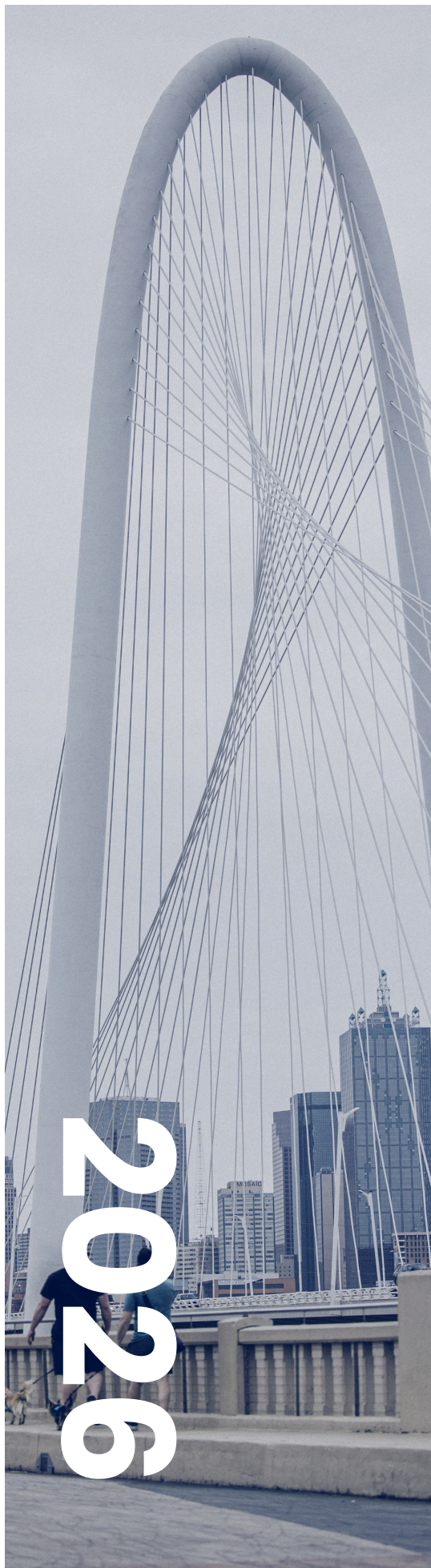




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NATIONAL MEETING EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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INTRODUCTION

The 2026 National Meeting of the American Cancer Society (ACS) National HPV Vaccination Roundtable (HPVRT) and the ACS National Roundtable on Cervical Cancer (NRTCC), held June 9-10, 2026, in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, successfully convened a diverse group of public health leaders, clinicians, researchers, advocates, cancer survivors, caregivers, policymakers, and community partners committed to preventing HPV-associated cancers and accelerating progress toward cervical cancer elimination. Under the meeting theme, ***“United on the Frontier, Power in Partnership,”*** the meeting marked a pivotal moment in the integration of the ACS HPV Vaccination Roundtable and the National Roundtable on Cervical Cancer into the ACS National HPV Cancers Roundtable (ACS HPVCRT). The discussions and decisions throughout the meeting reinforced a shared commitment to unification and established a strategic vision for leveraging the combined strengths of both Roundtables to drive greater impact.

Under a Texas-inspired theme centered on partnership, innovation, and collective action, 146 attendees engaged in two days of thought leadership, knowledge exchange, strategic planning, and networking. The meeting highlighted the growing momentum behind HPV vaccination and cervical cancer prevention efforts while also acknowledging persistent challenges related to vaccination uptake, screening access, health disparities, public confidence in early detection and other scientific advancements, and equitable implementation of emerging prevention technologies to prevent HPV-related cancers.



Adding to the significance of this year's meeting was the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the HPV vaccine. This milestone served as a powerful reminder of two decades of scientific innovation, public health leadership, and collaborative action that have transformed cancer prevention. Attendees reflected on the tremendous progress achieved since the vaccine's introduction, including increased public awareness through tailored health communications, expanded vaccination efforts, stronger partnerships across national, state, and community organizations, and the prevention of countless HPV-associated cancers. The anniversary underscored the collective contributions of the many organizations and individuals whose dedication has helped move the field forward and bring the nation closer to a future free from HPV-related cancers.



PURPOSE

The purpose of the meeting was to:

- **Build One Table, One Vision** - Bring HPVRT and NRTCC members together to co-create a unified Roundtable grounded in a shared vision, common values, and a sustainable framework for advancing HPV cancer prevention and cervical cancer elimination.
- **Align Voices and Amplify Impact** - Establish and affirm a “one message, one voice” communications approach that promotes consistency, clarity, and alignment across all stakeholders and enables a coordinated launch of the integrated Roundtable moving forward.
- **Reassure the Collective and Build Confidence** - Foster transparency and a shared understanding of the integration process to reassure roundtable members and other stakeholders, strengthen confidence in the direction of the Roundtable and new strategic roadmap, and reinforce the long-term value of a unified framework.
- **Disseminate Best and Promising Practices** - Facilitate the exchange and dissemination of evidence-based and promising practices among members to support alignment, learning, and continuous improvement across prevention efforts for HPV-related cancers.
- **Look Back and Think Forward** - Acknowledge and celebrate 20 years of accomplishments and impact in HPV vaccination, screening, and prevention, while collaboratively identifying the strategies, partnerships, and actions needed to accelerate progress and advance cancer prevention efforts in the years ahead.



