# Human Papilloma Virus Related Cancers – The changing spectrum of a preventable malignancy

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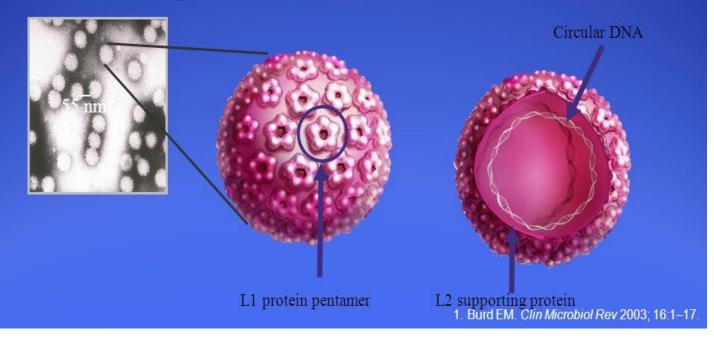


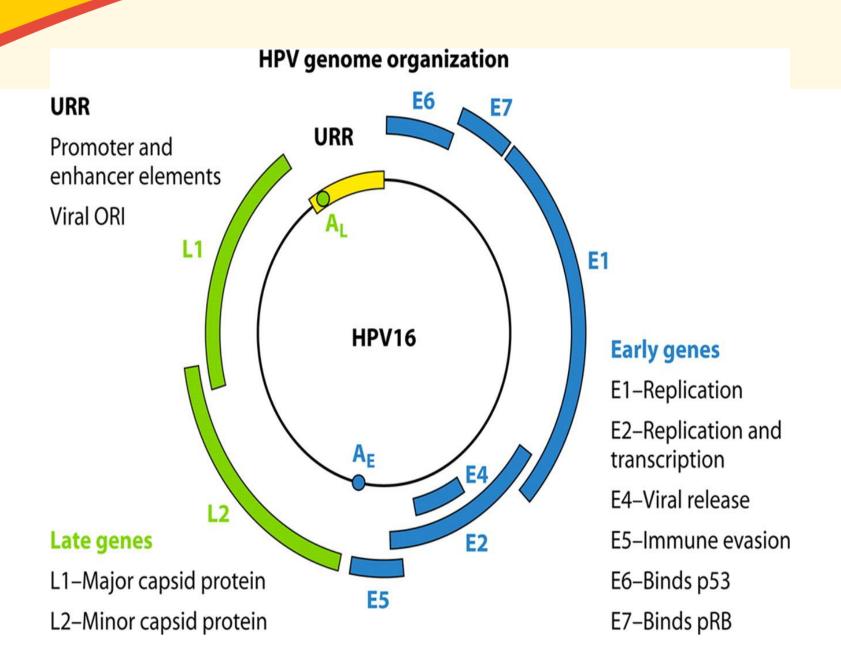


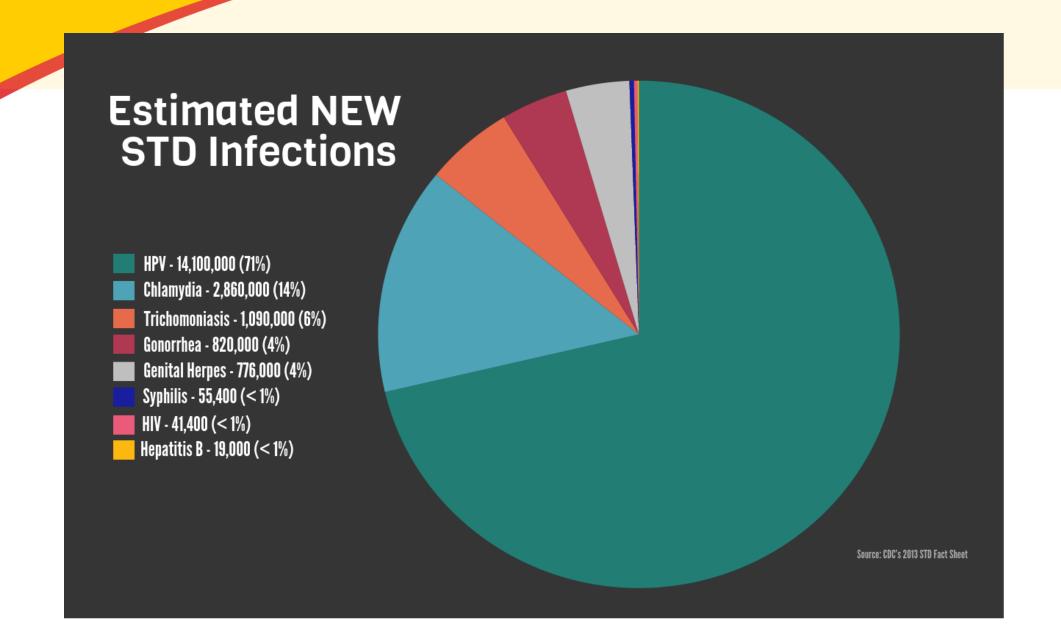
# What is HPV? - Epidemiology of HPV related cancers

## Human papillomavirus structure

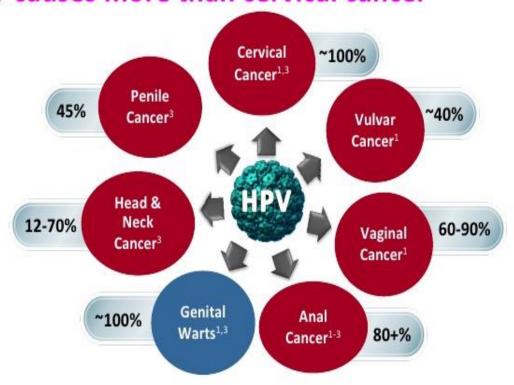
- HPV is a relatively small virus containing double-stranded DNA within a spherical shell (capsid)<sup>1</sup>
  - The capsid is composed of two proteins, the 'late' or structural proteins L1 and L2<sup>1</sup>







#### HPV causes more than cervical cancer



Percentages represent cases attributable to HPV infection

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#### Numbers of U.S. Cancers and Genital Warts Attributed to HPV Infections

