \$20 , 000	303 (58.8)
Health care coverage	
Private	285 (50.4)
Public	228 (40.3)
None	53 (9.3)

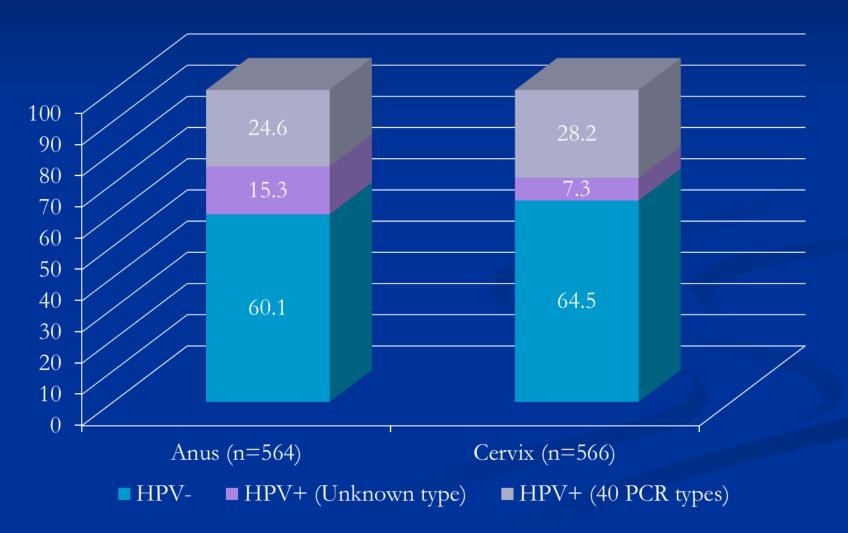
Source: Unpublished data: Ortiz AP et al., 2013

Women's perception of HPV self-collection methods (n=566)



Source: Unpublished data: Ortiz AP et al., 2013

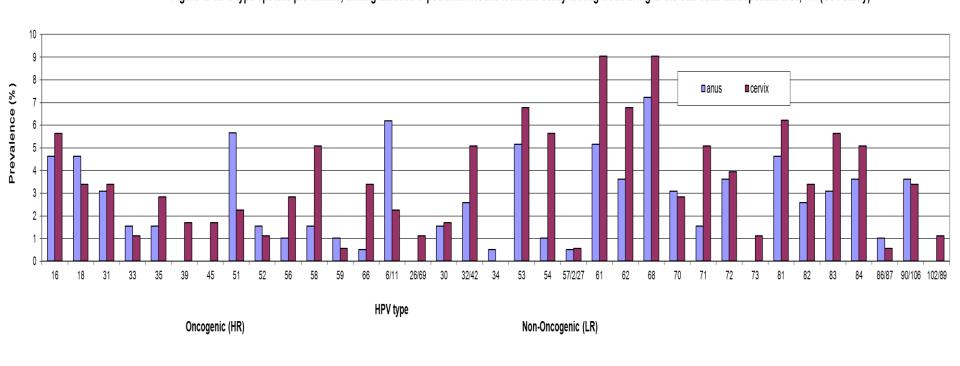
HPV status in the cervix and anus of women aged 16-64 years: Population-based study of women in the San Juan Metropolitan Area, 2010-2013



Source: Unpublished data: Ortiz AP et al., 2013

HPV type specific prevalence

Figure 1. HPV type-specific prevalence, among those HPV positive: Results from the Study among woen living in the San Juan metropolitan area, PR (SC1 study)



Logistic regression models to assess the strength of the association between anal and cervical HPV infection: 2010-2013

Cervical HPV Infection
Crude OR (95%CI) Adjusted OR* (95%CI)

Anal HPV

Infection

Overall 4.01 (2.68-5.99) 3.51 (2.29-5.39)

Oncogenic 2.99 (1.62-5.47) 2.26 (1.21-4.25)

Non-Oncogenic 3.56 (2.22-5.71) 3.21 (1.96-5.25)

^{*}Adjusted for age, numbers of sexual partners and health care coverage.

