

Hi. I'm Dr. Ron DePinho, President of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Human papillomavirus, or HPV, can cause head and neck cancer, cervical cancer, and other GU cancers as well as certain GI cancers. The CDC says about 14 million people are newly infected with HPV each year. Of those, more than 26,000 will develop cancer. It's estimated that 74% of HPV cases occur between 15 and 24 years of age. Yet there's a vaccine that can protect against and even prevent HPV-related cancers and other neoplasms. Unfortunately, here in Texas, only 7% of boys and 30% of girls successfully complete the vaccine regimen. Across other states, the numbers are similarly low. One of the top reasons why? Their doctor did not recommend HPV vaccination. Clearly, we have room for improvement. Today, we invite you to partner with us to reduce future suffering and deaths due to HPV-associated cancer. Please help us take charge of what in my opinion is a public responsibility. In this course, HPV-associated Cancers, MD Anderson experts offer their expertise about the science, prevention, and clinical implications of HPV-associated cancers. We hope you find this course valuable and we encourage you to incorporate the resources provided in these lectures to better care for your patients. Together, we can end cancer.