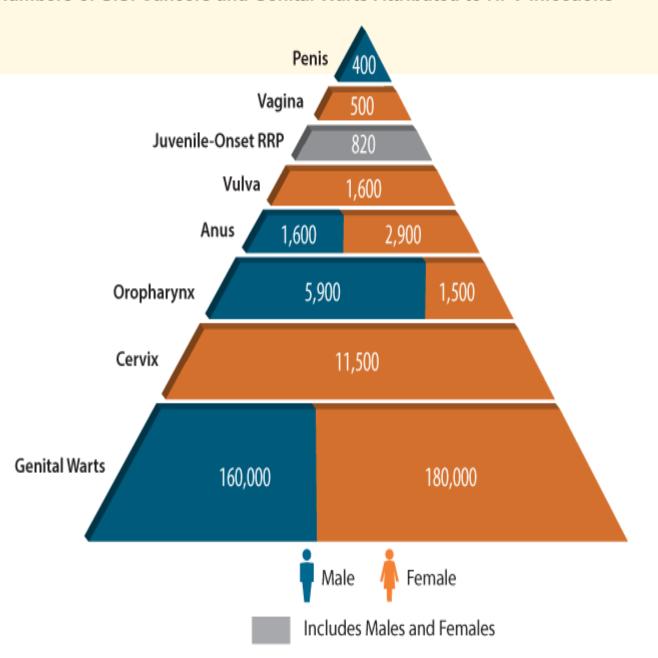
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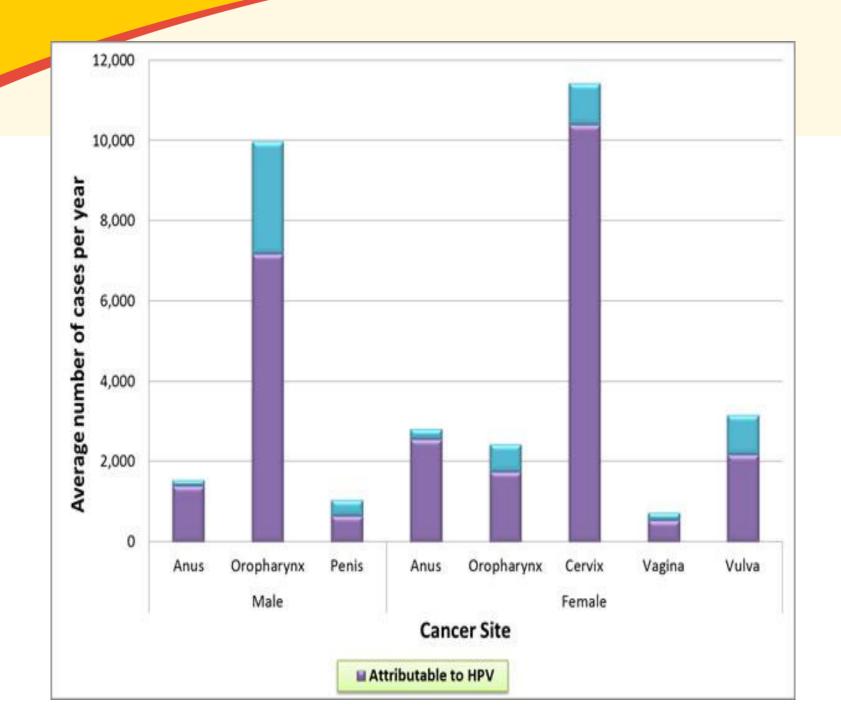
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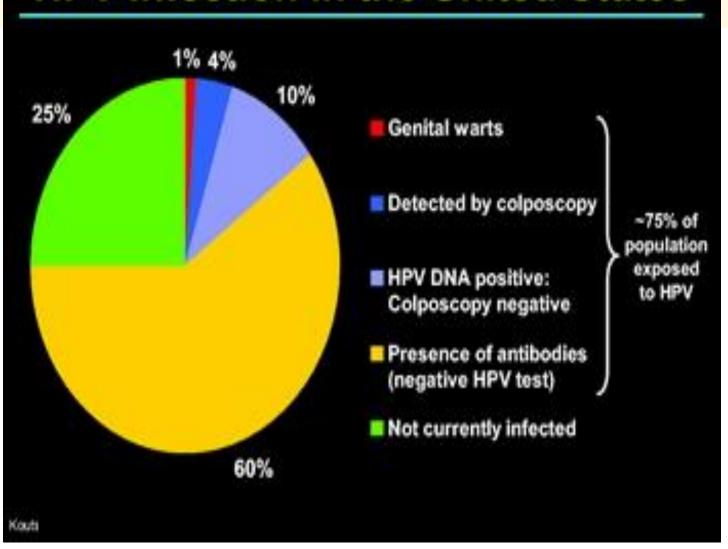
#### **U.S. Cancers Attributed to HPV**

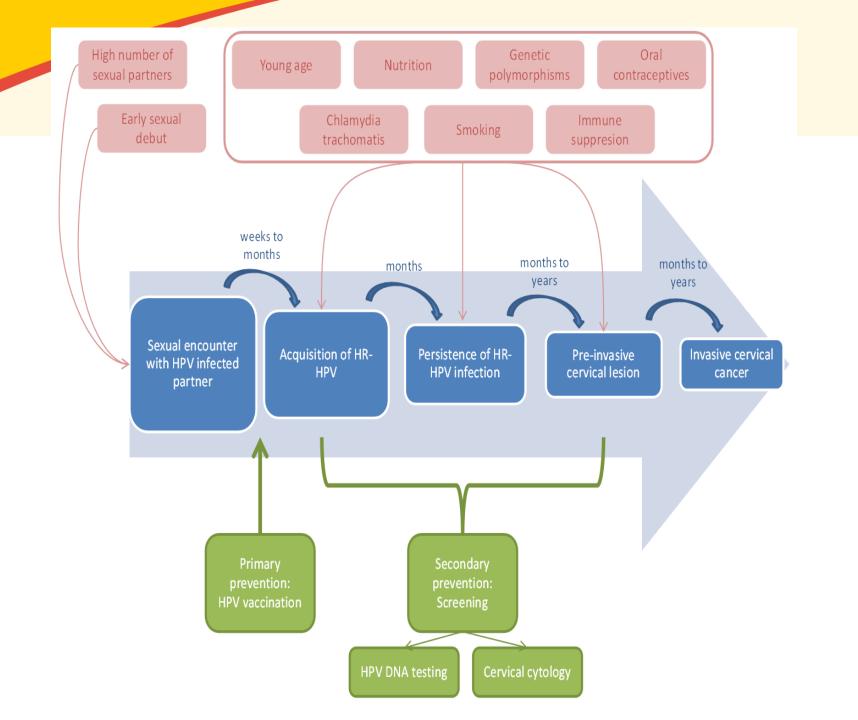
Cancer Site	Average # Cancers Per Year at Site (a)	Percent Probably Caused by HPV (a)	Number Probably Caused by HPV (a)	Percent HPV Cancers Probably Caused by HPV16 or 18 (b)	Number Probably Caused by HPV16 or 18
Anus	4,767	93	4,500	93	4,200
Cervix	11,967	96	11,500	76	8,700
Oropharynx	11,726	63	7,400	95	7,000
Penis	1,046	36	400	87	300
Vagina	729	64	500	88	400
Vulva	3,136	51	1,600	86	1,400
TOTAL	33,371		25,900		22,000

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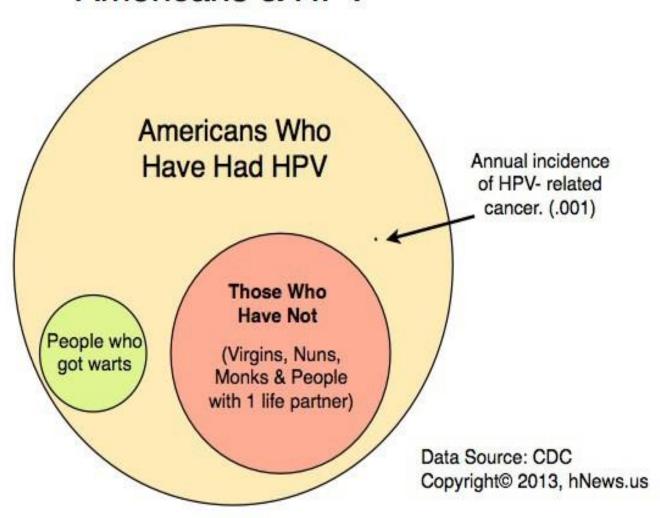
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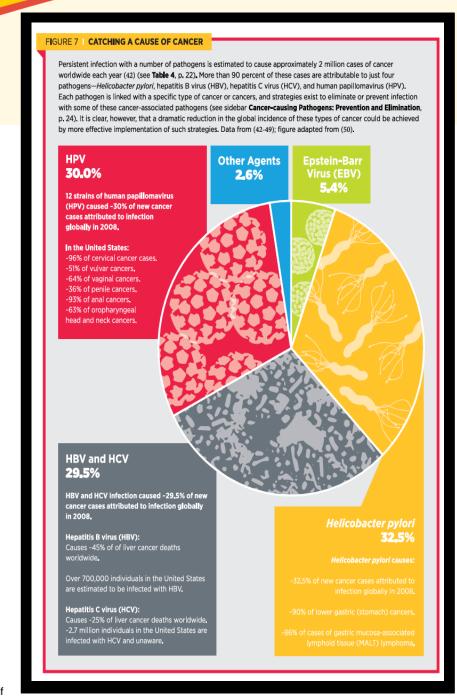
## **HPV Infection in the United States**





