

# Culturally Proficient Strategies to Improve Cervical Cancer Screening among Hispanics

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# Presentation

- Provide an epidemiologic overview of cervical cancer and HPV infection globally and in the US
- Present Tamale Lesson, an example of cultural narrative as a strategy to prevent cervical cancer
- Present Es Tiempo, using an environmental cue as a culturally proficient strategy to prevent cervical cancer
- Lessons learned from development, implementation and evaluation of culturally proficient strategies

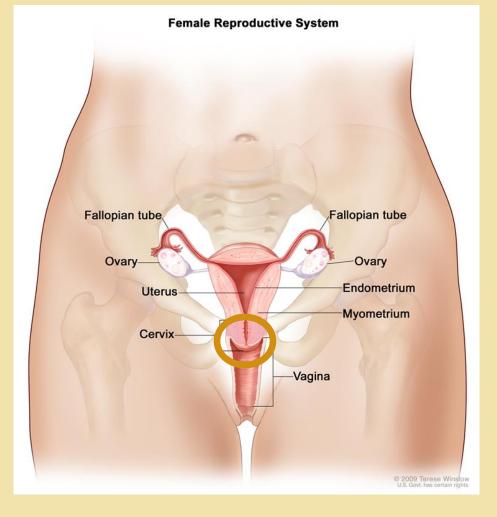
### Conclusions



# **Cervical Cancer**

- Cervical cancer is a malignant tumor of the cervix
- It is found in the lowermost part of the uterus (womb)
- Can be controlled and prevented via regular Pap Smear screenings and DNA testing, and the HPV vaccine.

Source: National Cancer Institute (NCI) www.cancer.gov





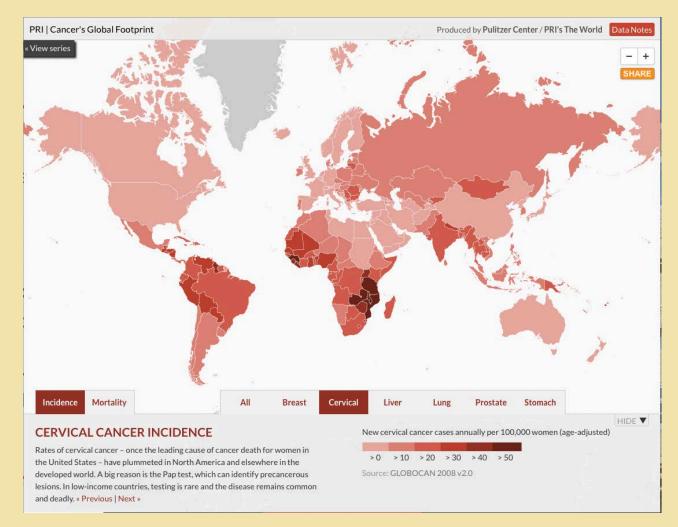
# **Global Impact of Cervical Cancer**

- Cervical cancer is the 4th most common female cancer worldwide
  - >500,000 cases diagnosed each year
  - > 260,000 deaths annually

Sources: Ferlay et al, 2012; Cancer's Global Footprint, 2015



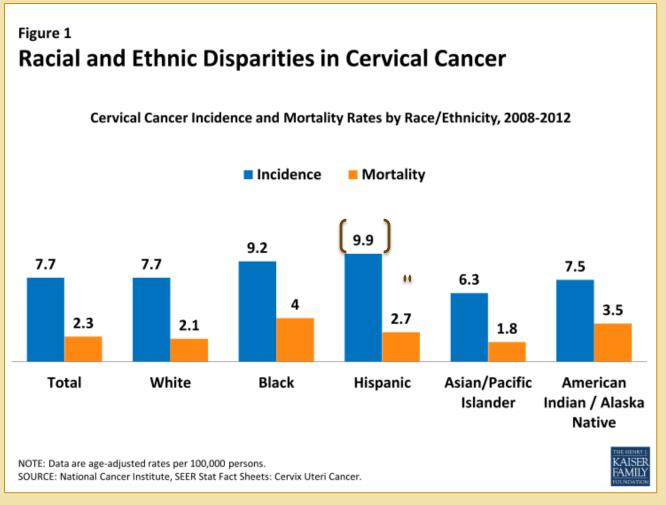
### **Global Impact of Cervical Cancer**



