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Subject: Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine Update – Recommendations for Males and Females – Item No. HL22.2

The Toronto Board of Health on June 14, 2013 adopted the following recommendations which are forwarded to you for information and/or action.

The Board of Health:

1. Urged the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to:
   a. Increase efficiency of the current publicly funded HPV school-based vaccination program for females by administering it in grade 7 rather than grade 8;
   b. Expand the HPV catch-up program for females in grades 9-12 to include females up to age 26;
   c. Expand the publicly funded HPV vaccination program to include males in grade 7;
   d. Consider a catch-up HPV vaccination program for males in grades 9-12;
   e. Publicly fund the HPV vaccine for men who have sex with men, especially those with HIV;
   f. Develop a comprehensive educational campaign to improve HPV immunization coverage, including for males; and
   g. Work with Public Health Ontario to continue to monitor adverse events following immunization for the HPV vaccine and report publicly to ensure the ongoing safety of the vaccine.

2. Requested that the report (May 22, 2013) from the Medical Officer of Health be forwarded to the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Ontario Provincial Immunization Review Task Group and its sub-committees for consideration in the Task Group’s final report expected in September 2013.
3. Forwarded the report (May 22, 2013) from the Medical Officer of Health to the Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee on Immunization, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Council of Medical Officers of Health in Ontario, Cancer Care Ontario, the Ontario Public Health Association, the Canadian Paediatric Society, the Society for Obstetrics and Gynecologists of Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada.

The Board of Health also heard a presentation from Dr. Vinita Dubey, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Communicable Disease Control.

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May 22, 2013) Staff Report from the Medical Officer of Health - Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine Update - Recommendations for Males and Females (http://www.toronto.ca/egdocs/mmis/2013/hl/bgrd/backgroundfile-59177.pdf)


Yours truly

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