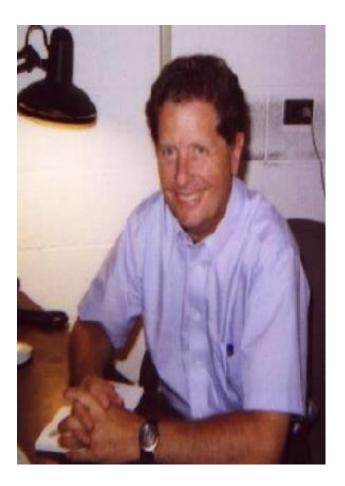
### Americans & HPV





# HPV vaccines – a remarkable success story

## Richard Schlegel, M.D., Ph.D.





## Papillomavirus Vaccine Development

- HPV monovalent (HPV 16) vaccine shown to protect against persistent infection 2002
- Schlegel lab (Georgetown)
   develops bivalent vaccine against
   HPV 16/18 licensed through
   Medimmune to GSK

# Efficacy of a bivalent L1 virus-like particle vaccine in prevention of infection with human papillomavirus types 16 and 18 in young women: a randomised controlled trial

Diane M Harper, Eduardo L Franco, Cosette Wheeler, Daron G Ferris, David Jenkins, Anne Schuind, Toufik Zahaf, Bruce Innis, Paulo Naud, Newton S De Carvalho, Cecilia M Roteli-Martins, Julio Teixeira, Mark M Blatter, Abner P Korn, Wim Quint, Gary Dubin, for the GlaxoSmithKline HPV Vaccine Study Group\*

#### Summary

Background Vaccination against the most common oncogenic human papillomavirus (HPV) types, HPV-16 and HPV-18, could prevent development of up to 70% of cervical cancers worldwide. We did a randomised, double-blind, controlled trial to assess the efficacy, safety, and immunogenicity of a bivalent HPV-16/18 L1 virus-like particle vaccine for the prevention of incident and persistent infection with these two virus types, associated cervical cytological abnormalities, and precancerous lesions.

www.lancet.com Vol 364 November 13, 2004

Findings In the according-to-protocol analyses, vaccine efficacy was 91.6% (95% CI 64.5–98.0) against incident infection and 100% against persistent infection (47.0–100) with HPV-16/18. In the intention-to-treat analyses, vaccine efficacy was 95.1% (63.5–99.3) against persistent cervical infection with HPV-16/18 and 92.9% (70.0–98.3) against cytological abnormalities associated with HPV-16/18 infection. The vaccine was generally safe, well tolerated, and highly immunogenic.

Interpretation The bivalent HPV vaccine was efficacious in prevention of incident and persistent cervical infections with HPV-16 and HPV-18, and associated cytological abnormalities and lesions. Vaccination against such infections could substantially reduce incidence of cervical cancer.



## Vaccination against human papillomaviruses shows great promise

It took almost 10 years from the discovery of an association between human papillomavirus (HPV) and cervical cancer <sup>1</sup> to the finding of HPV type 16 in cervical cancer tissue. <sup>2</sup> It took another 10 years to show that past infection with HPV16 increases the risk for subsequent development of invasive cervical cancer, <sup>3</sup> and yet another decade to show that the seven most prevalent HPV types cause 87% of all cervical cancers. <sup>4</sup> By comparison, the creation of HPV virus-like-particle (VLP) vaccines has been a rapid breakthrough. VLPs mimic the true structure of the virion and induce a striking antibody response after vaccination. <sup>5</sup> 2 years ago, Koutsky et al <sup>6</sup> showed that vaccination with HPV16 VLPs protected 768 vaccinated women from persistent HPV16 infection.

In today's *Lancet*, <u>Diane Harper and colleagues</u> now expand this rapid development in a phase 2 trial in just over 1100 participants, a study that lasted 2·5 years. VLPs of the two most important oncogenic HPV types, HPV16 and HPV18, were combined in a preventive vaccine. According-to-protocol and intention-to-treat analyses showed high efficacy for this bivalent vaccine against both the incident and persistent HPV16 and HPV18 infections. This efficacy turned out to be excellent even though the most sensitive method, vaginal self-sampling, was used to define the endpoints.

## HOW DO THE THREE FDA-APPROVED HPV VACCINES DIFFER?

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#### strains of HPV can cause cancer:

HPV16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, and 66.

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FDA-approved vaccines can prevent infection with some of these strains.



#### CERVARIX

- Protects against infection with HPV16 and HPV18.
- · FDA approved in 2009.
- FDA approved for:
- preventing cervical cancer and precancers.
- vaccination of females ages 9 to 25.



#### GARDASIL

- Protects against infection with HPV16 and HPV18, as well as HPV6 and HPV11, which cause genital warts.
- FDA approved in 2006.
- FDA approved for:
- preventing anal, cervical, vaginal, and vulvar cancers and precancers, as well as genital warts.
- vaccination of males and females ages 9 to 26.



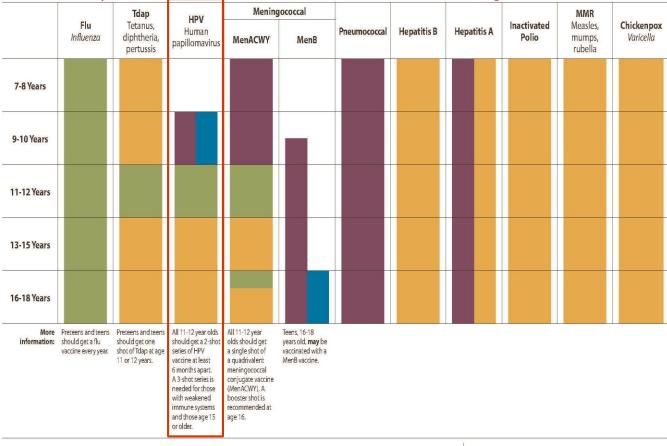
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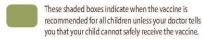
- Protects against infection with HPV6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, and 58.
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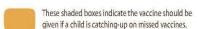
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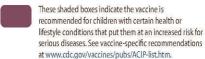
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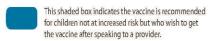
#### Talk to your child's doctor or nurse about the vaccines recommended for their age.















## **HPV** Vaccine Facts

for boys and girls

Every year 26,800 women and men in the U.S. develop HPV-related cancer.

90% of genital warts, 74% of all HPV cancers, and 81% of cervical cancers are prevented by the vaccine.

Up to 80% of sexually active individuals have had HPV. Safer sex practices like condoms and monogamy do not fully protect against HPV.

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The newest HPV vaccine protects against 9 HPV types and

6 kinds of cancer.

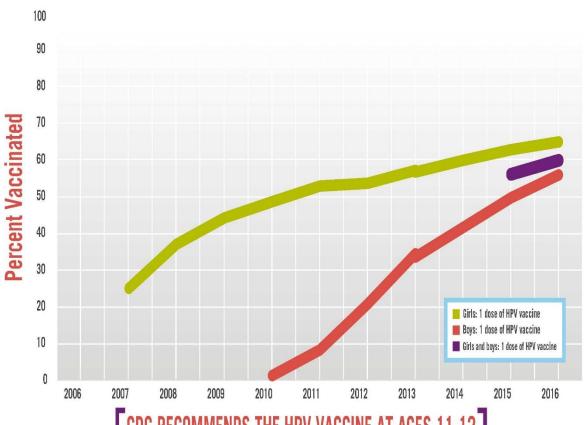
In the U.S., 79 million are currently infected with HPV. Half of all new infections are in boys and girls aged 15-24.

