



## Editorial

## Improving Our Understanding of the Prevention of Human Papillomavirus

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With this issue of the *Journal of Adolescent Health*, we have enclosed a supplement edited by Dr. Anna-Barbara Moscicki and published by *Preventive Medicine* [1]. During the past 5 years, our Journal has published 44 articles on the human papillomavirus (HPV) and the newly developed vaccines to prevent the infection and its complications. This *Preventive Medicine* supplement extends the Journal's efforts of our three previous supplements to provide the most up-to-date information on HPV, the consequences of being infected with HPV, and preventive strategies through immunization programs [2–4]. The five supplement review articles provide our readers with an overview of the epidemiology and disease burden of HPV (Tota et al) [5], the role of HPV in head and neck cancers (D'Souza and Dempsey) [6], genital HPV and related diseases in males (Anic and Giuliano) [7], the role of preventive clinical care and adolescent immunizations in the United States (Middelman) [8], and public health strategies that are used in Australia to immunize adolescents and young adults (Garland et al) [9].

This collaboration with *Preventive Medicine* is a first for us, although a well-established practice for other scholarly journals that wish to reach beyond their usual audiences. We are hopeful that this combined effort of two journals, with different and yet overlapping readership, will enable us to inform our respective clinical and scientific communities about how to be more effective at preventing the negative health outcomes associated with HPV.

We have worked with *Preventive Medicine* in assisting them with this supplement and are confident that our readers and the members of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine will find this information both helpful and forward-thinking. Visitors to the Journal's Web site (<http://www.jahonline.org>) will also find a link to the *Preventive Medicine* site and will be able to freely access the supplement.

In keeping with our commitment to inform clinicians and scientists about the effects of HPV infection and the opportunity of HPV immunization, we are pleased to provide "The Burden of HPV Diseases and the Need for an Adolescent Health Platform: An Update for Primary Care Practitioners." As always, we are happy to hear from our readers and invite your comments through our e-mail ([jahlth@ucsf.edu](mailto:jahlth@ucsf.edu)).

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