HPV vaccine awareness and vaccination: Population-based study of women in the San Juan Metropolitan Area, 2010-2013 (n=525)

Variables	n ^a (%)
Aware HPV	427 (81.2)
Aware HPV vaccine	340 (64.8)
Self-reported HPV vaccination	7(1.3)
Self-reported HPV vaccination among women aged 16-26	4 (5.1)
Self-reported HPV vaccination among women aged 27-64	3 (0.7)
Learned about HPV vaccine availability through a physician	135 (39.7)
Commonly reported reasons for not being vaccinated	
Lack of knowledge about the vaccine	102 (30.7)
Not considered at risk	76 (22.9)
Concern for secondary effects	58 (17.5)
Lack of physician recommendation	61(18.4)
Would consider vaccination if their physician recommended	431(92.7)

^a Total may not equal the overall sample size because of non-response.

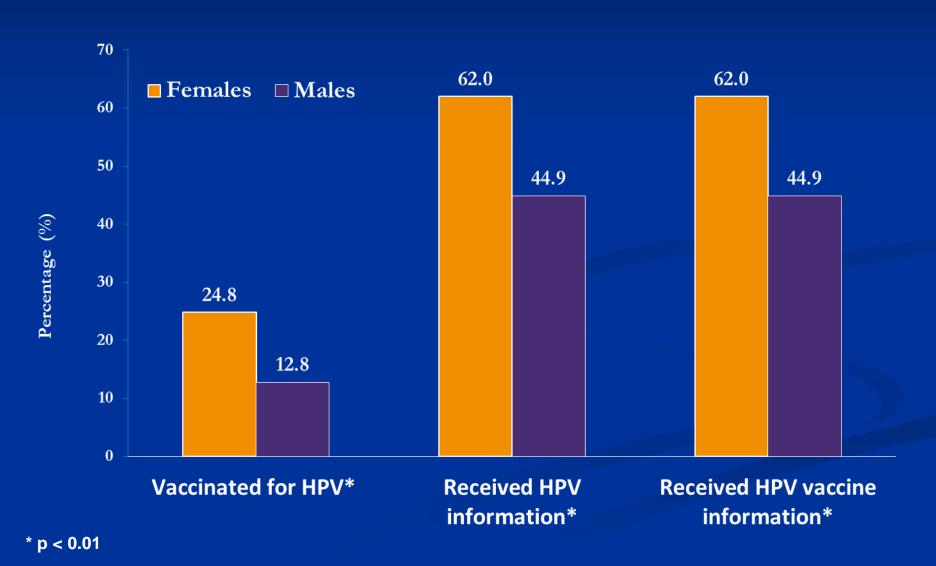
Child's vaccination: parent with children aged 9-17 years

Variables	Boy (n=102)	Girl (n=94)
	%	%
Has child been vaccinated against HPV (any dose)	16.7	39.4
Would vaccinate child if doctor recommended it	88.2	86.0

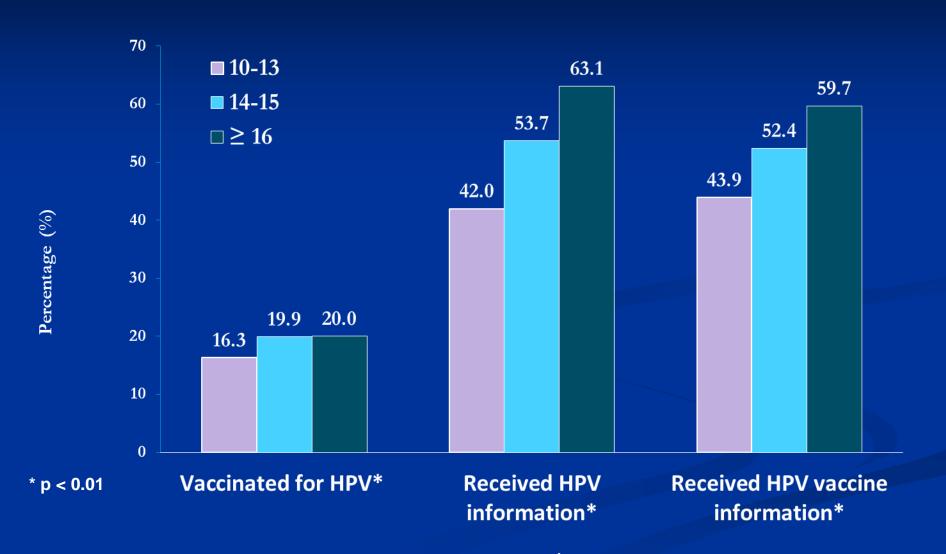
HPV vaccination among adolescents

- "Consulta Juvenil VIII" survey
 - Periodic cross-sectional study
 - Designed to monitor the prevalence of substance use and other behaviors among 7th to 12th grade students
- Data collected over the period of two academic years 2010-11 and 2011-12
- Sample size = 10,134 students

