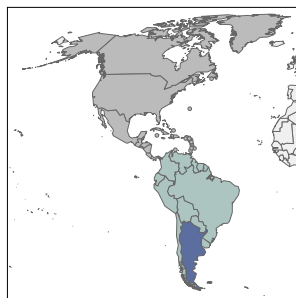


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I. Key data on HPV and HPV-related cancers



Argentina has a population of 17.8 million women ages 15 years and older who are at risk of developing cervical cancer. Current estimates indicate that every year 4583 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and 2553 die from the disease. Cervical cancer ranks as the 3rd most frequent cancer among women in Argentina and the 2nd most frequent cancer among women between 15 and 44 years of age. About 8.7% of women in the general population are estimated to harbour cervical HPV-16/18 infection at a given time, and 77.9% of invasive cervical cancers are attributed to HPVs 16 or 18.

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Table 1. Crude incidence rates of HPV-related cancers

	Male	Female
Cervical cancer	-	19.8
Anal cancer	0.49	0.79
Vulva cancer	-	1.40
Vaginal cancer	-	0.51
Penile cancer	1.85	-
Oropharyngeal cancer	1.28	0.42
Oral cavity cancer	4.04	1.79
Laryngeal cancer	5.67	0.70

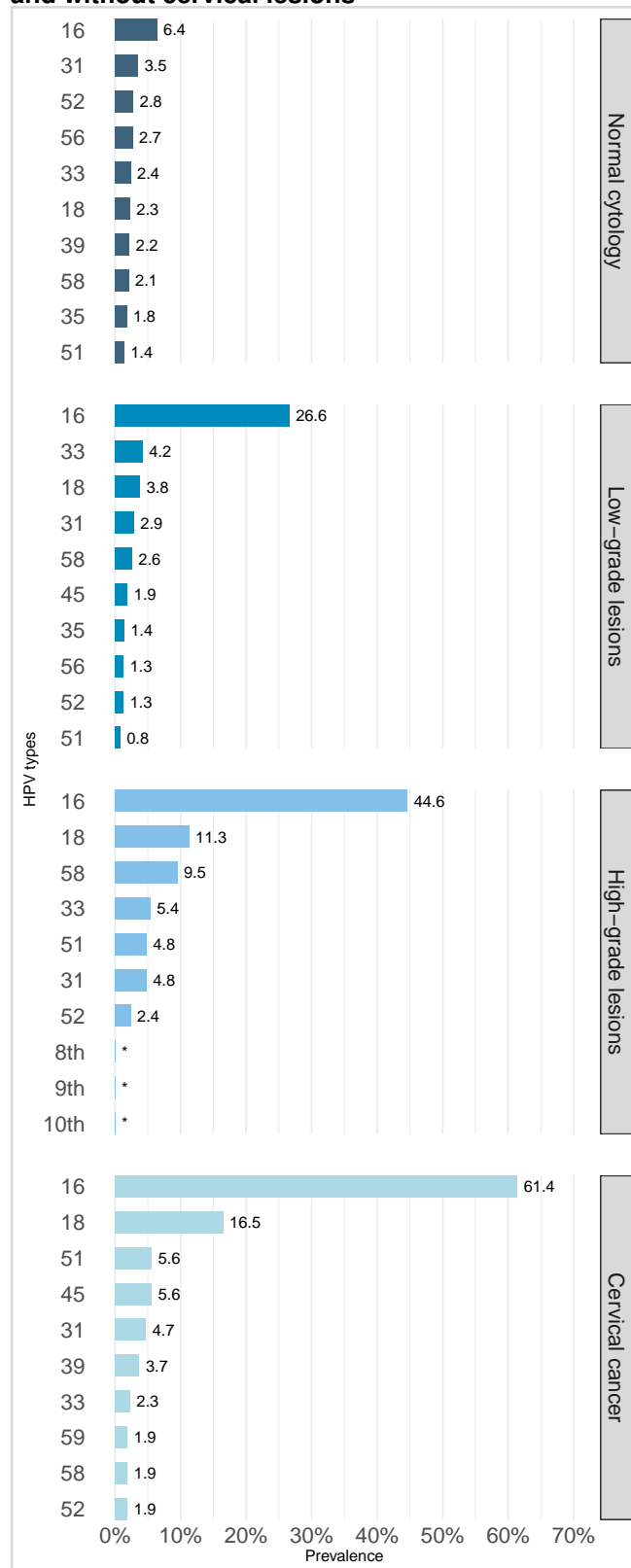
Table 2. Burden of cervical cancer

	Incidence	Mortality
Annual number of new cases/deaths	4583	2553
Crude rate	19.8	11.0
Age-standardized rate	16.7	8.65
Cumulative risk 0-74 years (%)	1.68	0.90
Ranking of cervical cancer (all years)	3rd	5th
Ranking of cervical cancer (15-44 years)	2nd	1st

Table 3. Burden of cervical HPV infection Argentina

	No. Tested	% (95% CI)
HPV 16/18 prevalence:		
Normal cytology	1908	8.7 (7.5-10.0)
Low-grade cervical lesions	549	30.4 (26.7-34.4)
High-grade cervical lesions	186	55.9 (48.7-62.9)
Cervical cancer	267	77.9 (72.5-82.5)

Figure 1. Comparison of the ten most frequent HPV oncogenic types in Argentina among women with and without cervical lesions



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II. Complementary data on cervical cancer prevention

Table 4. Factors contributing to cervical cancer (co-factors)

Smoking prevalence (%) [95% UI], women	15.4 [12.1-19.2]
Total fertility rate (live births per women)	2.3
Hormonal contraception use (%)	25.5
HIV prevalence (%) [95% UI] (15-49 years)	0.3 [0.3-0.3]

Table 5. Sexual behaviour

MEN	
Percentage of 15-year-old who have had sexual intercourse	-
Range of median age at first sexual intercourse	-
WOMEN	
Percentage of 15-year-old who have had sexual intercourse	-
Range of median age at first sexual intercourse	-

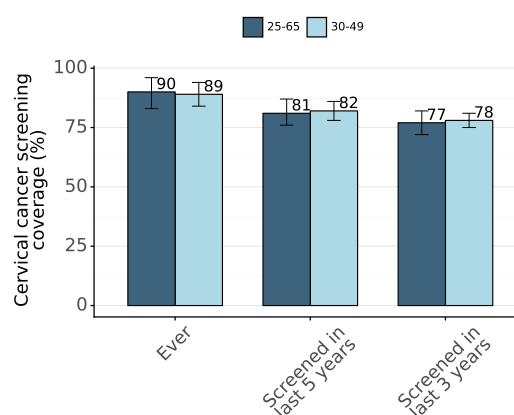
Table 6. HPV vaccine introduction

Females	
HPV vaccination programme	Introduced
Year of introduction	2011
Year of estimation	2021
HPV coverage – first dose (%)	79
HPV coverage – last dose (%)	53
Males	
HPV vaccination programme	Introduced
Year of introduction	2017
Year of estimation	2021
HPV coverage – first dose (%)	67
HPV coverage – last dose (%)	42

Table 7. Cervical screening practices and recommendations

Existence of official national recommendations	Yes
Starting year of recommendations	2015
Active invitation to screening	No
Screening ages (years), primary screening test used, and screening interval or frequency of screenings	25-29 (cytology, 3 years); 30-64 (HPV test, 5 years)

Figure 2. Estimated coverage of cervical cancer screening in Argentina*



* Estimated coverage and 95% confidence interval in 2019

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