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# Mission: HPV Cancer Free Texas Vaccination ECHO

Session 5:  
HPV Vaccination Myths  
September 4, 2024  
12-1:30pm CST





# Introductions & Disclosures

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## Introductions

In your breakout, please share the following:

- Name
- Organization
- Share some myths you've heard about the HPV vaccine.
- Nominate someone to report out

# Group Photo Time!

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# Today's Agenda

1 **Introductions & Group Photo**

2 **Housekeeping & Session Overview**

3 **Didactic Presentation:**  
HPV Vaccination Myths, Lakeye Hurd

4 **Didactic Q&A**

5 **Case Presentations:** Catoree Joseph &  
Francisca Balderas

6 **Closing remarks and Wrap-Up**

# By the end of this session, participants will be knowledgeable on:

**1**

## **HPV Facts to counter myths**

- Facts that address common myths about HPV and the HPV vaccine.

**2**

## **HPV vaccine school requirements**

- Some reasons why the HPV vaccine is not always mandated in schools.
- Locations where the HPV vaccine is required for school attendance.



# HPV Vaccination Myths

**Lakeye Hurd, CHW-I**

Associate Director, Community Partnerships  
American Cancer Society





# Quick review from previous sessions:

As a CHW or nurse, you may encounter vaccine hesitancy and misinformation when talking to others about HPV, or any other medical topic.

## Key things to remember:

- It doesn't matter your role; we should all be cancer prevention advocates!
- Your recommendation matters
- Advocate for the HPV vaccine at all visits!
- Most parents are getting the HPV vaccine.
- Some parents may just need more information on the vaccine.
- Some parents may have questions or share myths they have heard. This does NOT mean that they will refuse the vaccine.
- 70% of parents who initially decline the vaccine eventually say yes!

**The HPV Vaccine is Cancer Prevention!**

# Myth #1:

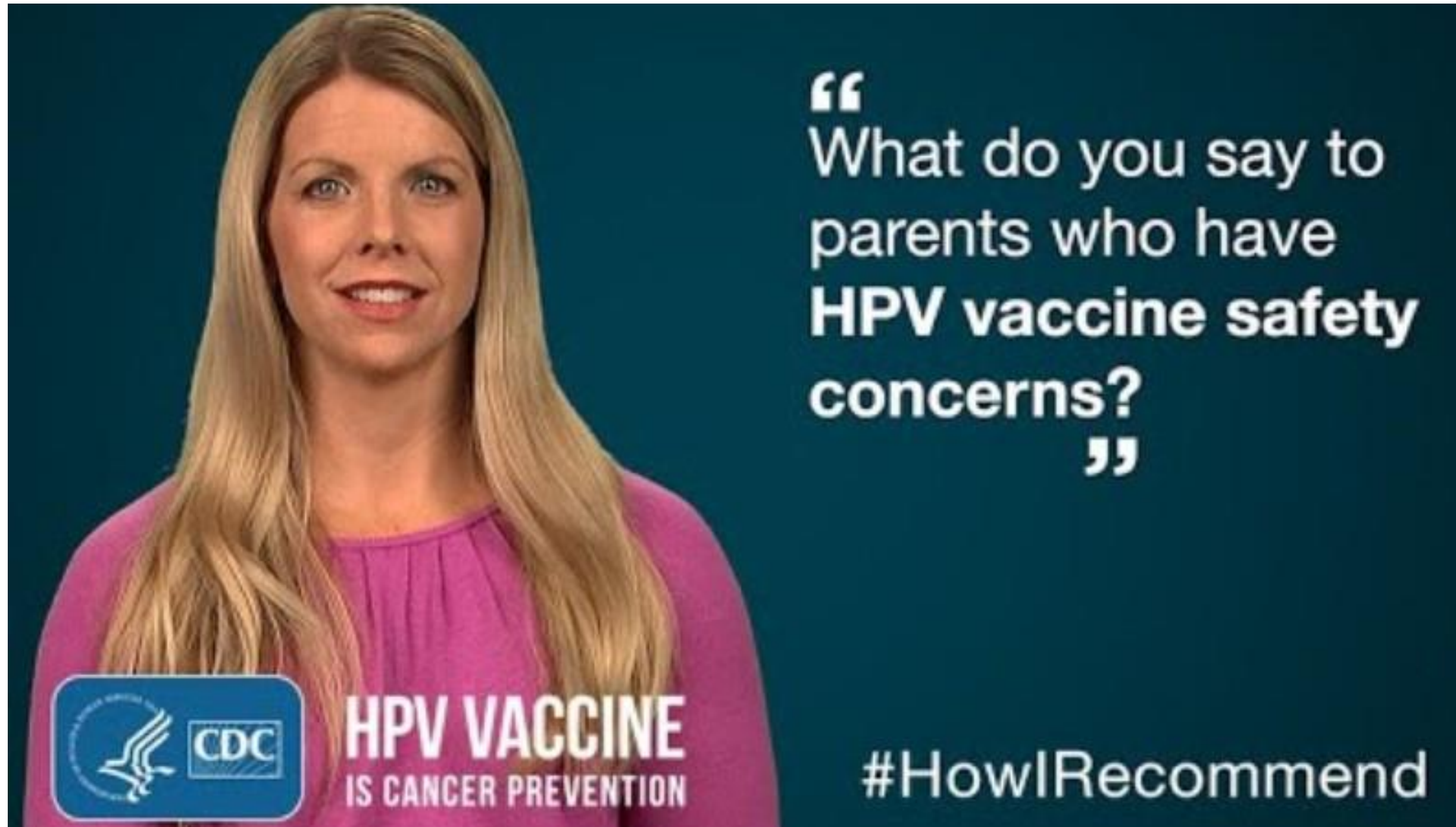
The HPV vaccine is not safe.