Prevalence of HPV-Related Variables by Gender among Adolescent Students, Puerto Rico, 2010-12

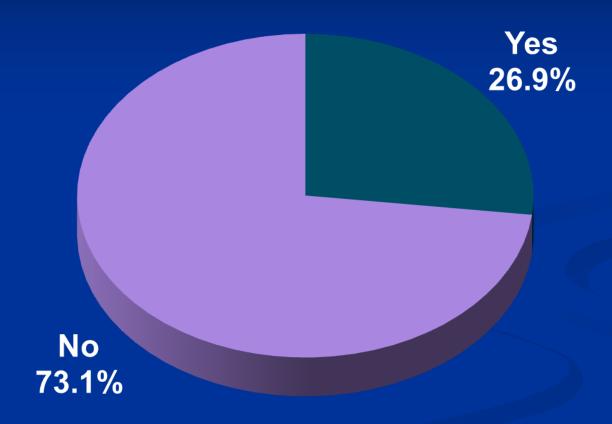


Prevalence of HPV-Related Variables by Age Group among Adolescent Students, Puerto Rico: Consulta Juvenil 2010-12



Source: Unpublished data, Consulta Juvenil 2010-2012. Moscoso Álvarez MS, Reyes-Pulliza JC, Tortolero-Luna G, Ortiz AP, Rodríguez-Figueroa L, Sánchez-Vega H, Colón HM.

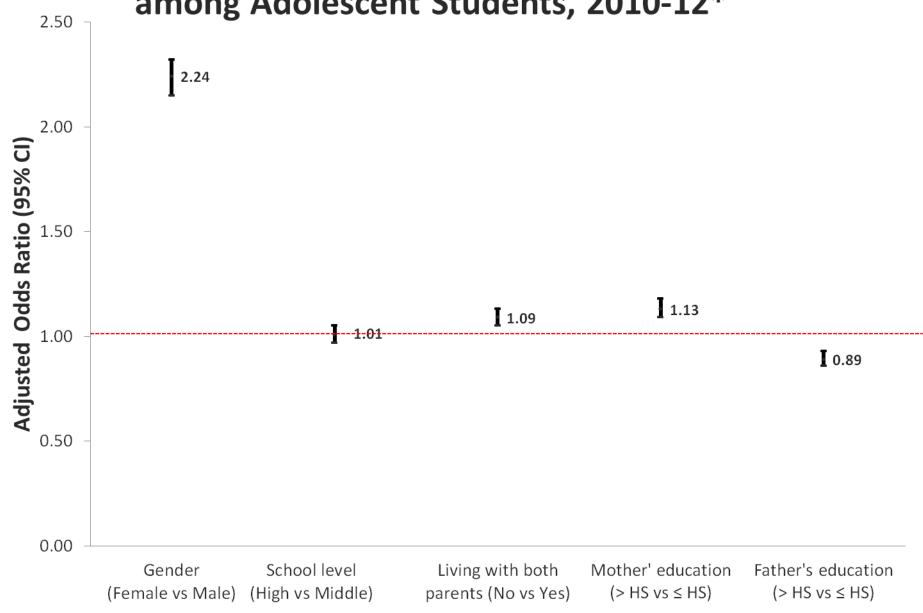
Prevalence of Sexual Relations among Adolescent Students, Puerto Rico: Consulta Juvenil 2010-12 (n=9889)*



