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Overcoming challenges for cervical cancer elimination in India

Abstract:

Cervical cancer continues to be a significant public health challenge in India, despite advances in medical technology and healthcare infrastructure. Several factors contribute to the complexity of eliminating this preventable cancer in the country. For Prevention of cervical cancer, WHO launched the global strategy on 17th Nov. 2020 with 90-70-90 targets i.e. 90% girls should be vaccinated, 70% women should be screened between the age of 35 to 45 years and 90% women should receive the treatment for precancerous lesions. India has the largest adolescent population in the world i.e. 253 million and for reaching this target in the given time frame is a big challenge. Lack of awareness remains a critical issue in general population. Many women in rural and underserved communities lack access to information about cervical cancer, its vaccination and regular screening. Cultural taboos and stigmas further hinder the acceptance for screening the women. Moreover limited access to healthcare services exacerbates the problems for management of cervical cancer. We are trying to overcome these challenges by educating school girls, awareness and training of health care providers nationwide. Indian HPV vaccine has been developed and very soon it will be included in National Immunization Program. Screening of adult women has also been integrated in National Health Services. Continues Training programs for Health Care providers for timely management of pre-cancerous lesions of cervix to prevent Cervical Cancer are organized. For this we should have multipronged approach to reach our goal.

Biography

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