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On the road to the elimination of cervical cancer: Reflections on the journey so far and the challenges ahead

Presenter: Prof. Julia Brotherton

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One year ago, the WHO released the Global Strategy to Accelerate the Elimination of Cervical Cancer as a Public Health Problem. This seminar will discuss the strategy, its scale up targets, and reflect on some of the key developments and research that culminated in its development and what needs to happen next.

These will include findings from Australia, as the first country to implement a large-scale human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination program, and how HPV based screening allows for vaginal self-sampling, which offers a feasible way to screen millions of people across the globe.



Professor Julia Brotherton is a public health physician and Medical Director of Population Health at the Australian Centre for the Prevention of Cervical Cancer. She is Professor of Cancer Prevention Policy and Implementation at the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, and Professorial Fellow at the National Centre for Immunisation Research and Surveillance. She is a medical graduate, has a MPH and PhD, and holds a Fellowship in Public Health Medicine.

Julia was Medical Director of the former National HPV Vaccination Program Register of Victoria and South Australia's cervical screening registers and for over fifteen years has been involved in research and policy development informing the implementation and evaluation of HPV vaccination and cervical screening programs. She was a lead investigator in Australian research demonstrating the world's first evidence of dramatic declines in both HPV infections and pre-cancerous cervical lesions in young women postvaccination.

She has over 220 publications and is a member of the WHO Director General's Expert Advisory Group on Cervical Cancer Elimination, CHIC's global HPV Vaccine Council, and the Single Dose HPV Vaccination Evaluation Consortium.