

Family Planning Clinics: Barriers and Opportunities to HPV Vaccination

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About NFPRHA

- ⦿ Membership organization representing family planning providers
- ⦿ NFPRHA members serve 4 million women annually at nearly 4,000 clinics
- ⦿ Many NFPRHA members receive Title X funds

Title X:

The National Family Planning Program

- ◉ Established in 1970
- ◉ Only dedicated source of federal funding for family planning for low-income and uninsured
- ◉ Serves over five million low-income men and women at 4,400 clinics nationwide
- ◉ Under 100% FPL receive services free-of-charge
- ◉ Minors receive services confidentially
- ◉ Citizenship documentation not required

Title X:

The National Family Planning Program

- ◎ Each year in the US, federally funded family planning services prevent an estimated 1.3 million unplanned pregnancies and 630,000 abortions
- ◎ In 2005, Title X-funded clinics provided:
 - 2.6 million Pap tests
 - 2.5 million breast exams
 - More than 5.3 million STD tests
 - 607,974 confidential HIV tests

HPV: A Prevalent Problem

- HPV is the most common sexually transmitted viral infection in the United States
- Approximately 20 million Americans currently infected, about 6.2 million new cases each year
- By age 50, it is estimated that 80 percent of women will have contracted some strain of HPV
- Approximately 10,000 women diagnosed with cervical cancer each year, 4,000 deaths
- More than 100 different strains of HPV, only 8 strains account for nearly 95% of “high risk” types of HPV most commonly associated with cervical cancer

The HPV Vaccine: New Hope

- In June 2006, the FDA approved Merck's HPV vaccine (Gardasil) for 9-26-year-old girls and women
- Gardasil protects against four strains of the virus (types 6, 11, 16, 18)
- Types 16 and 18 account for an estimated 70 percent of cervical cancer cases
- Gardasil three-dose regimen costs \$120 per dose
- Gardasil is included in the federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) program = < 19 years old
- Merck patient assistance program = > 19 years old

Family Planning Clinics: An Opportunity for Prevention

- More than one-third of women are infected with at least one strain of HPV by the age of 24
- 45% of women ages 20-24 are infected with HPV
- Of the 4.7 million women treated at Title X clinics each year, 1.5 million (32%) are between the ages of 20-24
- 66% of Title X clients have family incomes at or below the federal poverty level; 93% have incomes at or below 250%
- 19% of all Title X clients are Black and 23% identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino

Family Planning Clinics: Challenges to Providing the Vaccine

- ⦿ Cost, cost, cost
- ⦿ Title X and parental consent
- ⦿ Differing interpretations of state laws – where does the HPV vaccine fit into STD treatment regulations?

Family Planning Clinics: Case Study - Missouri

- ◎ Local grant funding - \$11 million

- ◎ Partnered with Missouri Primary Care Association (FQHCs)

- ◎ Began vaccination in April
 - As of October 31, provided 8,766 vaccinations at 64 family planning clinics = 5,880 women and girls
 - Requiring parental consent
 - Funding will cover 67 counties

Family Planning Clinics: Case Study - Utah

- ⦿ Using the Merck Patient Assistance Program, along with local funding (private donor)
- ⦿ Family planning clinics classified as VFC providers
- ⦿ Offered nearly 300 doses by April 2007, 121 using the Patient Assistance Program
- ⦿ Requiring parental consent; has not deterred vaccination or follow-up

Family Planning Clinics: Case Study - Massachusetts

- ⦿ Began with “specialty clinics” to acclimate staff and assess patient flow
- ⦿ Within 4 months, incorporated vaccinations into regular clinic sessions
- ⦿ Clinic sites are VFC providers
- ⦿ Using Patient Assistance Program
- ⦿ Providing a "service" for treatment of STDs when giving the vaccine, and therefore no parental consent is required

Family Planning Clinics: Moving Forward

- ◎ NFPRHA is partnering with the National Council of La Raza and the Gynecologic Cancer Foundation on a low-literacy brochure on cervical cancer screening and the HPV vaccine for family planning clinics
- ◎ Brochure to be published in English and Spanish

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