11-12 years is the optimal age for the vaccine because antibody production is highest, and it should be given long before any sexual contact to be most protective.



HPV vaccination is the best way to protect your children from cancers caused by HPV

6 OUT 1 parents are choosing to get the human papillomavirus vaccine for their children



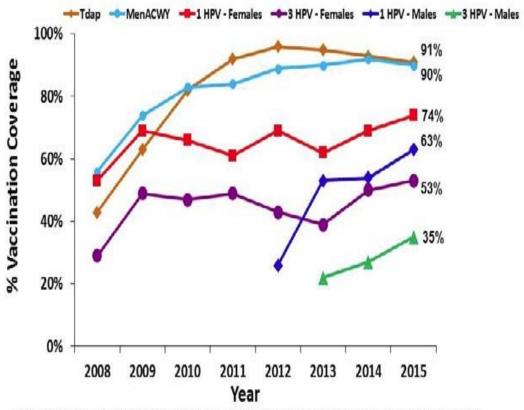
CDC RECOMMENDS THE HPV VACCINE AT AGES 11-12
Talk to your child's doctor about HPV cancer prevention

www.cdc.gov/hpv



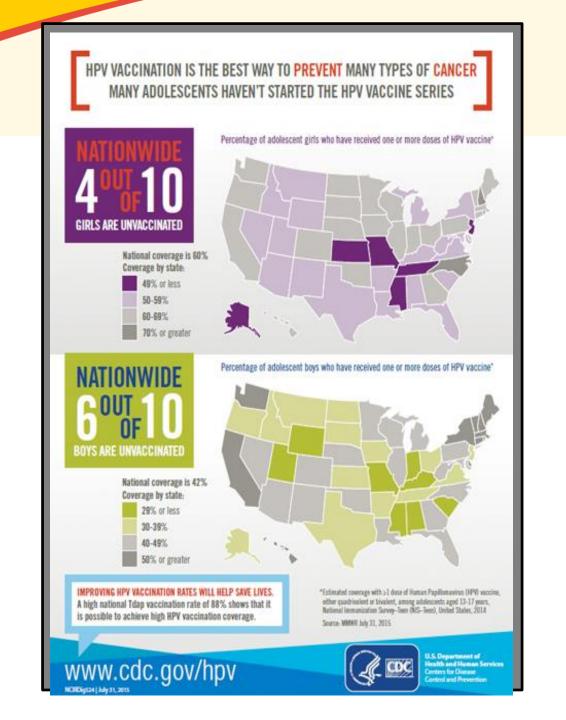
# Trends in HPV Vaccination Rates: Ages 13-17 Yrs

Adolescent Vaccination Coverage,
Massachusetts, NIS, 13-17 year olds, 2008 – 2015



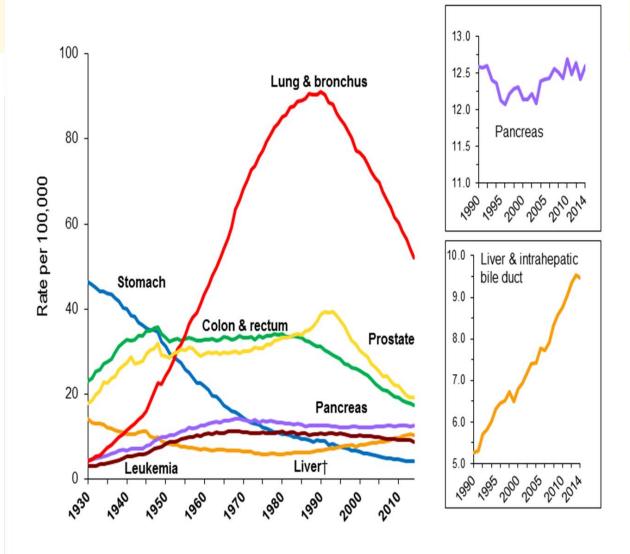
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# The US cancer landscape is changing rapidly

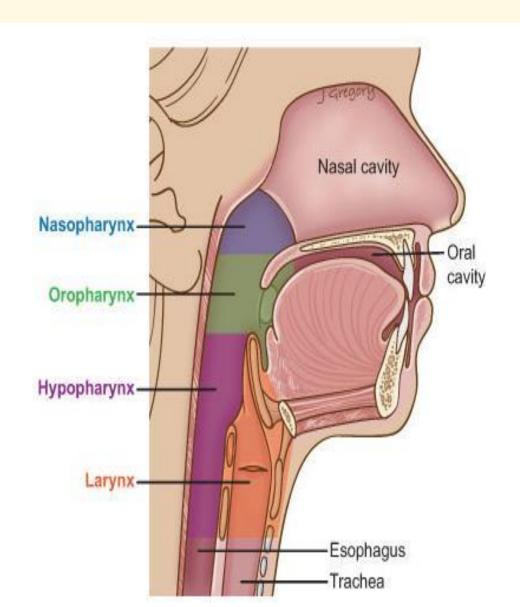
#### Trends in Cancer Death Rates\* Among Males, US,1930-2014



<sup>\*</sup>Age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population. †Includes intrahepatic bile duct, gallbladder, and other biliary.

NOTE: Due to International Classification of Diseases coding changes, numerator information for colorectal, liver, and lung cancers has changed over time Source: National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2016.

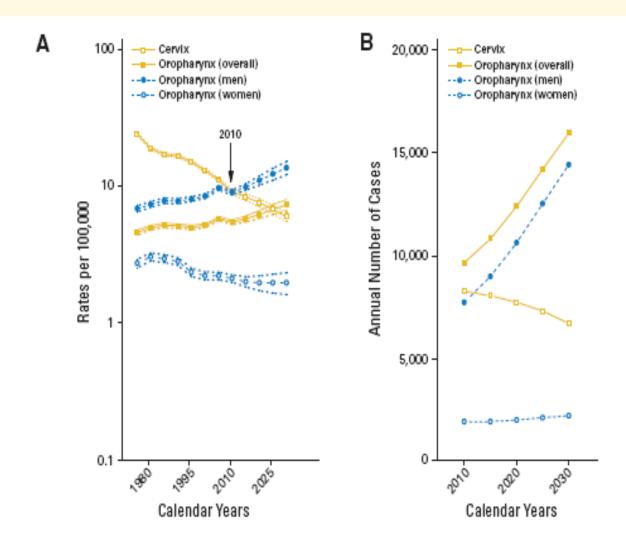
# Head and Neck Cancer – distinct anatomic sites with distinct biology



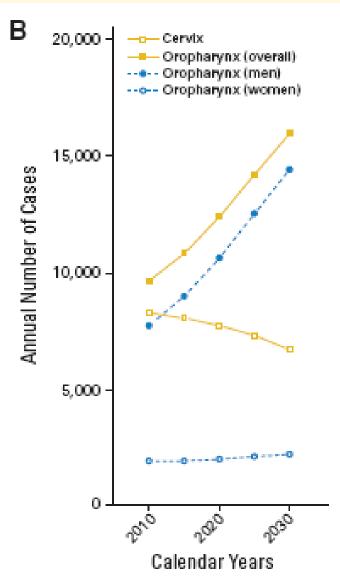
# Papillomavirus and Head and Neck Cancer

- 2/3 of oropharyngeal (tonsil and base of tongue) cancers contain detectable HPV DNA
- Almost all of these cancers associated with HPV 16
- HPV incidence increasing, now accounts for about 25% of all head and neck cancers
- Associated with other cancers as well

## Oropharyngeal cancer cases in men now outnumbers cervical cancer cases in women



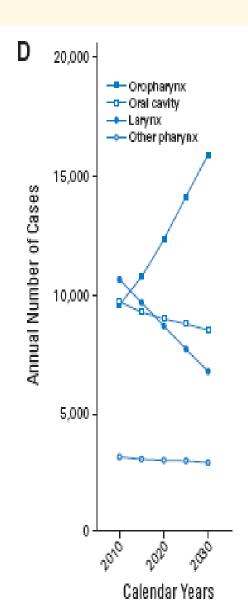
By 2030 there will be four times as many cases of oropharyngeal cancer in U.S. men as cervical cancer in U.S. women