NATIONAL MEETING SESSION OVERVIEW

The program opened with remarks from roundtable leadership and featured a fireside conversation focused on the importance of a coordinated, national approach to HPV cancer prevention. Throughout the meeting, presenters emphasized the need for cross-sector partnerships to accelerate progress and demonstrated how local and regional initiatives can be scaled to support national goals. Experts from academic institutions, health systems, government agencies, advocacy organizations, and community-based programs shared evidence-based strategies and lessons learned from successful prevention efforts across the country.

A key focus of the meeting was advancing innovative approaches to cervical cancer prevention and early detection. Participants explored the growing potential of HPV self-collection, emerging screening strategies, and opportunities to improve access to preventive services. Discussions underscored the importance of ensuring that new technologies and interventions are implemented in ways that reach underserved populations and reduce longstanding disparities in cancer outcomes.



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Attendees participated in a robust series of breakout sessions that examined critical topics, including HPV self-collection, HPV vaccination, vaccination health equity, cervical screening health equity, state and local HPV cancer prevention initiatives, and novel prevention strategies. These sessions provided opportunities for participants to exchange practical solutions, discuss implementation barriers, identify emerging trends, and explore opportunities for collaboration across sectors and disciplines.

Health equity emerged as a central theme across the meeting. Speakers emphasized the importance of addressing social, geographic, economic, and structural factors that continue to influence access to vaccination, screening, treatment, and follow-up care. Discussions highlighted the need for culturally responsive approaches, proactive community engagement, trusted messengers, and data-driven interventions that can help close gaps in HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening rates among disproportionately affected populations.

One of the most impactful sessions featured a panel of survivors and caregivers who shared personal experiences related to cervical, anal, and head and neck cancers. Their perspectives reinforced the real-world consequences of HPV-associated cancers and served as a powerful reminder of the importance of prevention, early detection, survivorship support, and patient-centered care. The session strengthened attendees' commitment to ensuring that future cancer prevention efforts remain grounded in the experiences and needs of those most affected.

A major objective of the meeting was also to engage members in the development of a three-year strategic roadmap for the future of the HPVRT and NRTCC. Through plenary discussions and facilitated breakout sessions, participants provided input on organizational priorities, opportunities for alignment, partnership development, and strategies for maximizing collective impact. These conversations generated valuable feedback that will inform the next phase of strategic planning and support the integration of both Roundtables into the ACS HPVVRT, with newly defined vision, mission, and priorities areas

The meeting also highlighted the critical role of communication in improving public health outcomes. Experts shared best practices for communicating about HPV vaccination, cancer prevention, and screening, with particular attention to addressing misinformation, increasing message effectiveness, and building trust with diverse audiences. Participants explored how communication strategies can support behavior change, increase healthcare engagement, and strengthen public understanding of HPV-related cancer prevention.



NEXT STEPS

To sustain momentum and maximize collective impact generated through the National Meeting, the Roundtable will pursue the following during the remainder of the current fiscal year:

1. Advance the integration of the ACS HPV Vaccination Roundtable and the ACS National Roundtable on Cervical Cancer to create a coordinated and comprehensive approach to HPV-associated cancer prevention and control.
2. Launch the new Roundtable website in Fall 2026, providing a centralized platform for resources, collaboration across partners, and promotion of the roundtable's new unified brand and identity.
3. Recruit and select new Executive Leadership Team and Steering Committee members to ensure diverse expertise, strong leadership, and broad stakeholder representation.
4. Finalize the 3-Year Strategic Roadmap, which will serve as the foundation for the unified Roundtable's future work and will be formally unveiled during the launch webcast in January 2027.
5. Establish Priority Teams that will drive implementation of the Strategic Roadmap and advance key focus areas through collaborative action and accountability.

CONCLUSION



Overall, the 2026 National Meeting successfully fostered collaboration, strengthened relationships among roundtable members, partners, collaborators, and sponsors, elevated emerging evidence and best practices, and advanced a shared vision for HPV-associated cancer prevention and cervical cancer elimination. By bringing together leaders from across the cancer prevention ecosystem, the meeting reinforced the importance of coordinated roundtable action, innovation, and health equity as essential drivers of progress. The strengthened partnerships and strategic insights generated during the meeting positioned the roundtables to continue leading national efforts as one newly integrated roundtable (HPVCRT) to prevent HPV-associated cancers and move closer towards the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health goal.

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