

# The Cervical Cancer Elimination Initiative foundational course



Cervical cancer is a preventable and curable disease, if detected early and adequately treated. Yet it remains one of the most common cancers and causes of cancer-related deaths in women across the globe, disproportionately affecting low- and middle-income countries. In May 2018, the WHO Director-General announced a global call for action to eliminate cervical cancer and subsequently established his flagship [Cervical Cancer Elimination Initiative](#) to develop a global strategy for the elimination of cervical cancer. In August 2020 the World Health Assembly adopted the [Global Strategy for cervical cancer elimination](#). This course provides foundational knowledge on the strategies that countries should follow to reach and maintain the goal of an incidence rate of below 4 per 100 000 women via three key pillars and their corresponding targets: vaccination, screening and treatment.

Module	Title	Contributor
<b>Introduction to the WHO Cervical Cancer Elimination Initiative</b>	<b>What is the WHO Cervical Cancer Elimination Initiative?</b> Epidemiology, disparity and inequity of cervical cancer	<b>Dr Prebo Barango</b> , WHO Cervical Cancer Elimination Initiative Lead
<b>Pillar 1: HPV vaccination and cervical cancer prevention and control</b>	<b>Importance and status of HPV vaccination in attaining global cervical cancer elimination</b>	<b>Paul Bloem</b> , Senior Technical Officer, HPV Vaccine Impact Lead, WHO
	<b>OPTIONAL Case study:</b> Towards the elimination of cervical cancer – HPV vaccination in Colombia	<b>Dr Carlos Castro</b> , Medical Director, Liga Colombiana Contra el Cancer
	<b>OPTIONAL Case study:</b> La dose unique et l'immunisation anti-HPV en Afrique au sud du Sahara	<b>Dr Freddy Gnangnon</b> , Maître de conférences agrégé, Université d'Abomey-Calavi, Benin
<b>Pillar 2: Secondary prevention: screening</b>	<b>Detecting cervical cancer through screening</b>	<b>Dr Julia Gage</b> , Epidemiologist, Centre for Global Health, National Cancer Institute, USA
<b>Pillar 3: Treatment and care for cervical cancer</b>	<b>Treating cervical cancer pre-cancer and cancer</b>	<b>Dr Kathleen Schmeler</b> , Professor of Gynecologic oncology and Associate Vice President of Global Oncology, MD Anderson Cancer Center, USA

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