Chaturvedi et al

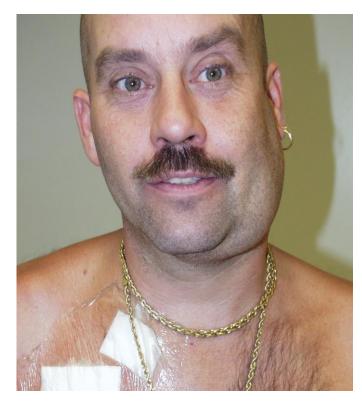
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# HPV associated head and neck cancer is climbing rapidly while smoking related head and neck cancer is declining



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# Oropharyngeal Cancer - Concomitant Cisplatin/RT

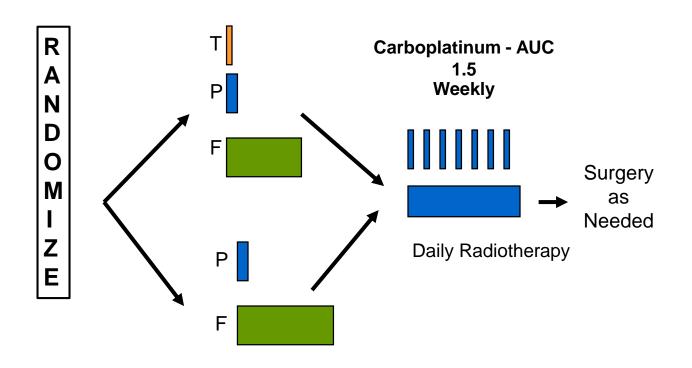




**Pre Treatment** 

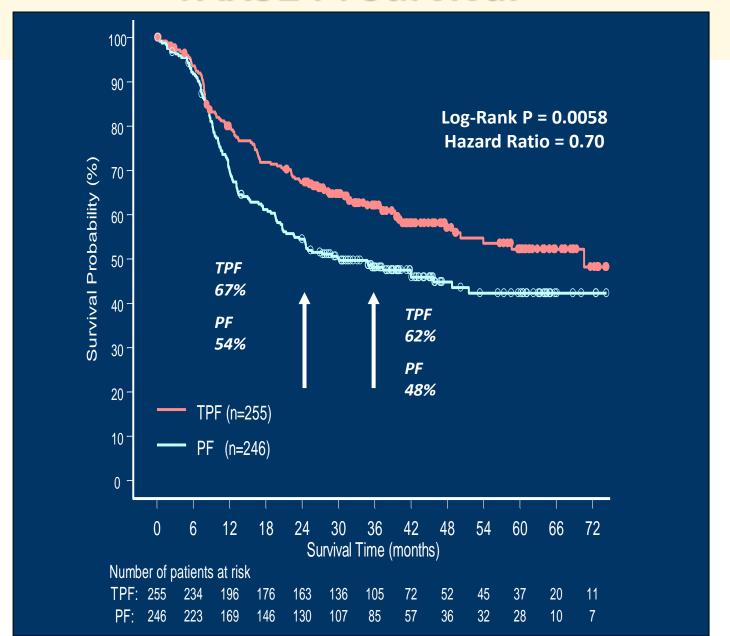
**Post Treatment** 

# TAX 324: <u>Sequential</u> Combined Modality Therapy TPF vs PF Followed by Chemoradiotherapy

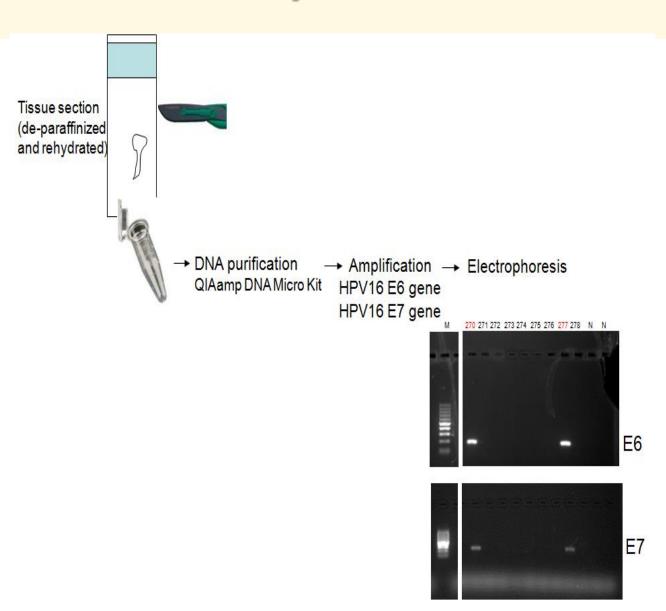


TPF: Docetaxel 75<sub>D1</sub> + Cisplatin  $100_{D1}$  + 5-FU  $1000_{CI-D1-4}$  Q 3 weeks x3
PF: Cisplatin  $100_{D1}$  + 5-FU  $1000_{CI-D1-5}$  Q 3 weeks x 3

### TAX324 : Survival



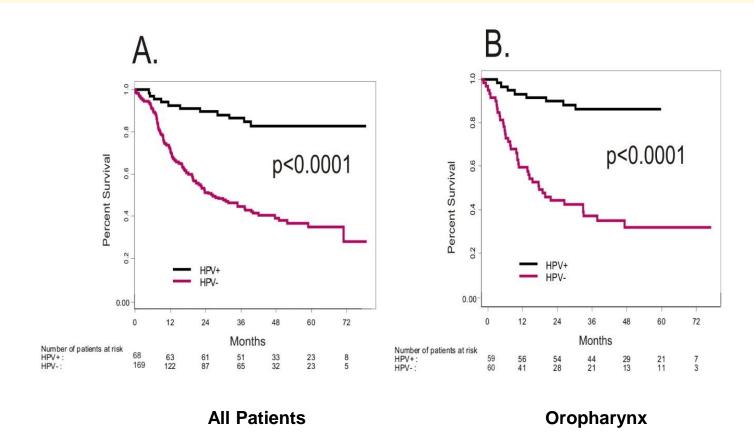
## **HPV Analysis – TAX 324**



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- 270 cases available (of 521)
- 269 yielded adequate DNA
- 238 interpretable HPV results
- Validation set (49 random cases repeated) error 0/49 for E6, 1/49 for E7
- 68 HPV positive, 170 HPV negative
- 59/68 positive cases oropharynx
- 49% of oropharynx HPV positive

# HPV Positive Tumors Have Excellent Prognosis – TAX 324



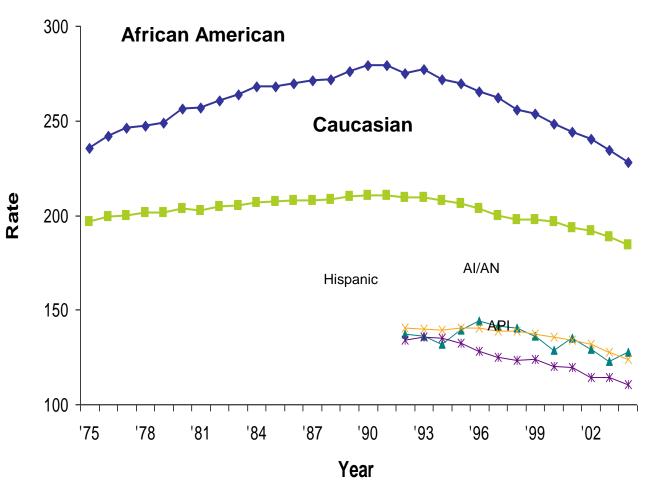
# RACIAL DISPARITIES IN HEAD AND NECK CANCER

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"If you get cancer, whether you live or die shouldn't be determined by your zip code."

