

Huntsman Cancer Institute and the Intermountain West HPV Vaccination Coalition are looking to recruit HPV advocates!

HPV is a sexually transmitted infection that causes cervical, anal, penile, vaginal, and oropharyngeal cancers as well as genital warts. In the U.S., more than 20,000 women and 12,000 men are diagnosed with HPV-associated cancers annually; yet, the number of HPV immunized people is significantly less than CDC goals.

Why are advocates being recruited?

The Intermountain West HPV Coalition is providing support to the American Academy of Pediatrics' Hub and Spoke HPV Vaccination Quality Improvement Program in partnership with primary care clinics in Utah, Nevada, Montana, and Wyoming. Typically, pediatric providers never see a patient with an HPV-associated cancer in their practice. We would like advocates to share their stories with providers to highlight the importance of efforts to improve HPV vaccination at their clinics to prevent HPV-associated cancers.

What are the requirements to be an HPV advocate?

We are looking for people who have been directly impacted by HPV-associated cancers and pre-cancers. Someone who has been diagnosed with an HPV-associated cancer or a close friend or family member of someone who has been impacted by an HPV-associated cancer.

What benefits do the advocates receive?

Advocates will travel to the clinic twice in the next six months for small meetings and discussion with pediatric primary care teams. They will also provide support to the clinics when necessary. HPV Advocates will be reimbursed for travel expenses and will receive a modest honorarium for their time.

Where do I get more information?

If you would like more information about becoming an HPV Advocate, please contact **Deanna Kepka at 801-587-4565 or email at Deanna.Kepka@hci.utah.edu**.

If you know someone who you think would be a good candidate for this program, please refer them to us. We aim to build a strong network of survivors!

