

Dear Japanese colleagues:

Please first note my conflict of interest as I derive royalties from the sale of the HPV vaccines – I am not therefore the best person to be providing a product endorsement! This conflict statement must be included in any use of my comments below.

Conflict notwithstanding, I believe that the published literature clearly demonstrates both HPV vaccine safety and HPV vaccine efficacy for prevention of HPV infection and consequent disease. It would be a great shame if a vaccine that is effective in prevention of a common serious cancer of women were not to be made available as a public health measure in a prosperous country where cervical cancer is still a problem, particularly when so much effort is begin put into providing programs in the developing world where cervical cancer is the commonest cause of cancer death amongst women.

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