**Synopsis:**

The Human Papillomaviurs (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted infections in the world today, and college aged students are at high risk for contracting HPV due to increased sexual activity, and lack of knowledge. This study is looking to determine the knowledge level of freshman students in their first year of college. Questions are designed in an exam format that assesses their knowledge of the virus, screening, detection and risks associated with HPV. At the completion of the questionnaire, students will be given the correct answers in order to heighten their awareness of the disease, and correct any misinformation they may have.

**Recruitment**

Questionnaires will be sent out electronically to freshman students Texas State email accounts. A description of the study will be explained, and students will be informed that their information will be kept confidential, and they are free to ignore any questions they do not feel comfortable with. In order to increase participation, students who complete the survey will be eligible to win a $25 gift card that will be randomly selected within a month of the questionnaire being sent out.

**Description and Consent Form to be seen before Questionnaire-** a check box will be available for them to click if they consent and will then allow them to proceed to the questionnaire.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this study. The goal of this research is to determine the level of knowledge incoming freshman have on sexually transmitted diseases, and identify any gaps in knowledge that need to be filled in. By taking this survey you are consenting for the researchers to use this information anonymously; your answers and information will be kept confidential.

You were chosen to participate in this research because you are a freshman enrolled at Texas State University. You participation is highly valued, and is voluntary. You are free to not participate, ignore any questions you feel uncomfortable answering, or stop at any point during the process. The entire questionnaire should take no more than 5-7 minutes.

As a thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey, you will eligible to win a $25 Visa gift card that will be selected at random from students who complete the survey.

If you have any questions or concerns about this research please feel free to contact the administrator, Megan Trad at [mt40@txstate.edu](mailto:mt40@txstate.edu) or by phone 512 245-7047.

**Questionnaire**

Please indicate whether you believe each of the following statements are **true** or **false**.

1. HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection?
2. Men do not have to worry about HPV because it is an infection that only affects women?
3. Most people with HPV do not know they have it?
4. HPV can be contacted through oral sex?
5. A person can acquire HPV even if they haven’t had sex with the infected person in years?
6. At least 50% of sexually active men and women will contract HPV at some point in their life?
7. HPV is associated with penile cancer?
8. HPV is associated with anal cancer in both men and women?
9. HPV is associated with some head and neck cancers?
10. HPV is associated with cervical cancer?
11. Condoms do not fully protect you against HPV?
12. HPV usually goes away on its own without causing any health problems?
13. Approximately 20 million Americans are infected with HPV?
14. Each year approximately 12,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer in the United States?
15. Gardasil, the vaccination against HPV is available to both males and females?
16. HPV vaccines will also protect you from HPV related genital warts?
17. The HPV vaccine must be given prior to exposure to HPV?
18. The HPV vaccine is given in a 3 part series?
19. Almost all cervical cancer is caused by HPV?
20. HPV is a group of more than 100 viruses that all affect the body in different ways?
21. HPV has a strong correlation with oropharyngeal cancer?
22. Any genital contact can lead to an HPV infection?
23. I am at risk for contracting HPV?
24. I received education on HPV in high school?
25. I received education on HPV from my parents?
26. I received education on HPV from my health care provider?
27. HPV is an STD that only affects women?
28. There is a vaccine available that cures HPV?
29. There is a vaccine available that prevents HPV?
30. I have received some portion of the HPV vaccine?
31. I have received the entire series in the HVP vaccine?

Demographics

1. Age
2. Sex
3. Race
4. Marital status
5. How many lifetime sexual partners have you had