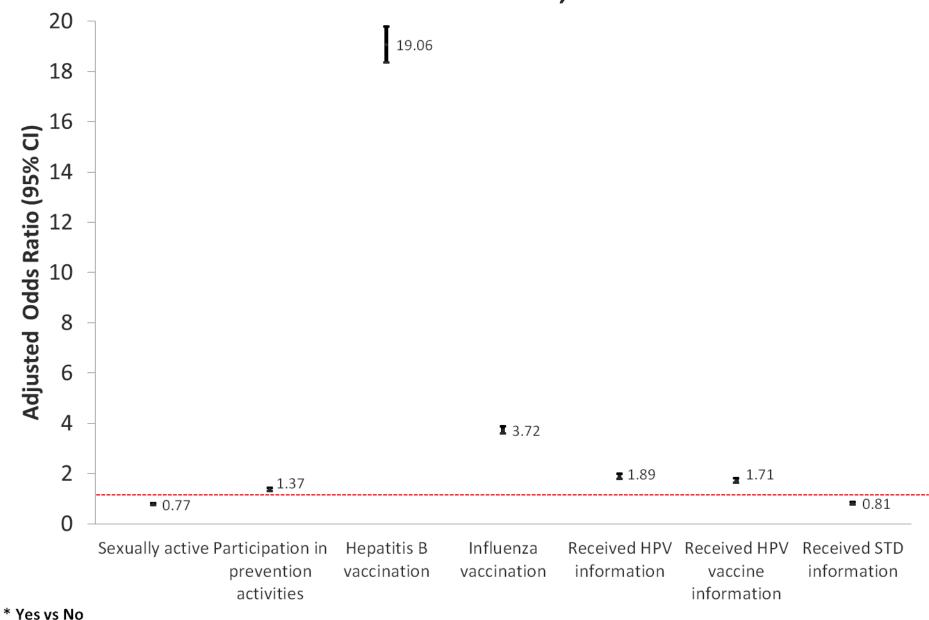
*Mean age of onset=14 \pm 2 years

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Characteristics Associated to HPV Vaccination among Adolescent Students, 2010-12*



Characteristics Associated to HPV Vaccination among Adolescent Students, 2010-12*



Projecting the Potential Public Health Impact of a Quadrivalent HPV Vaccine in Puerto Rico



Methods: Model Description

- The analysis was performed from a health care perspective.
- A previously published transmission dynamic model^[1,2,3] for HPV types 6,11, 16, 18 was adapted to Puerto Rico.
- The model is an age-structured mathematical model that incorporates:
 - Demographic model describing birth, aging, and death.
 - Behavioral model describing sexual mixing patterns.
 - HPV infection and disease models describing transmission and disease occurrence.
- The model captured direct protective effects of vaccination and indirect effects (herd immunity).

1.Impact of vaccinating boys and men against HPV in the United States. Elbasha EH, Dasbach EJ, Vaccine 2010 Oct 4;28(42):6858-67

2.A multi-type HPV transmission model. Elbasha EH, Dasbach EJ, Insinga RP, Bull Math Biol. 2008 Nov;70(8):2126-76.
 3.Model for assessing human papillomavirus vaccination strategies. Elbasha EH, Dasbach EJ, Insinga RP, Emerg Infect Dis. 2007 Jan;13(1):28-41