### > 87% of deaths occur in developing nations



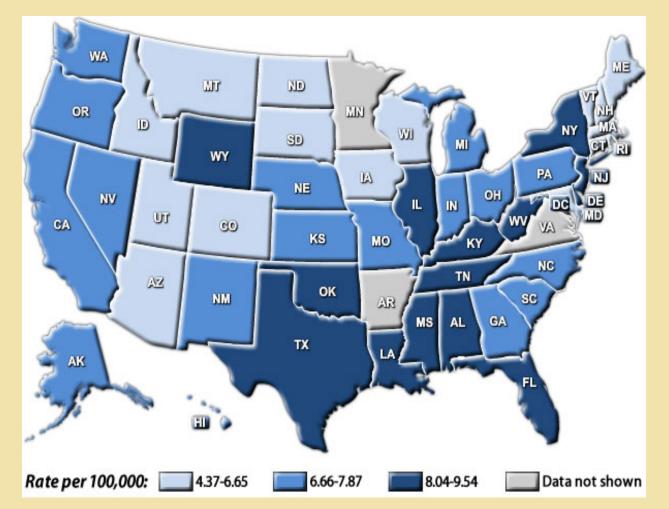
# Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Cervical Cancer Among Women in the U.S.



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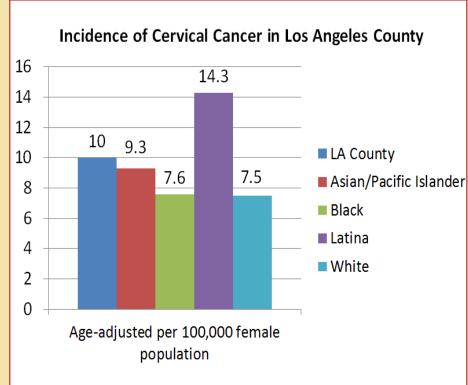
### **HPV-Associated Cervical Cancer Rates by State**



Rates are per 100,000 and age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. Standard Population (19 age groups — Census P25-1130) standard.

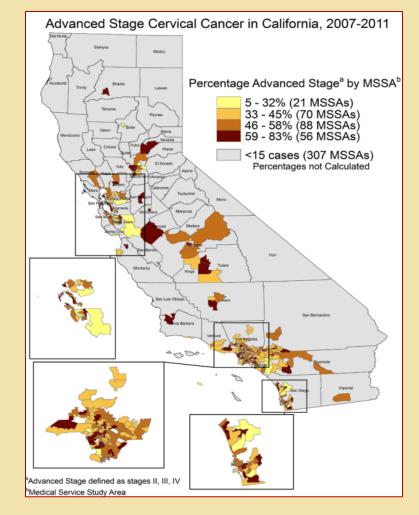


# Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Cervical Cancer Among Women in Los Angeles County



Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health. Health Indicators for Women in Los Angeles County: Highlighting Disparities by Ethnicity and Poverty Level, February 2010.

1 http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/owh/docs/Health-Indicators-2010.pdf 2 https://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cclho/Documents/MAGUIRE CCLHO presentation 2014.pdf





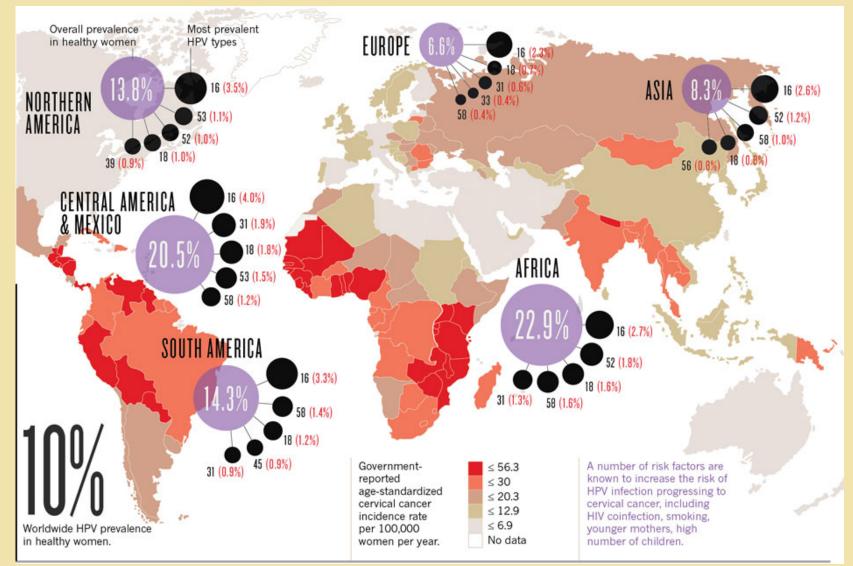
# Human Papillomavirus Infection (HPV)

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the main infectious factor for cervical cancer. It causes over 99% of cervical cancers. It is also responsible for HPV related cancer of the vulva, vagina, anus, penis, throat, and a growing number of head and neck cancers.





