



Epidemiological Studies of HPV Infection and Vaccination

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The effectiveness of the HPV vaccine for precancerous lesions of cervical cancer has been demonstrated in many epidemiological studies, and the effect on cervical invasive cancer was also reported for the first time in the world from Sweden last October. It has been reported that persistent HPV infection increases the carcinogenic risk of vaginal/vulvar cancer, penile cancer, anal cancer, and oropharyngeal cancer; however, there are still few reports on the course of HPV infection and the efficacy of HPV vaccines at those sites. In addition, the epidemiologic *profiles* of *type-specific HPV infection* vary from region to region, and their epidemiological data are very important in predicting the efficacy of 9-valent vaccines. The understanding the profile of HPV infection will help develop new cancer screening methods. In this Special Issue, we will focus on HPV infection not only in the cervix but also in other parts of the body, and would like to provide a deeper discussion on the effectiveness of HPV vaccine.





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