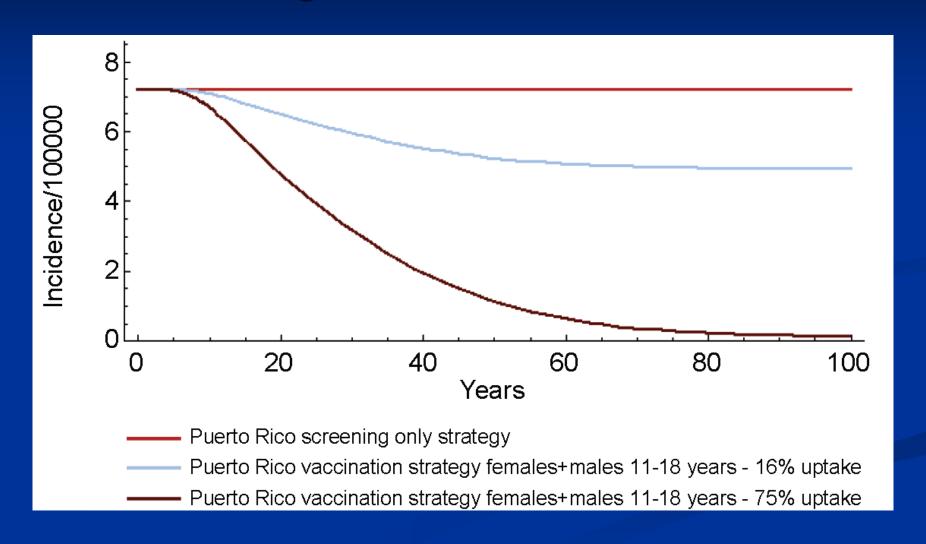
Vaccination Strategy

Ages Vaccinated	Female Uptake	Male Uptake		
11-18	16% and 75%	16% and 75%		

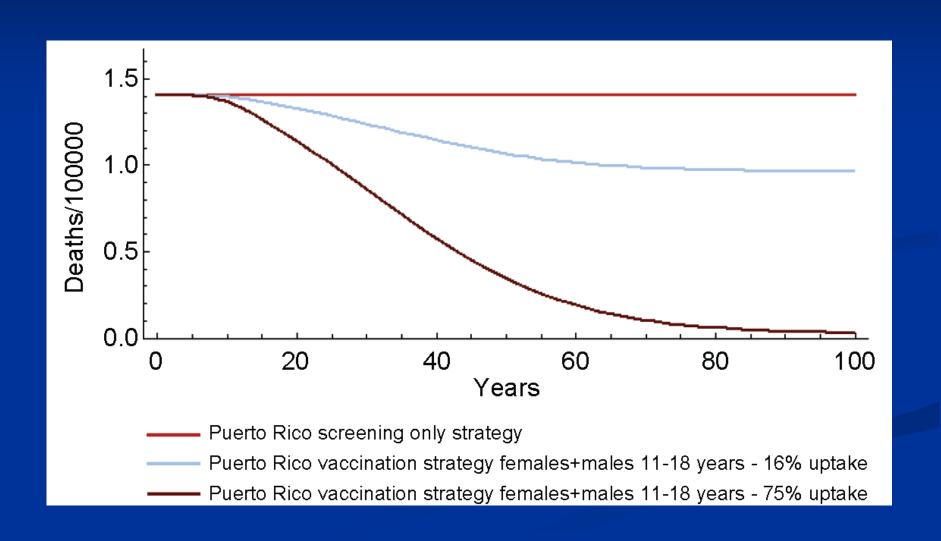
^{*}Assumes administration of all three doses

- Vaccination strategy of girls and boys 11-18 years of age compared to no vaccination strategy.
- Included all HPV related outcomes in women and men.
 - Incidence of Cancer and neoplasia: cervical, vaginal, vulvar, anal, penile, head and neck, CIN, VAIN
 - Incidence of 6,11 diseases: genital warts, Respiratory Papillomatosis (RRP)
 - Cancer related mortality
 - RRP related mortality

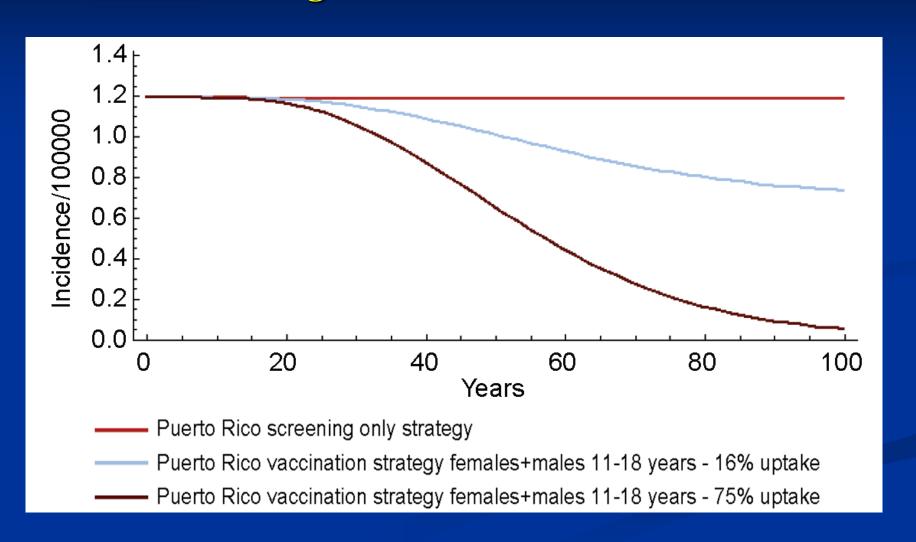
Estimated HPV 16/18-Related <u>Incidence of Cervical</u> Cancer Among Females Over an 100 Year Period