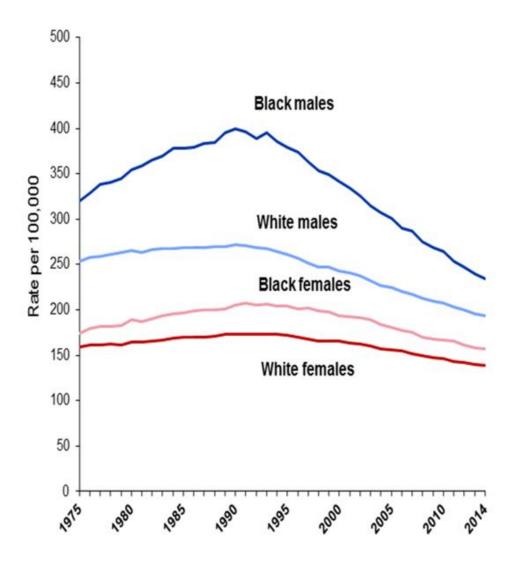
Stewart Greenebaum

## All Sites – Cancer Mortality Rates 1973-2004 By Race, Males and Females



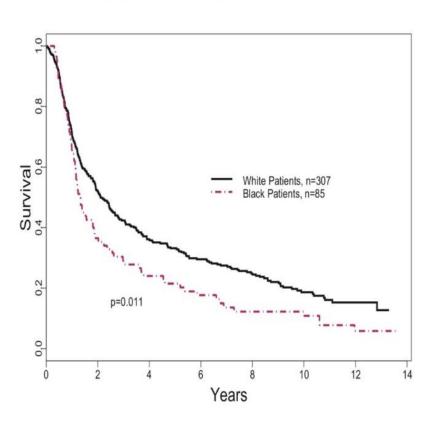
Incidence and mortality rates per 100,000 and age-adjusted to 2000 US standard population SEER Cancer Statistics Review 1975-2004.

#### Trends in Cancer Death Rates\* by Sex and Race, US, 1975-2014

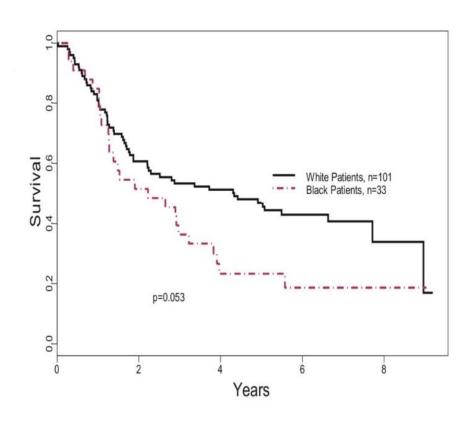


# Black patients with locally advanced HNSCC show poor survival compared to whites – RTOG 9003, 9501

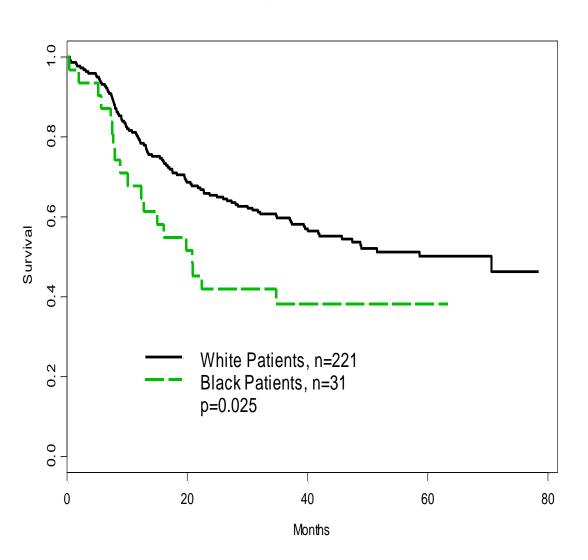
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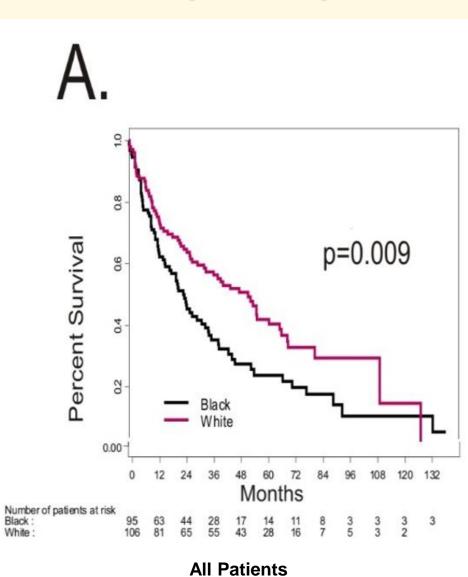


#### Cancer **Prevention** Research

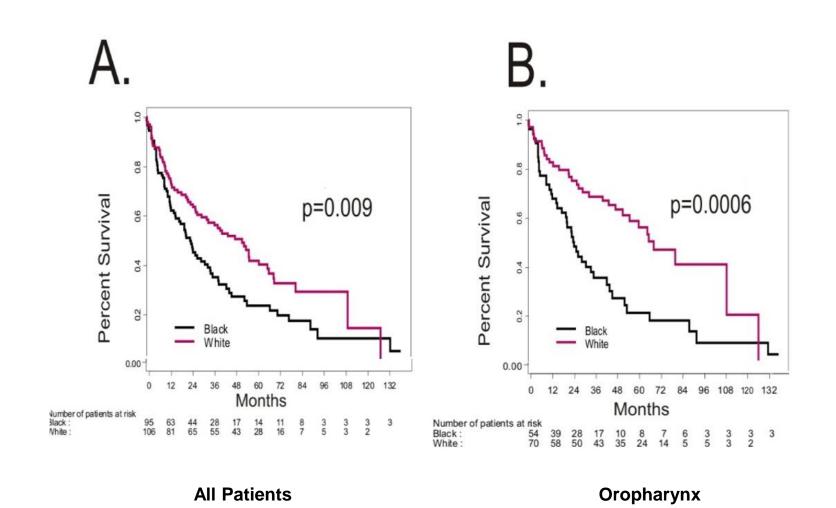
# Racial Survival Disparity in Head and Neck Cancer Results from Low Prevalence of Human Papillomavirus Infection in Black Oropharyngeal Cancer Patients

Kathleen Settle,<sup>1</sup> Marshall R. Posner,<sup>2</sup> Lisa M. Schumaker,<sup>1</sup> Ming Tan,<sup>1</sup> Mohan Suntharalingam,<sup>1</sup> Olga Goloubeva,<sup>1</sup> Scott E. Strome,<sup>1</sup> Robert I. Haddad,<sup>2</sup> Shital S. Patel,<sup>1</sup> Earl V. Cambell III,<sup>1</sup> Nicholas Sarlis,<sup>3</sup> Jochen Lorch<sup>2</sup> and Kevin J. Cullen<sup>1</sup>

