

#EUHPP LIVE WEBINAR
Health and medical students as HPV vaccination ambassadors
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'Vaccine confidence and barriers - experience from the ground'

Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)



COALITION
FOR VACCINATION
by European Healthcare Professionals

The Coalition for Vaccination

- Convened by the European Commission in 2019
- Consists of 18 European associations of healthcare professionals and healthcare students; additionally, it has 9 associated organisations working on vaccination topics
- Co-chaired by the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME), the Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU), and the European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN)
- Aims:
 - build vaccine trust & help increase vaccine uptake
 - support delivering accurate information to the public
 - combat myths around vaccines and vaccination
 - exchange best practices on vaccination

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)

- Represents national medical associations across Europe, covering roughly 1.7 million European Doctors from 37 countries
- Contributes the medical profession's point of view to EU institutions and European policy-making through pro-active cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues
- One of CPME's main focal points is health promotion and disease prevention, including vaccination
- CPME affirms that vaccination is a safe and efficient way of protecting individuals and populations from vaccine-preventable communicable diseases

CPME on HPV

- CPME supports the European Commission's proposal to support EU Member States' efforts to extend routine vaccination against HPV to eliminate cervical cancer and other cancers
- However, the goal set in the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan to vaccinate at least 90% of the EU target population of girls by 2030 should be set also for boys
- HPV vaccination should start early (9-12 years of age) and be free of charge as part of the national immunisation programmes
- In Ireland, the HPV vaccine is given to first year students in secondary school by school vaccination teams. In 2019, the programme was extended to include boys.

Many thanks for your attention!

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