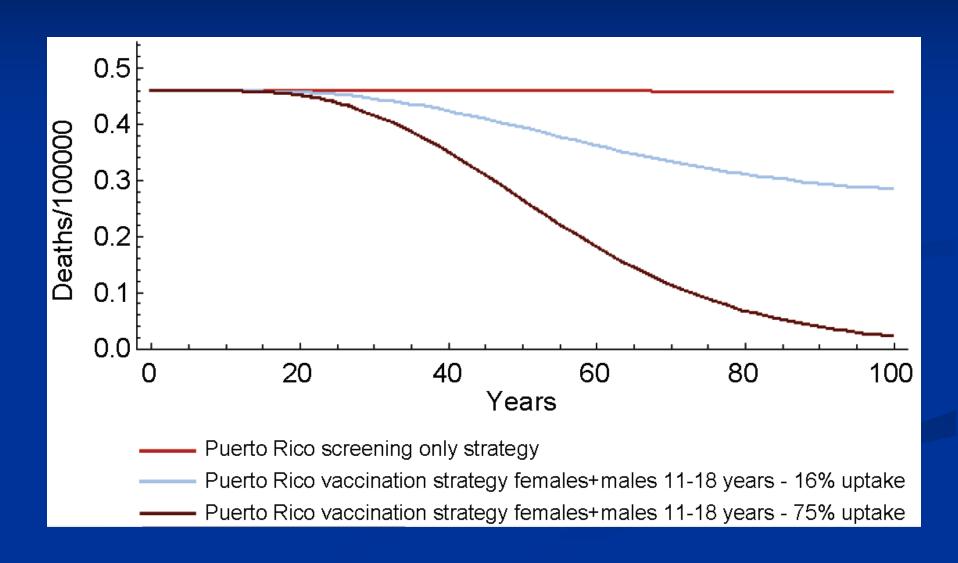
Estimated HPV 16/18-Related <u>Cervical Cancer</u> <u>Deaths</u> Among Females Over an 100 Year Period



Estimated HPV 16/18-Related <u>Incidence of Anal</u> <u>Cancer Among Males Over an 100 Year Period</u>



Estimated HPV 16/18-Related <u>Anal Cancer</u> <u>Deaths</u> Among Males Over an 100 Year Period



Cumulative Percent Reduction in HPV 6,11,16,18 Related Disease Incidence at 16% vs 75% Vaccine Uptake Rate

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_		16%		75%		
	5 years	25 years	50 years	5 years	25 years	50 years
Cervical cancer	0	4.7	13	0.1	16.6	68.4
CIN1	0.5	9.5	18.4	2.2	32.7	78.2
CIN2/3	0.4	8.7	17.4	1.7	30.2	76.6
Vaginal cancer	0	0.4	5.2	0	1.6	50.2
VAIN 2/3	0	0.7	5.4	0	2.3	50.8
Vulvar cancer	0	0.4	4.7	0	1.5	48.3
Genital warts (females)	6.1	14.7	16.4	26.6	59.8	73.4
Genital warts (males)	4	12.7	14.3	17.1	53.4	67.6
CIN1 (HPV 6,11 related)	2.2	9.7	11.6	10.3	44.2	61.7
Anal cancer (females)	0	0.3	3.9	0	1.3	45.0
Anal cancer (males)	0	0.3	3.9	0	1.1	45.1
Head/neck cancer (females)	0	0.3	3.8	0	1.2	45.1
Head/neck cancer (males)	0	0.3	4.3	0	1.2	47.1
Penile cancer	0	0.3	3	0	0.9	39.6
RRP (female)	5.1	14	15.7	22.1	57.7	71.8
RRP (male)	3.8	12.9	14.6	16.7	54.2	68.7

Cumulative Reduction in HPV 6,11,16,18 Related Deaths at 16% vs 75% Vaccine Uptake Rate

