GLOBAL INITIATIVE AGAINST HPV AND CERVICAL CANCER (GIAHC)

Solutions exist to end one form of cancer now — Today, you can make this “Moonshot” possible.

Simple, proven, cost-effective health intervention exists. Please protect and amplify the impact of existing U.S. investments in global health by integrating cervical cancer prevention and treatment into existing programs.

1. EDUCATE
Incorporate cervical cancer language into global health initiatives and upcoming bills

2. EMPOWER
Create a one-stop portal for networking, research and population services

3. ERADICATE
Improve preventive methods in rural communities both domestic & global

Fact
A disease that is both preventable and treatable

Fact
Kills 267,000 women every year

Fact
Women living with HIV are especially vulnerable to cervical cancer in low- and middle-income countries
**GIAHC Mission**

**Saving lives from cervical cancer, one woman at a time, one day at a time**

**Screening with Visual Inspection with Acetic Acid (VIA):** We work with our country partners to promote the use of household vinegar for cervical cancer screening to detect abnormal changes in the cervix. Treatment is then followed by “cryotherapy” (freezing of cells) wherever appropriate. WHO has shown this to be an effective method to prevent cervical cancer in the developing world.

**Screen the Mother, Vaccinate the Child:** We are working with countries that have a good HPV vaccination program to increase screening in women/mothers of children using mHealth.

**Youth Empowerment:** We believe that engaging the youth is vital, as it is their generation that has the power to eradicate this cancer. We develop simple engaging presentation for middle and high school students in the US and globally.

**Women Saving Women Movement:** We encourage women’s groups to join us in the global fight against HPV and cervical cancer. The American Medical Women’s Association is one of our first partners in this effort.

**“The World Could End Cervical Cancer if it Tried” Talk Series:** In 2018, we embarked on an educational talk series targeting both men and women. The first talk was presented at the International Papillomavirus Society in Cape Town titled “The World Could End Cervical Cancer if It Tried-Embracing the Power of Youth.”

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Shobha S. Krishnan, MD, FAAFP, is a board certified family physician and gynecologist. She has been involved in the areas of primary care and women’s health for over 25 years. She has extensive experience both nationally and internationally in the field of HPV and HPV related diseases. Her vast experience and expertise in this field have given her a unique perspective on the various issues related to HPV and its disease consequences.

She is the author of the award-winning book, The HPV Vaccine Controversy: Sex, Cancer, God and Politics. The book is the recipient of the 2009 Book of the Year Award from the American Journal of Nursing and is the winner of two 2010 International Book Awards. Details of the book and other pertinent information can be found at thehpvbook.com.

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