

What Do You Know About Human Papillomavirus?

Participant Information Sheet

We invite you to complete this **short** and **anonymous** questionnaire as part of a research study to find out what people know about cervical cancer and HPV in New Zealand. This information sheet will explain why the research is being done and what you will need to do to take part. Please take as much time as you need to read the information before deciding if you would like to take part and feel free to talk to others about the study if you wish.

What is the purpose of the study?

HPV primary screening for cervical cancer is coming in 2018. The success of that project in part depends on raising public and professional levels of knowledge about HPV in cervical cancer screening. We are therefore interested in measuring how much you currently know, through this trial questionnaire. The information we gather will be used to design future questionnaires for larger studies aimed at improving knowledge of HPV amongst all New Zealanders, as we look to a change in the program in 2018.

Who is being invited to take part in the study?

At this preliminary stage we are offering this survey to interested healthcare professionals involved in smearing in the Capital and Coast and Hutt Valley DHB areas.

What will I need to do?

If you decide to take part, you should take **10- 15 minutes** to complete the attached questionnaire. Once you have completed it please return it to the researcher. You may keep this information sheet for your future reference.

Will my taking part in the study be kept confidential?

Yes, absolutely. We will follow ethical and legal practice and all information that you provide will be handled in confidence by the investigators. All responses will be anonymous. The data will be retained for a maximum of 2 years. After 2 years post-publication, the data will be securely disposed of.

What will happen to the results of this study?

We eventually intend to publish the results of this study in peer reviewed journals. We will also present it at scientific conferences and will offer to share any relevant findings with the Ministry of Health in the context of developing HPV education programs. You will not be identified in any research presentation or publication as all questionnaires are completed anonymously.

What if there is a problem?

If you have a concern about any aspect of this study, you can speak to:

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You can find out further information for healthcare providers for cervical cancer and HPV at <https://www.nsu.govt.nz/health-professionals/national-cervical-screening-programme>