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## **HPV Vaccination Honor Roll awards issued for New York City practices with the best HPV vaccination rates over the past year**

*New York, NY 11/1/2023* — NYS HPV Coalition announced the release of awards in the New York City (NYC) region for the pediatric or family care practices that have the best performance related to HPV vaccination rates for adolescent patients. The selection of the awards was a partnership between the NYS HPV Coalition, led by the American Cancer Society, and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, whose Bureau of Immunization maintains the City Immunization Registry (CIR); NYS and NYC laws mandate the reporting of all vaccinations administered to individuals 18 years of age and younger.

The HPV High Honor Roll Award was presented to those who achieve HPV vaccination completion rates of 90% or more among their patients that have turned 13. Those with completion rates between 80% to 89% received the HPV Honor Roll Award. Two HPV Vaccination Honorees with the most improved rates over the past year were also awarded. See the full list of awardees and the criteria at

“Pediatric and family care practices with the highest HPV vaccination rates in the state deserve to be recognized for their outstanding performance to prevent HPV infections and save lives from cancer,” says Julianne Borelli, MPH, of the American Cancer Society and Co-Chair of the NYS HPV Coalition.

HPV infections are very common in the U.S. It is estimated that 85% of people will be exposed to HPV in their lifetime with half of those exposures occurring by 24 years of

age. HPV infections can cause 6 different types of cancer including cervical, throat, and anal cancer as well as genital warts. The HPV vaccine, which is recommended for children between 9 and 12 years of age, is highly effective at preventing HPV cancers and genital warts. The vaccine is also very safe with more than 300 million doses given worldwide since it was first approved for use in 2006. Unfortunately, only [40.2% of 13-year-old adolescents](#) are fully vaccinated against HPV in New York State because of parents receiving misinformation, the lack of a strong provider recommendation to start at age 9, and the HPV vaccine not being required for school entry like other adolescent immunizations. For more information go to [www.nyshpv.org](http://www.nyshpv.org) or <https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/index.html>. In New York City, the HPV vaccine series completion rate is 43% for 13-year-old youth, as of June 30, 2023, according to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The regional awards focus on practices with the most improved HPV vaccination rates over the past year. “There is significant variability in HPV vaccination rates across the state. We wanted practices in all regions of the state to have the opportunity to be recognized for their hard work to get more kids vaccinated against HPV,” says Manika Suryadevara, MD of SUNY Upstate Medical University and Co-Chair of the Coalition’s Provider Education Committee.

“The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene congratulates the four providers and recognizes their extraordinary efforts to vaccinate their patients and prevent HPV-related disease,” said Assistant Commissioner Dr. Bindy Crouch, who heads the NYC Health Department’s Bureau of Immunization. “We are proud of their work and all that they're doing to promote the health of New Yorkers.

The NYS HPV Coalition was founded in 2017 to increase HPV vaccination rates and decrease HPV-related disease in New York State through education, coordination, advocacy, and

leadership. The Coalition is led by 17 major public health and medical organizations in the state and is one of several action teams established under the New York State Cancer Consortium.

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