



# Building Community Around HPV Prevention and Related Disease Management

**8th Annual Us vs. HPV Week  
January 26-30, 2026**

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**Hosted by the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) & the Global Initiative Against HPV & Cervical Cancer (GIAHC).**

Building on the foundation from the past seven years, the 2026 Us vs HPV week will discuss the importance of engaging all stakeholders in addressing challenges related to HPV & HPV cancers with the goal of empowering all communities in this global effort.

## **Agenda Overview**

Monday, Jan 26 – 12-1 pm ET

**Moving the Needle: A Shared Approach to Evidence and Accountability**

Tuesday, Jan 27 – 12-1 pm ET

**From the Ground Up: Empowering Communities to Prevent HPV**

Wednesday, Jan 28 – 10-11:15 am ET

**Hope, Hurdles and the Way Forward: The Global Drive to End Cervical Cancer**

Thursday, Jan 29 – 12-1 pm ET

**HPV Cancer: Finding Support and Empowerment in the Survivorship Journey**

Friday, Jan 30 – 12-1 pm ET

**Igniting Action: Young Changemakers Leading the Way in HPV Prevention**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026, 12PM-1PM ET**

**Moving the Needle: A Shared Approach to Evidence and Accountability**

***Moderator:***

**Bisi Alli, DO, MS, FACP, dipABLM, FAMWA**

Co-Chair HPV Prevention Week & Board Member, American Medical Women's Association; HEAL Scholar, American College of Lifestyle Medicine; National Rep. & AMWA Liaison, American College of Physicians

***Overcoming Barriers to Cervical Cancer Screening***

**Sarah Temkin, MD**

Senior Director, Early Detection, American Cancer Society

***Bridging Generations, Building Futures: Cervical Cancer and HPV Prevention from Community to Digital Innovation***

**Kellen Polingyumptewa**

Manager, Hopi Cancer Support Services, The Hopi Tribe

***Aligning Priorities: Strengthening HPV Vaccination Delivery Among Young Adults***

**Namoonga M. Mantina PhD, MSPH, MBA**

Researcher, University of Arizona Cancer Center

**Live Question/Answer Session**

**Join us from 1-2 PM for a breakout discussion co-facilitate by the American Cancer Society!**

**#UsvsHPV #HPVPreventionWeek**



## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026, 12PM-1PM ET**

### **From the Ground Up: Empowering Communities to Prevent HPV**

#### ***Moderator:***

**Paru S. David, MD**

Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Vice Chair-Women's Health Internal Medicine  
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science

#### ***HPV and Cervical Cancer***

**John Farley, MD**

Assistant Dean Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging  
Creighton University School of Medicine-Phoenix Campus

#### ***Expanding the Role of Nursing in HPV Prevention and Patient Education***

**Stephanie Boyle MSN, RN, CNML**

Nursing Manager, Women's Health Internal Medicine  
Instructor in Nursing  
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science

#### ***Increasing HPV Awareness and Vaccination Through Strategic Communication and Community Engagement on a College Campus***

**Tyler Struver**

President, ForkHPV at Arizona State University  
Undergraduate student, Barrett, The Honors College

#### ***Live Question/Answer Session with Kathryn Haavik***

**Join us from 1-2 PM for a breakout discussion co-facilitate by the American Cancer Society!**

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026, 10-11:15 AM EST**

### **Hope, Hurdles and the Way Forward: The Global Drive to End Cervical Cancer**

#### ***Moderators:***

**Shobha S. Krishnan, MD, FAAFP**

Founder & President, Global Initiative Against HPV and Cervical Cancer (GIAHC); Co-Chair, HPV Prevention Week, AMWA

**Kathleen M. Schmeler, MD**

Professor, Gyn. Oncology & Reproductive Medicine;  
Assoc. Vice President, Global Oncology, Division of Cancer Network; University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

#### ***Opening Remarks***

**Congresswoman Kathy Castor (FL-14)**

Co-Lead, Prevent HPV Cancers Act

#### ***Translating Science into Impact - An IPVS 2025 Update***

**Anna Giuliano, PhD**

Director, Center for Immunization & Infection Research in Cancer (CIIRC); President, International Papillomavirus Society

#### ***From Local Impact to Global Action: Advancing Cervical Cancer Elimination Through Partnership and Leadership***

**Zainab Shinkafi Bagudu Dr**

CEO/Founder, Medicaid Cancer Foundation  
President Elect, Union For International Cancer Control

#### ***From Awareness to Action: Mobilizing Communities for Cervical Cancer Prevention***

**Mridu Gupta**

CEO, Cancer Awareness Prevention and Early Detection Trust (CAPED), India

#### ***From Policy to Practice: Driving National HPV Prevention Strategies in Latin America***

**Mauricio Maza, MD, MPH**

Regional Advisor, Cancer Prevention and Control  
Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO)

#### ***Live Question/Answer Session***

**Guest Appearance: Catharine Young, PhD**

Senior Fellow, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health  
Former Biden Cancer Moonshot, White House, Office of Science and Technology Policy



## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026, 12PM-1PM EST**

### **HPV Cancer: Finding Support and Empowerment in the Survivorship Journey**

#### ***Moderator:***

**Alice Lin, MD**

Director of Otolaryngology and Assistant Professor  
Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine

#### ***From Both Sides of the Bed: An ER Doctor's journey with HPV-Related Throat Cancer***

**Roxana H. Yoonessi-Martin, MD, JD**

Attending Physician, Emergency Medicine  
Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center

#### ***Finding Flexibility Again: Managing Neck and Throat***

##### ***Tightness after Radiation***

**Ashok Jethwa, MD**

Assistant Professor, Otolaryngology  
University of Minnesota

**Heather Erickson**

Speech Language Pathologist, MHealth Fairview  
University of Minnesota

**Florence John MD, MPH**

Assistant Professor, Director of Cancer Rehabilitation  
PM&R Residency Program Director  
University of Minnesota

#### ***The Role of Patient Advocacy in HPV Prevention***

**Amanda Hollinger MPA**

Executive Director  
Head & Neck Cancer Alliance

#### **Live Question/Answer Session**

## **FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026, 12-1 PM EST**

### **Igniting Action: Young Changemakers Leading the Way in HPV Prevention**

#### ***Moderator & Speaker:***

**Mitali Chaudhari**

Youth HPV Champions, Co-Founder  
Outreach Chair, GIAHC Young Leaders

#### ***GIAHC Young Leaders Program Overview***

**McKenna Stoudemire**

Vice Chair, GIAHC Young Leaders; Medical Student,  
University of Colorado School of Medicine

**Anisha Pethkar**

Fundraising Committee Chair, GIAHC Young Leaders  
Medical Student, Chicago Medical School

#### ***Voices on the Hill: Youth Advocates in Action***

**Siddarth Balagopal**

Student, River Hill High School

#### ***Uniting Young Changemakers for HPV Prevention: Building a Healthier Future Together***

**Marissa Malchione, MS**

Senior Manager, HPV Initiative & Global HPV  
Consortium, Sabin Vaccine Institute

#### ***REACH: A Vision to Victory***

**Wambui Gachunga**

Biomedical Engineering Ph.D. Candidate  
University of Florida

**Alina Wilson**

MSc Control of Infectious Diseases Candidate  
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

#### ***Celebrating Leadership: HPV Champion Award Presentation***

**Eileen Barrett, MD, MPH, MACP, FAMWA**

AMWA President; Chair Emerita, Board of Regents-  
American College of Physicians; Senior Medical  
Director & VP, Quality, Workit Health

#### **Live Question/Answer Session**