

 PRESENTATION

The introduction of a **new vaccine** targeting women worldwide requires that literally tens of thousands **of health professionals and decision makers understand its value and mode of use**. In turn, they should be able to **explain** it properly to millions of families living in dramatically diverse communities in culture, beliefs, and languages.

Information on a new vaccine should be scientifically accurate, technically unbiased and communication has to be **precise, pedagogically conceived and honestly delivered**.

This **virtual course** has been designed to provide such information to health professionals worldwide without costs to the recipient and overcoming the limitations of travelling, time availability or the barrier of languages.

 OBJECTIVES**General**

- Know the latest scientific advances in the field of prevention of cervical cancer.

**Skills**

- Understand the natural history of HPV and cervical cancer, as well as the role of HPV infection in cervical carcinogenesis.
- Define the role of other cofactors in the persistence of HPV infection, and the progression of precancerous lesions to invasive cervical cancer.
- Identify the global impact of cervical cancer and compare their incidence and mortality across different world regions.
- Identify the impact of HPV infection on other cancers and benign disease.
- Recognize the HPV vaccines currently available and understand the information on their effectiveness and safety.
- Identify the factors to be considered in the introduction of HPV vaccination.
- Know and understand the effectiveness of other methods of primary prevention.
- Identify and the advantages and disadvantages of different cervical cancer screening methods.
- Learn on the impact of HPV infection in special populations, e.g., pregnant women, immunosuppressed people, etc.

 Cervical cancer prevention**ANIMED AT**

Health professionals involved in cervical cancer prevention: Public health professionals, nurses, health planners, health program managers, researchers and educators.

**METHODOLOGY**

On-line. The course is supported by an expert tutor in each of the topics of the course to solve doubts and queries.

Dynamic learning experience is offered and provides a direct and permanent access to educational materials in multimedia format and forum participation among other professionals and international experts.

**SCHEDULE**

**Duration:** 15 hours.

**Classroom permanently open.**

**COURSE STRUCTURE**

Module 1. Introduction

Module 2. Natural history of human papillomavirus (HPV) and cervical cancer

Module 3. Burden of HPV infection and HPV-related disease

Module 4. HPV and other diseases

Module 5. Control & prevention of cervical cancer:

5.1 HPV vaccines

5.2 Condom use & circumcision

5.3 Current cervical cancer screening options

5.4 Cervical cancer prevention strategies

5.5 Health education & counselling

Module 6. HPV in special populations

**ACCREDITATION**

Accreditation has been granted from the “Commission for Continuing Education of Spanish National Health System“ with 3,5 credits and by the “Accreditation Council of Oncology in Europe (ACOE)” with 15 credits. “The American Medical Association (AMA) and the “Accreditation Council for Continuous Medical Education” (ACCME) designate this type of educational activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA category 1 credit per hour of activity.”

Successful participants will receive a FIGO accreditation and diploma.

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