

# HPV VACCINE IS CANCER PREVENTION Champion

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Association of American Cancer Institutes, and American Cancer Society, as leaders in cancer prevention, have partnered to establish the *HPV Vaccine Is Cancer Prevention Champion Award* to recognize leaders in health care who have demonstrated their commitment to preventing HPV cancers through timely vaccination of adolescents.

The *HPV Vaccine Is Cancer Prevention Champion Award* recognizes clinicians, clinics, practices, groups, and health systems that are going above and beyond to foster HPV vaccination in their community. Up to one Champion from each of the 50 U.S. states, 8 U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States, and the District of Columbia will be recognized.

## HOW DO I NOMINATE A CHAMPION?

State and territorial immunization program managers will coordinate the nomination and review process by the suggested deadline of August 16, 2019, and send their nomination to the CDC for final review by September 13, 2019.

## HOW WILL THE HPV VACCINE IS CANCER PREVENTION CHAMPIONS BE SELECTED?

Champions must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Must be a clinician, clinic, practice, group, or health system that treats adolescents as part of their overall population.
- Nominee must reach target series completion rate of 60% for the patient population aged 13–15 years.
  - Rate must account for both female and male patients.
  - Vaccination under the two-dose schedule (two doses given at least five months apart in children ages 9–14 years) satisfies series completion, as does the original three-dose schedule.

Champions should also meet one or more of the following judging criteria:

- Leadership: How is the candidate considered an authority on HPV vaccination in their community, medical system, or individual practice?
- Collaboration: How has the candidate worked to build support for and increase HPV vaccination rates in their adolescent population through partnerships, committees, or other programs?
- Innovation: How has the candidate used creative or innovative strategies to promote HPV vaccination or address challenges to HPV vaccination?

## HOW WILL CHAMPIONS BE RECOGNIZED?

The 2019 award recipients will be announced in the fall of 2019. Champions will be featured on CDC's website and in the #PreteenVaxNews e-newsletter. Champions will also receive a congratulatory letter from AACI, ACS, and CDC, an *HPV Vaccine Is Cancer Prevention Champion* plaque, and a digital web badge for their websites.

To learn more about the *HPV Vaccine Is Cancer Prevention Champion Award*, visit [www.cdc.gov/HPV/champions/](http://www.cdc.gov/HPV/champions/).