**Fact:** Over 500 million doses of HPV vaccine have been distributed worldwide, with over 135 million doses in the US. Studies continue to show that HPV vaccination is safe.

**Overcoming hesitancy:** *"This vaccine is one of the most studied medications on the market. The HPV vaccine is safe, just like the other vaccines given at this age."*

# Video: Addressing Parents' Safety Concerns around HPV Vaccine Lacey Eden, NP





**Myth # 2:** The HPV vaccine is just for girls.

**Fact:** HPV vaccine is recommended for both boys and girls, since both men and women can get HPV cancers.

**Overcoming hesitancy:**  
*"HPV infections don't care if you're a boy or girl. The virus can cause cancer and many other diseases."*

# Myth #3: The vaccine has harmful ingredients.



**Fact:** HPV vaccines contain ingredients that have been **proven** to be safe. HPV vaccines contain aluminum, which boosts the body's immune response to the vaccine. The amount in vaccines is smaller than we encounter in food and cooking utensils daily.





**Myth #4:** You must have sexual intercourse to get HPV.



**Fact:** HPV is spread by intimate skin-to-skin contact. People who have not had intercourse can become infected.

**Overcoming hesitancy:** *"This really isn't about sex. The HPV vaccine is about preventing cancer."*

**Myth #5:** The HPV vaccine causes teens and preteens to become sexually active.

**Fact:** Research shows NO correlation between HPV vaccination and increase in sexual activity.

**Overcoming hesitancy:**  
*"This really isn't about sex. The HPV vaccine is about preventing cancer."*



# **Myth #6:** HPV vaccination can lead to infertility.

## **Fact**

- Study of over 200,000 women found no association between HPV vaccine and premature ovarian failure.
- HPV diseases can harm fertility, so the HPV vaccine can help protect fertility.

**You may also be  
asked if the HPV  
vaccine is  
required for  
school**



# Myth 7: HPV Vaccination & School Requirements

## Where the HPV vaccine is required for school:

- Rhode Island
- Virginia
- District of Columbia
- Puerto Rico
- Hawaii

## Who decides what vaccines are required for school?

- Vaccination requirements are decided by state legislatures.

## What are the laws in Texas?

- HPV vaccine is a recommended vaccine though not required for school. This doesn't mean it's any less important than other vaccines.

