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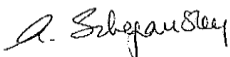
### **Society of Canadian Colposcopists Statement on HPV Vaccines 2010**

The Society of Canadian Colposcopists (SCC) welcomes the introduction of a second HPV Vaccine into the Canadian Market. The recent approval by Health Canada of Cervarix® (GSK) provides an alternative vaccine for the prevention of cervical dysplasia and cancer.

We support the usage of these vaccines in provincial primary prevention programs and also feel that many more young women who are not eligible for these programs would benefit from vaccination.

Over 99 % of cervical cancer is caused by the human papillomavirus. This can cause changes leading to abnormal pap tests and referral to colposcopy clinics where treatment to prevent cancer from developing occurs. This causes significant stress to the over 400,000 women who have an abnormal pap test and the 250,000 women who are seen in colposcopy clinics. This vaccine will help reduce the need for invasive procedures needed to treat cervical precancerous changes.

Both available vaccines are proven to prevent dysplasia and infection from over 70% of the high-risk human papillomavirus strains. While both available vaccines are highly effective they have unique properties that will help reduce the burden of cervical cancer and its precursors. Cervarix® has been approved in numerous countries and we welcome its introduction to Canada.



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The Society of Canadian Colposcopists is an independent nonprofit organization representing Colposcopists and allied health professionals across Canada. Colposcopy is integral to the screening and prevention of cervical cancer

The mission of the SCC Mission Statement is: "To advocate and promote the highest quality of care in the prevention, education and research, detection and treatment of benign and premalignant abnormalities of the lower genital tract."