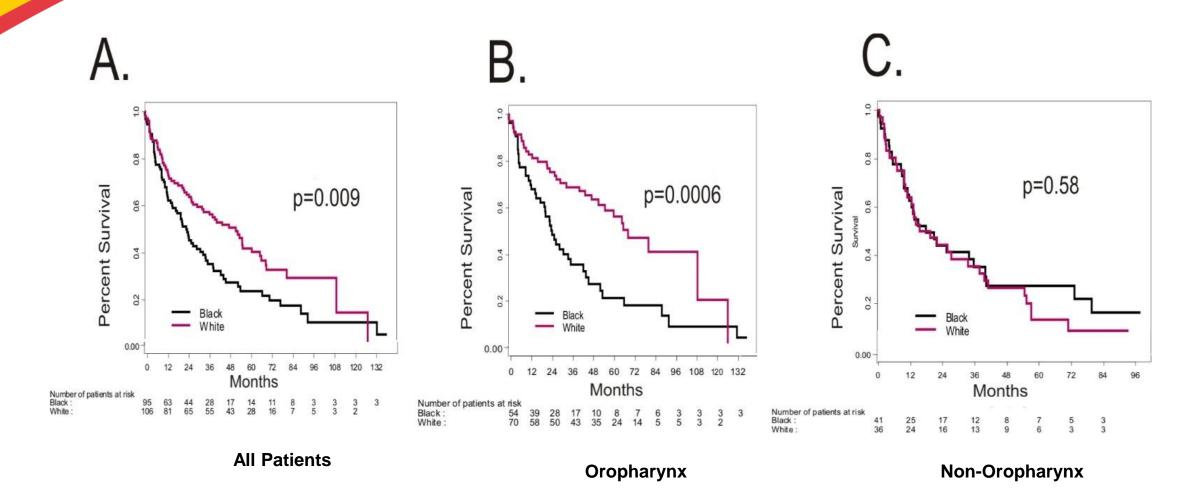
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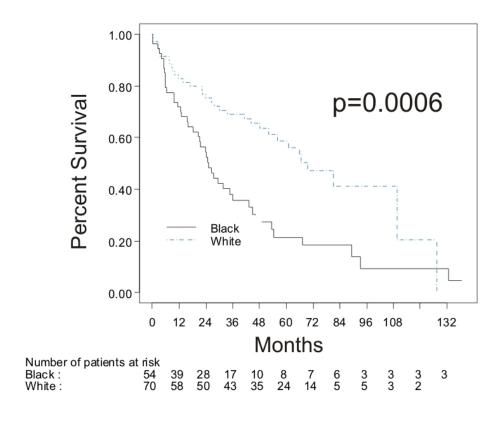
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#### 4am moment – "gee there is something similar about these curves...."

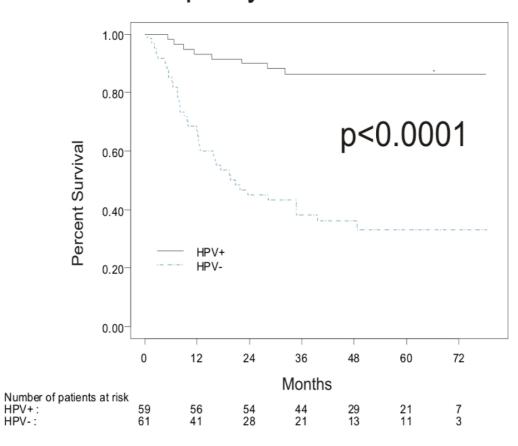
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U of MD - Race

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**Tax 324 - HPV** 

## HPV Positive Cases by Race – TAX 324

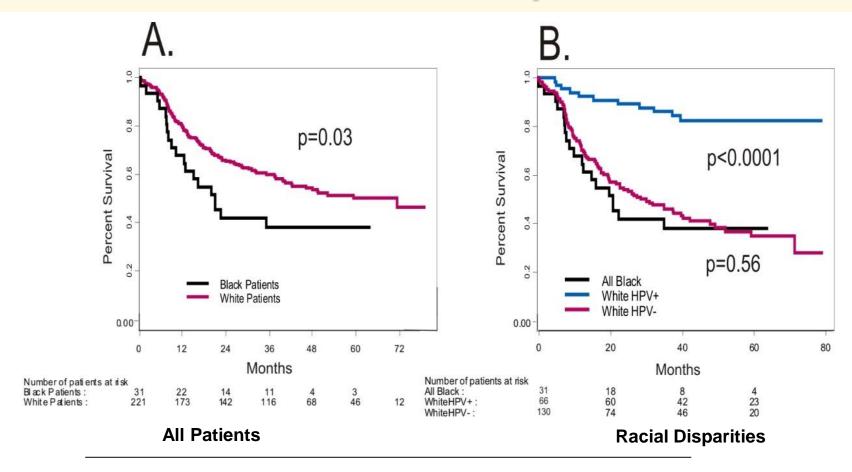
Race*	HPV negative	HPV positive	Total
White	130, 66%	66, 34%	196
Black	28, 97%	1, 3%	29
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Whites 10 times more likely than blacks to be HPV positive p=0.0003

## Impact of Race on Survival TAX 324 Study



Racial disparity is due to large number of white patients with good prognosis HPV positive tumors – rate of HPV positive tumors very low in blacks.

### Science Times

#### The New York Times

#### Findings May Explain Gap in Cancer Survival

#### By RONI CARYN RABIN

Scientists say they have made a discovery that may help explain the racial gap in cancer survival, providing clues to why white patients often outlive blacks even when they have what appear to be the same cancers.

The insights come from research at the University of Maryland into throat cancer and squamous-cell cancers of the head and neck, which have been increasing sharply in recent years, apparently because of the human papillomavirus — the same sexually transmitted virus that causes cervical cancer and is the target of a vaccine for girls.

The virus can also be spread through oral sex, causing can-

A racial disparity may have roots in a tumor's cause. cer of the throat and tonsils, or oropharyngeal cancer.

The new research builds on earlier work suggesting that throat cancer tumors caused by the virus behave very differently from other throat cancers, and actually respond better to treatment. And the new research suggests that whites are more likely than blacks to have tumors linked to the virus, which may explain the poor outcomes of African-Americans with HPV-negative tumors.

University of Maryland researchers did the study after finding that their white patients with throat cancer were surviving 70 months on average, compared with 25 months for their black patients, even though all were treated at the same hospital.

The racial disparity in survival for oropharyngeal cancers explained most of the gap between blacks and whites for all head and neck cancers, the researchers said.

"We were shocked to see this in our own institution, where more than half of the patients we treat are African-American," said Dr. Kevin J. Cullen, director of the Greenebaum Cancer Center at University of Maryland and senior author of the new study, in the September issue of Cancer Prevention Research.

Around the same time, the Maryland researchers were analyzing specimens of head and neck tumors gathered from participants in a treatment trial called the TAX 324 study, to determine how many tumors were linked to HPV.

The results were striking: the TAX 324 patients whose tumors were caused by the virus responded much better to treatment with chemotherapy and radiation. And they were also overwhelmingly white.

While about one-half of the white patients' throat tumors were HPV-positive, only one of the black patients had a tumor caused by the virus, Dr. Cullen said.

"There was no difference in the survival between black and white patients in the TAX 324 trials if you subtracted out the HPV-positive patients," he said. The racial gap has often been explained as a result of late diagnosis among African-Americans, lack of access to care and less aggressive treatment, but experts said that in the case of oropharyngeal cancer, there appeared to be distinct biological differences between the tumors.

This suggests that the racial gap in survival for this particular cancer may trace back to social and cultural differences between blacks and whites, including different sexual practices, experts said.

At a briefing for reporters, leading cancer experts called the new report a landmark paper that would transform the treatment of oropharyngeal cancers and challenge doctors to develop new treatment options for patients with HPV-negative tumors.

Dr. Otis Brawley, medical director of the American Cancer Society, who wrote an editorial accompanying the report, said that changing sexual practices were increasing rates of head and neck cancers, and perhaps others as well.

