

Let's Prevent Oropharyngeal Cancer (and Avoid Awkward Conversations While Doing It!)

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Dr. Stokley is the State Public Health Dental Director at the Texas Department of State Health Services. She leads public health initiatives to improve the oral health of Texans, with a focus on maternal and child oral health. Activities include the Smiles in Schools and Smiles for Moms and Babies programs. Other activities include conducting and analyzing oral health surveillance data. Her program shared some of their data recently in the September issue of the Texas Dental Journal. She is a firm believer that the dental community should recommend HPV vaccination, which is what brings her here to us today. Dr. Stokley is a member of the Capital Area Dental Society in Austin. She has represented the 10th District as a TDA delegate or alternate delegate for many years. She has also represented Texas twice as an ADA alternate delegate.

In 2017, Dallas County ranked lowest in human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination rates in Texas. Vaccination is important to the dental community because most oropharyngeal cancer (OPC) is HPV-associated. OPC affects both men and women. The HPV vaccine also prevents five other types of cancer. Our patients need a strong recommendation from us to vaccinate. This presentation provides information about HPV, OPC and the HPV vaccine. We will also explain what a strong recommendation is and how to integrate HPV vaccine conversations into your practice without having awkward talks about sexual activity.

Audience: All dental professionals
AGD Code: 730/736
CE Hours: 2 technical and/or scientific
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Learning Objectives:

- Gain knowledge of the prevalence of HPV in the population.
- Identify the recommended ages for HPV vaccination.
- Become familiar with the percentage of oropharyngeal cancers associated with HPV.
- Learn how to integrate HPV vaccination conversations into their practices.
- Define the connection between HPV and OPC to patients and make a strong recommendation for vaccination.

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