TIP: Discuss which vaccines are **recommended** for a child – not just the ones that are required for school



**Overcoming hesitancies:** *“School requirements don’t always keep up with medical science. The HPV vaccine is an important vaccine that can prevent many cancers.”*

# Why don't schools require certain vaccines, like HPV vaccine?

- School mandates are based on political and economic considerations, not medical ones.
- All **recommended** vaccines, including HPV, are just as important as the vaccines required for school.



# Activity:

**Share:** Personal HPV vaccine concerns

**Action:**

- Submit personal concern(s) you may have,
- Or concern(s) you have encountered about the HPV vaccine.
- Instructor will share concerns anonymously.



# Personal HPV Vaccine Concerns?

**Rules:**

- 1. There are no dumb concern(s).
- 2. We are respectful of concern(s).

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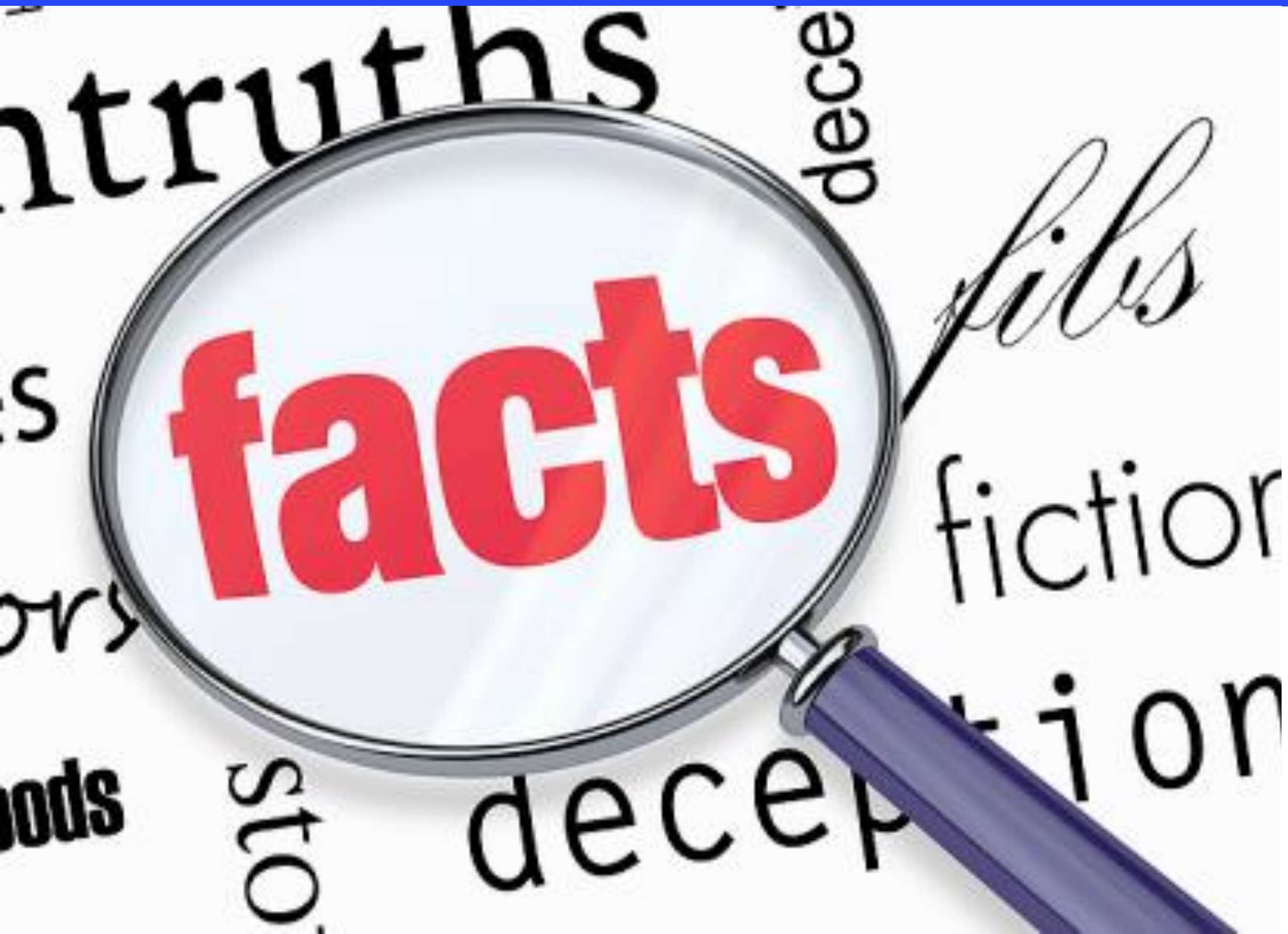
**Concern**

Your personal views will impact parents.

