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Dear Colleague,

Your health system has the power to make a lasting impact on cancer prevention – and save lives – by increasing human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination rates. While nearly every American will be infected with HPV at some point in their life, HPV vaccination rates remain low and only 51% of adolescents are fully vaccinated. Improving HPV vaccination rates in your health system can decrease costs, improve quality care, and deliver better patient experiences by preventing [92% of HPV cancers](#).

I would like to personally invite you to join the **We're In! 2020 Initiative for HPV Cancer Prevention**, a national endeavor dedicated to working with U.S. health systems to achieve high HPV vaccination rates. By joining, and implementing evidence-based best practice models, your organization will be recognized as one of a handful of elite health systems leading the way in cancer prevention. You will also receive access to education from national experts, networking opportunities, and evidence-based tools to support high-impact actions for healthcare staff and patients across the system.

We're In! 2020 is led by the [National HPV Vaccination Roundtable](#), a coalition of more than 70 national organizations working at the intersection of immunization and cancer prevention to raise HPV vaccination rates and prevent HPV cancers. It is also supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where we are [committed to improving HPV vaccination rates](#) by bolstering HPV and cancer control coalitions; providing technical training to states and immunization professionals; and [funding activities to support health system engagement](#).

We have the tools, expertise, and potential to take a remarkable leap forward in improving the health of our community and nation by preventing more than [30,000 cases of HPV cancer each year](#). That future is only possible when we all work together. Please join [We're In! 2020](#) to help end HPV cancers and be a national leader in HPV vaccination. Together we can end HPV cancers in our country.

Sincerely,

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