Nigeria

HPV INFORMATION CENTRE

Human Papillomavirus and Related Cancers, Fact Sheet 2021 (2021-10-22)

I. Key data on HPV and HPV-related cancers



Nigeria has a population of 56.2 millions women ages 15 years and older who are at risk of developing cervical cancer. Current estimates indicate that every year 12075 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and 7968 die from the disease. Cervical cancer ranks as the 2nd most frequent cancer among women in Nigeria and the 2nd most frequent cancer among women between 15 and

44 years of age. About 3.5% of women in the general population are estimated to harbour cervical HPV-16/18 infection at a given time, and 66.9% of invasive cervical cancers are attributed to HPVs 16 or 18.

Table 1. Crude incidence rates of HPV-related cancers

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	Male	Female
Cervical cancer	-	11.9
Anal cancer	0.65	0.37
Vulva cancer	-	0.91
Vaginal cancer	-	0.16
Penile cancer	0.02	-
Oropharyngeal cancer	0.14	0.11
Oral cavity cancer	0.72	0.53
Laryngeal cancer	0.61	0.15

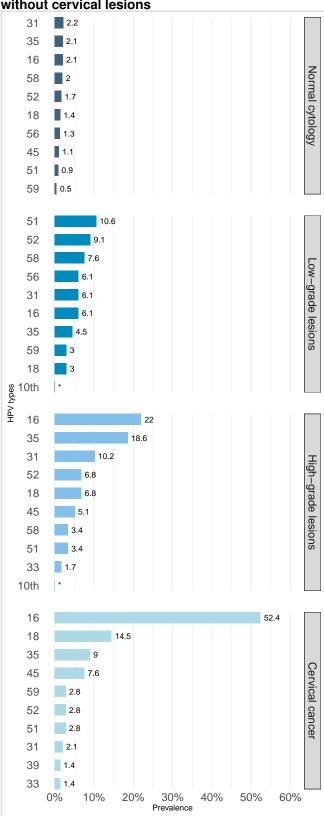
Table 2. Burden of cervical cancer

	Incidence	Mortality
Annual number of new cases/deaths	12075	7968
Crude rate	11.9	7.84
Age-standarized rate	18.4	13.2
Cumulative risk 0-74 years (%)	1.86	1.42
Ranking of cervical cancer (all years)	2nd	2nd
Ranking of cervical cancer (15-44 years)	2nd	2nd

Table 3. Burden of cervical HPV infection Nigeria

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	No. Tested	% (95% CI)
HPV 16/18 prevalence:		
Normal cytology	1919	3.5 (2.8-4.4)
Low-grade cervical lesions	66	9.1 (4.2-18.4)
High-grade cervical lesions	59	28.8 (18.8-41.4)
Cervical cancer	145	66.9 (58.9-74.0)

Figure 1. Comparison of the ten most frequent HPV oncogenic types in Nigeria 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 (cofactors)

Smoking prevalence (%) [95% UI], women	0.6 [0.2-1.1]
Total fertility rate (live births per women)	5.4
Hormonal contraception use (%)	2.80
HIV prevalence (%) [95% UI] (15-49 years)	1.8 [1.3-2.4]

Table 5. Sexual behaviour

MEN	
Percentage of 15-year-old who have had sexual intercourse	2.9
Range of median age at first sexual intercourse	
WOMEN	
Percentage of 15-year-old who have had sexual intercourse	15.6
Range of median age at first sexual intercourse	16.7 - 17.9

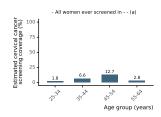
Table 6. HPV vaccine introduction in females

HPV vaccination programme	Not Avail- able, Not Intro- duced/No Plans
Year of introduction	-
HPV coverage – first dose (%) (estimation year 2019)	-
HPV coverage – last dose (%) (estimation year 2019)	-
HPV coverage – first dose (%) (estimation year 2020)	-
HPV coverage – last dose (%) (estimation year 2020)	-

Table 7. Cervical screening practices and recommendations

Cervical cancer screen-	8.7% (All women aged >=18
ing coverage, % (age and	ever screened, Ekine 2015)
screening interval, refer-	
ence)	
Screening ages (years)	-
Screening interval (years)	-
or frequency of screens	

Figure 2. Estimated coverage of cervical cancer screening in Nigeria, by age and study



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