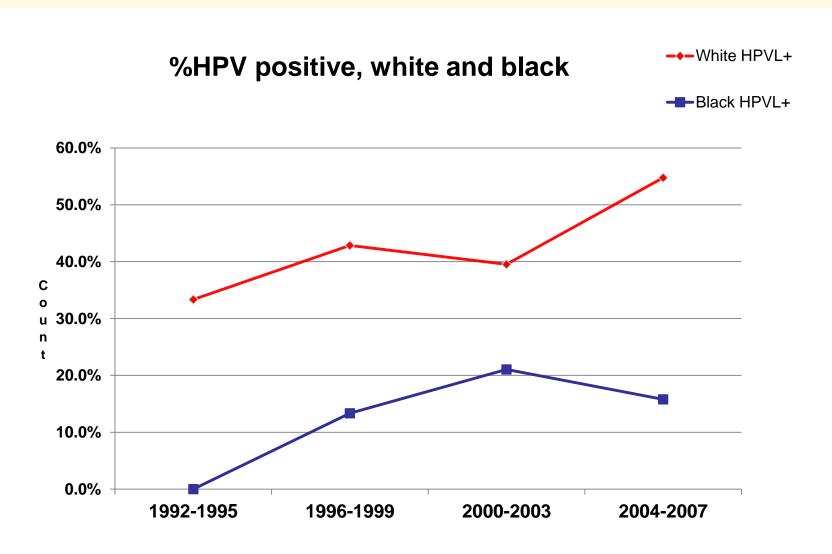
"There is a huge public health message here," he said.

#### **HPV Summary – Tax 324 and U. Maryland**

TAX 324			UMGCC OPC		
	HPV- (%)	HPV +(%)	HPV- (%)	HPV+ (%)	
White	130 (66)	66 (34)	67 (53)	54 (47)	
Black	27 (96)	1 (4)	62 (87)	9 (13)	
Total	157	67	129	63	

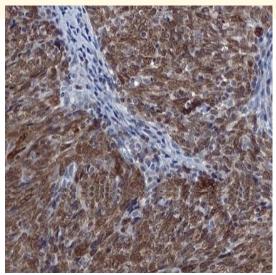
Combined TAX 324 +UMGCC					
	HPV - (%)	HPV+ (%)			
White	197 (62)	120 (38)			
Black	99 (91)	10 (9)			

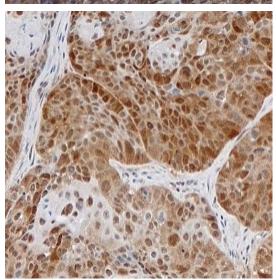
## HPV 16 Positive Oropharyngeal Cancer 1992-2007, University of Maryland



Prognostic Markers in Oropharyngeal Cancer Tax 324, U. of Maryland

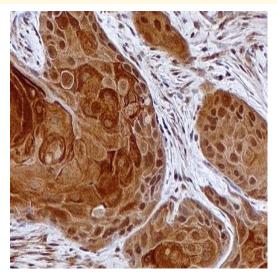
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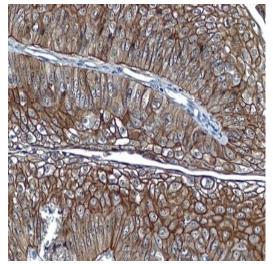




- Bcl-2
  - Resistance to apoptosis– favorable prognosis(Dako 124)
- Thymidylate synthase
  - Resistance to 5fluorouracil – adverse prognosis
     (Zymed TS 106)

### Markers Analyzed (3)





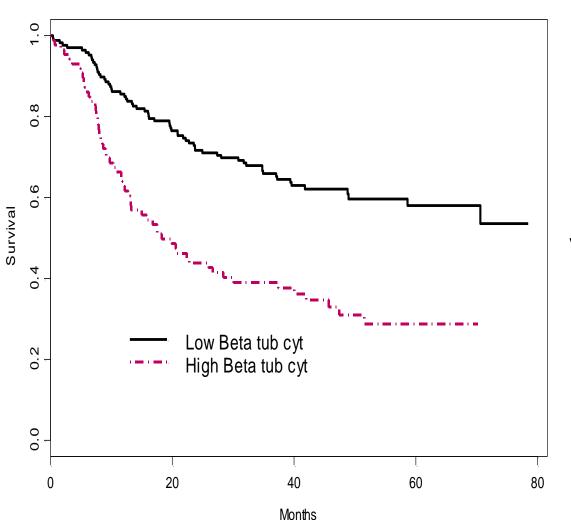
- Beta-tubulin-II
  - Target of taxanes -?adverse prognosis(Biogenex JDR 3B8)
- Her-2 neu
  - Negative prognostic factor in several cancers

(Dako A0485)

# TAX 324 - Marker expression and survival – Univariate Analysis

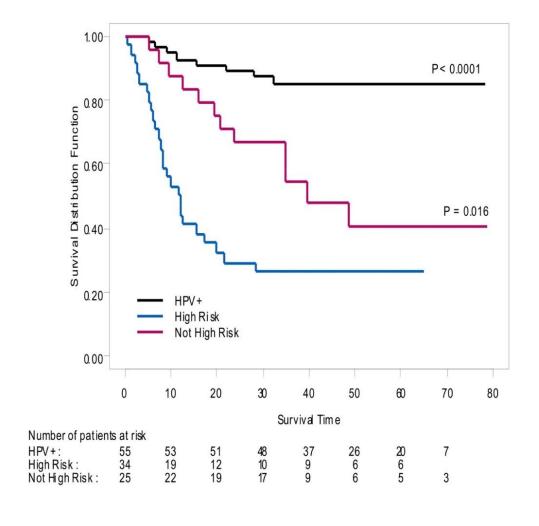
Marker's category by intensity	N	OS			PFS		
		HR (95% CI)	Median (95% CI)	P-Value	HR (95% CI)	Median (95% CI)	P-Value
P53	136 127	1.0 1.39 (0.98-1.97)	—(39.59—) —41.79 (21.78—)	0.066	1.0 1.29 (0.93-1.78)	34.46 (16.42—) 16.82 (10.32-39.39)	0.12
Bcl2 ≤1 >1	178 77	1.0 0.67 (0.44-1.01)	39.39 (23.75—) — (48.79—)	0.051	1.0 0.70 (0.48-1.02)	18.53 (11.60-31.18) 55.82 (24.44—)	0.06
TS ≤1 >1	153 109	1.0 1.01 (0.70-1.44)	51.55 (37.22—) — (25.95—)	0.96	1.0 0.93 (0.67-1.30)	21.72 (13.53-45.73) 25.95 (12.88—)	0.67
GSTpi	165 96	1.0 1.44 (1.01-2.06)	70.60 (47.44—) 37.22 (25.95-58.64)	0.04	1.0 1.32 (0.95-1.84)	39.39 (16.03—) 19.32 (10.15-37.72)	0.01
HER2 ≤1 >1	135 122	1.0 1.13 (0.79-1.60)	58.64 (37.06—) 48.95 (25.94—)	0.51	1.0 1.04 (0.75-1.45)	21.72 (13.60-47.44) 21.72 (12.12-55.82)	0.80
β-tub Cytoplasmic ≤ 2 >2	169 86	1.0 2.39 (1.67-3.42)	— (58.64—) 18.27 (13.11-30.06)	<.0001	1.0 1.99 (1.43-2.77)	43.17 (24.44—) 9.82 (7.06-18.53)	<.0001

# TAX 324 – Beta-Tubulin-II expression and overall survival



Median survival 58 months v 18.2 months (p<0.0001)

### HPV status and biomarkers define risk groups in oropharyngeal cancer



High risk HPV negative – Beta tubulin positive or 2/3 other markers positive

#### Conclusions

- HPV is a growing cause of cancer worldwide in women and in men.
- 75% of the US population has been exposed to HPV, nearly 15% have active asymptomatic infection
- The HPV vaccine is safe and effective and should be given to all children starting at age 9
- HPV associated oropharyngeal cancer has a good prognosis but can still be lethal
- HPV and other prognostic markers can be combined to tailor therapy
- HPV may explain some but not all outcome disparities in head and neck cancer and is the subject of ongoing research

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