Dear New York Medical Provider:

Fidelis Care has partnered with the American Cancer Society (ACS), the New York State and City Departments of Health, and leaders of New York’s health care community to reduce the burden of cancer in New York. This collaborative, facilitated by the New York State HPV Coalition, is focused on increasing the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination rate among adolescents 11 and 12 years of age.

HPV infection affects about 80 percent of the population and can lead to cancer—including cervical, vaginal, penile, anal, and oral cancers, as well as genital warts—in both males and females. The HPV vaccine is safe and extremely effective in preventing vaccine-type HPV infection, genital warts, precancers, and cancers. However, HPV vaccination rates continue to fall far below the rates of other routinely recommended vaccines for adolescents across New York State.

That is why we need your help.

As a health care provider, you can aid cancer prevention efforts by talking to parents or guardians about the importance of the vaccine and reducing the risk of HPV-related cancers. Indeed, provider recommendation is the most persuasive reason parents choose to vaccinate their children. Please visit the link below for materials that can help you and your practice deliver strong and effective recommendations for the HPV vaccination series.

Research shows that simply changing the wording used to introduce the HPV vaccine makes a tremendous difference in outcomes. Offering a presumptive, bundled recommendation during the visit can be effective; for example, “Your child needs three vaccines today: Tdap, HPV, and meningococcal to prevent dangerous infections and cancer.” With your help, we can reduce the burden of cancer in New York.


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