**HPV Vaccine is Cancer Prevention!**



# Conclusions



- As a CHW or nurse, you may come across misinformation.
- For every myth, there is an opportunity to share a fact.
- While schools in Texas do not require the HPV vaccine it is still an important and recommended vaccine for children.

# Didactic Q&A



# Case Presentations

**Ashley Lach, MHA, CPHQ**

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Interventions & Implementation Team**





# Session 5: Case Presentation

Catoree Joseph  
Chronic Disease Prevention Coordinator  
YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas

# Session 5 Case Study

Provided by: Catoree Joseph  
YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas  
Focus: Process Case

## Role

- Prevention Coordinator
- Some duties include:
  - Coordinating and attending health events,
  - Running community programs for chronic disease management and prevention
  - Networking with community partners.

## Opportunities:

Vaccines are not currently a focus for my organization and I'm looking for ways to introduce HPV vaccine education and resources to the communities I serve.

- Places to possibly promote the vaccine:
  - Health events
  - Chronic disease management
  - Parent & children programs
  - Livestrong (cancer survivor program)

## Challenges:

- Lack of knowledge in the area
- New to offering vaccines as prevention
- Should education be limited to just HPV vaccine
- Programs targeted audience of seniors

# Session 5 Case Study



**Provided by:** Catoree Joseph  
Organization  
Focus: Process Case

## **Discussion & Questions**

- How can I speak to parents and caregivers at health fairs and screenings and senior program participants about HPV vaccines?
- Any ideas on how to speak to parents and children that are enrolled in our family health programs about HPV vaccines as a good health behavior?
- How can I prioritize HPV over offering information for other vaccines?
- Any great resources others use to educate within the communities?

## **Barriers/Challenges (reference)**

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# Session 5:

# Case Presentation

Francisca Balderas  
Administrative Assistant/CHW  
Dimmit Wellness Coalition

# Session 5 Case Study

Provided by: Francisca Balderas  
Dimmit Wellness Coalition  
Focus: Process Case

## History

- 15 yr. old African American girl and 16 yr. old, African American. Boy
- Live with 65 yr. old grandfather
- No health factors
- Up to date with their vaccinations
- History of cancer in the family

## Key Elements

- Asked grandfather if he had considered taking grandchildren to get their HPV vaccination
- He saw commercials about the vaccine
- The doctor hasn't brought up the vaccine so he doesn't feel it's important
- He believes the vaccine is only for girls; overcame the myth by being told that it would prevent cancer and that the grandson was capable of getting himself
- Grandfather is worried that the HPV vaccination may cause one of them to get sexually active; overcame myth by sharing skin-to-skin contact can spread HPV
- Used an announcement approach to share patient education on the HPV vaccine

## Barriers/Challenges

- Overcoming myths
- Lack of knowledge to do so
- Lack of management/clinic support



# Session 5 Case Study

**Provided by:** Francisca Balderas  
Dimmit Wellness Coalition  
Focus: Process Case

## **Discussion & Questions**

- How can we make the HPV vaccination mandatory?

## **Barriers/Challenges** (reference)

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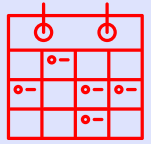
# Wrap-Up & Closing

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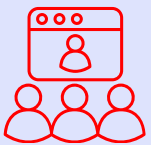
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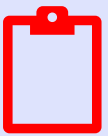
**Next ECHO Session: : **Debunking HPV Vaccination Myths, September 11, 2024 from 12-1:30pm CST via Zoom****



**Materials and Resources will be made available within one week. All resources will be available on the [ACS ECHO Website](#)**



**Case Presenters – **Melinda Morales, Anais Loyola & Tonie Tercero****  
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