Peru



Human Papillomavirus and Related Cancers, Fact Sheet 2023 (2023-03-10)

I. Key data on HPV and HPV-related cancers



Peru has a population of 12.8 million women ages 15 years and older who are at risk of developing cervical cancer. Current estimates indicate that every year 4270 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and 2288 die from the disease. Cervical cancer ranks as the 2nd most frequent cancer among women in Peru and the 2nd most frequent cancer

among women between 15 and 44 years of age. About 6.6% of women in the general population are estimated to harbour cervical HPV-16/18 infection at a given time, and 65.9% of invasive cervical cancers are attributed to HPVs 16 or 18.

Table 1. Crude incidence rates of HPV-related cancers

	Male	Female
Cervical cancer	-	25.7
Anal cancer	0.53	1.03
Vulva cancer	-	1.46
Vaginal cancer	-	0.58
Penile cancer	1.74	-
Oropharyngeal cancer	0.89	0.30
Oral cavity cancer	1.59	2.45
Laryngeal cancer	1.03	0.40

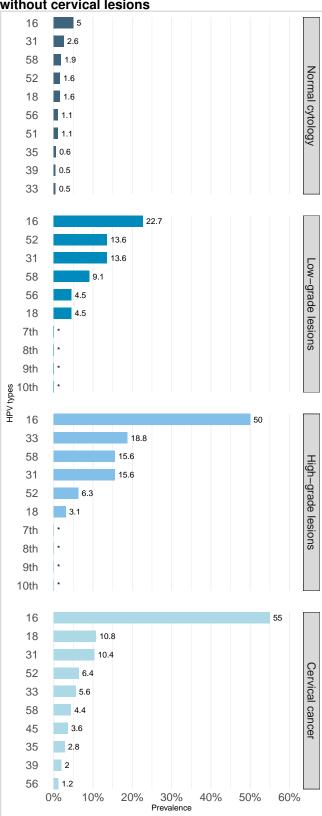
Table 2. Burden of cervical cancer

	Incidence	Mortality
Annual number of new cases/deaths	4270	2288
Crude rate	25.7	13.8
Age-standarized rate	22.2	11.5
Cumulative risk 0-74 years (%)	2.29	1.22
Ranking of cervical cancer (all years)	2nd	2nd
Ranking of cervical cancer (15-44 years)	2nd	1st

Table 3. Burden of cervical HPV infection Peru

	No. Tested	% (95% CI)
HPV 16/18 prevalence:		
Normal cytology	879	6.6 (5.1-8.4)
Low-grade cervical lesions	22	27.3 (13.2-48.2)
High-grade cervical lesions	32	53.1 (36.4-69.1)
Cervical cancer	249	65.9 (59.8-71.5)

Figure 1. Comparison of the ten most frequent HPV oncogenic types in Peru 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)

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Smoking prevalence (%) [95% UI], women	4.8 [3.4-6.2]
Total fertility rate (live births per women)	2.4
Hormonal contraception use (%)	7.80
HIV prevalence (%) [95% UI] (15-49 years)	0.2 [0.1-0.2]

Table 5. Sexual behaviour

MEN	
Percentage of 15-year-old who have had sexual intercourse	15.3
Range of median age at first sexual intercourse	16.9
WOMEN	
Percentage of 15-year-old who have had sexual intercourse	6.0
Range of median age at first sexual intercourse	18.6 - 19.7

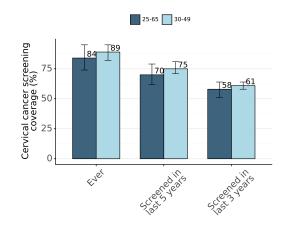
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Females	
HPV vaccination programme	Introduced
Year of introduction	2011
Year of estimation	2021
HPV coverage – first dose (%)	-
HPV coverage – last dose (%)	53
Males	
HPV vaccination programme	Not Available/Not Introduced
Year of introduction	-
Year of estimation	-
HPV coverage – first dose (%)	-
HPV coverage – last dose (%)	-

Table 7. Cervical screening practices and recommendations

Existence of official national rec-	Yes
ommendations	
Starting year of recommendations	2017
Active invitation to screening	No
Screening ages (years), pri-	25-64 (cytology, 2
mary screening test used, and	years); 30-49 (VIA, 2
screening interval or frequency of	years); 30-49 (HPV
screenings	test, 5 years);

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



^{*} Estimated coverage and 95% confidence interval in 2019

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