	16%			75%		
_	5 years	25 years	50 years	5 years	25 years	50 years
Cervical cancer	0	2.5	9.5	0	8.9	31.1
Vaginal cancer	0	0.3	(4.4)	0	1.1	13.9
VAIN 2/3	0	0.3	4.1	0	1.1	13.1
Anal cancer (females)	0	0.2	3.4	0	0.9	10.9
Anal cancer (males)	0	0.2	3.4	0	0.8	10.8
Head/neck cancer (females)	0	0.2	3	0	0.6	9.9
Head/neck cancer (males)	0	0.2	3.5	0	0.6	11.0
Penile cancer	0	0.2	2.7	0	0.7	9.3
RRP (female)	0	10.8	14.1	6.2	44.2	59.7
RRP (male)	0	9.9	13.1	4	41.4	56.8

Overall Conclusions

- Research studies in PR suggest...
 - High burden of HPV and of HPV related cancers
 - Lack of knowledge about HPV and the HPV vaccine among Puerto Ricans
 - Low vaccine uptake
 - HPV vaccination can significantly decrease incidence of HPV related diseases and associated mortality in both women and men.
 - Public health impact derived is further increased if higher vaccine coverage rates are achieved.

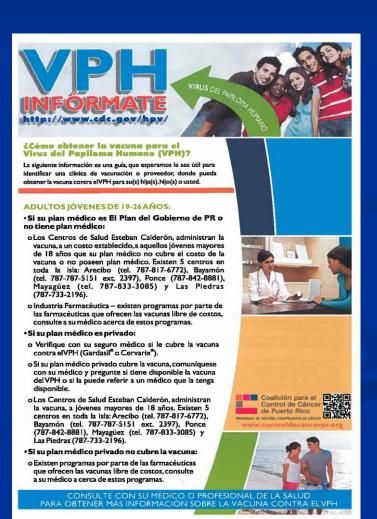
Overall Conclusions

- Future population-based studies are warranted to further understand disease burden and the impact of vaccination
- Multidisciplinary collaborative approaches should be used for the prevention and control of these morbidities in this PR
 - Epidemiologic research
 - Clinical trials
 - Patient and provider education
 - Clinical/System Interventions
 - Policy

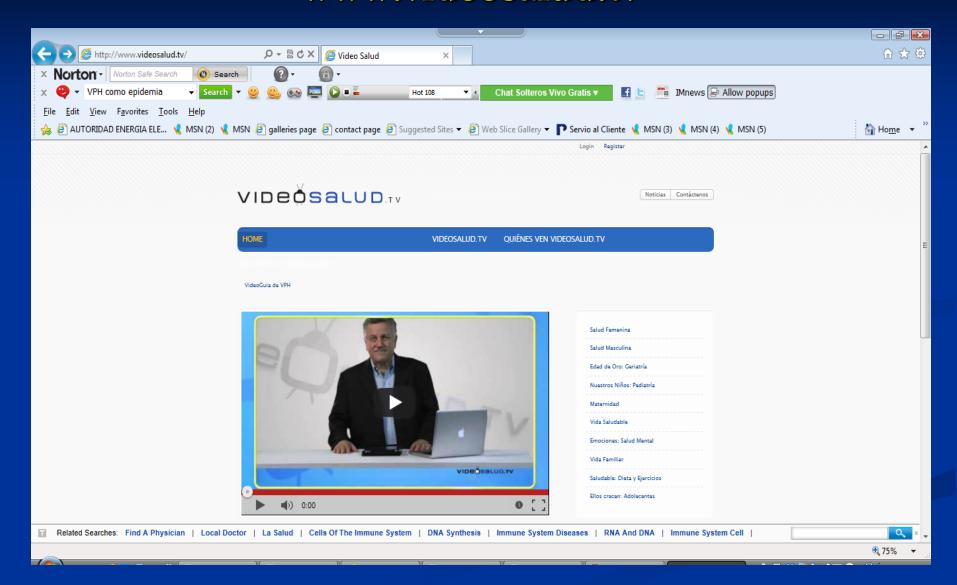
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- Puerto Rico Cancer Control Coalition: Omayra Salgado: osalgado@cccupr.org
- Programa de Vacunación, Departamento de Salud: 787-765-2929 ext. 3338, 3336





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