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Mona Saraiya, MD, MPH, joined CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer in the Division of Reproductive Health in 1995, and is currently a medical officer and Associate Director in the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control's (DCPC's) Office of International Cancer Control. Since EIS, the majority of her CDC tenure has been spent with DCPC focusing on skin cancer epidemiology and cervical cancer screening. Dr. Saraiya advised the Choose Your Cover campaign from a medical and epidemiological perspective and spearheaded two major skin cancer initiatives: the school guidelines on sun protection and the community guidelines on skin cancer prevention.

Dr. Saraiya also provides gynecologic cancer expertise as a medical officer for the Inside Knowledge: Get the Facts About Gynecologic Cancer campaign, and her work also extends to helping inform practices and policies related to cervical cancer for CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. During the past six years, she has been an active member of various CDC human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine workgroups.

Her cervical cancer and HPV research portfolio is vast as she recently completed an initiative to characterize the HPV-associated cancer burden in the United States. Furthermore, she has also published several articles including characterizing the incidence of cervical cancer in the U.S., the necessary communication pieces for HPV testing and the HPV vaccine, the low Pap testing rates among foreign-born women in the U.S., and adherence to cervical cancer screening guidelines, especially with newer technologies such as HPV testing. More recently, she has been asked to strategize and increase the international portfolio for DCPC, which includes work related to increasing acceptability, capacity, and evaluation in countries to conduct non-cytology-based screening by working closely with international partners such as the World Health Organization and Pan American Health Organization.