# **HPV infection rates worldwide**





# **HPV Infection in the United States**

> In the U.S. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection is rampant.

> 80 million or 1 out of every 4 Americans are currently infected.

One out of every two women will become infected in their lifetime.



### **HPV Vaccination in the United States**

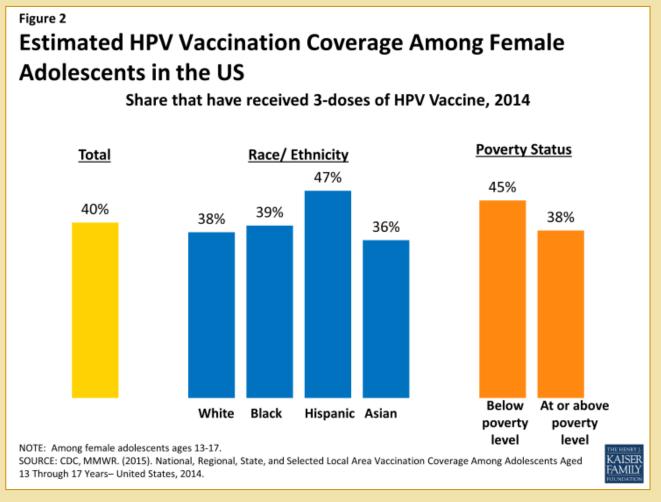
- HPV vaccination rates around the world, especially in Latin America are higher than vaccination rates in the United States.
- CDC recommends all girls and boys ages 11 to 12 receive the three doses of the vaccine.

Healthy People 2020 - 80% HPV vaccination goals in the U.S. "are not likely to occur without comprehensive, targeted Interventions". President's Cancer Panel, 2014





### Estimated HPV Vaccination Coverage Among Female Adolescent in the U.S.



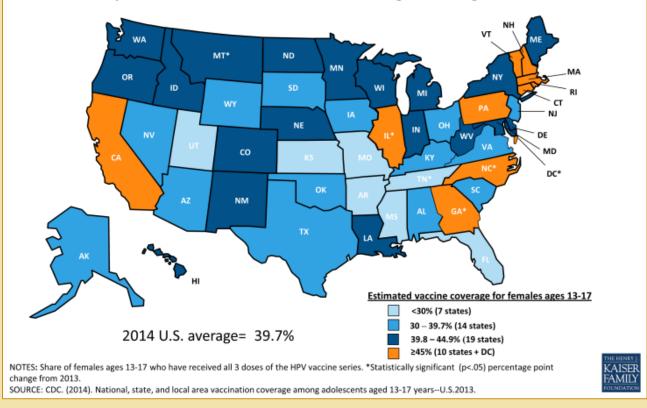
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### HPV Vaccination Rates of Adolescent Girls ages 13-17, by State

#### Figure 3 HPV Vaccination Rates of Adolescent Girls ages 13-17, by State

Completion of 3 dose HPV vaccine series among females ages 13-17, 2014



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# Without vaccinating boys and girls, the virus will never be contained.





# **In Summary**

- Highest vaccine rates are found among the poor and Hispanic communities
- Girls in these communities are more likely to receive at least one dose of the HPV vaccine.
- This evidences support of culturally and language specific strategies and community based interventions that have been successful (Journal of Cancer Epidemiology, 2016).
- This is encouraging, as these communities have the highest rates of cervical cancer.



# **In Summary**

- But vaccine doesn't cover all cancers, so continued cervical cancer screening is needed.
- Vaccination rates in the US are lower than for some countries in Latin America
- Both boys and girls need to be vaccinated
- To reach Healthy People 2020 vaccination rates of 80% much work is still needed.



# **Questions?**

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