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Human papillomavirus vaccination for men: What is new about this issue in South America?

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Human papillomavirus (HPV) infection is a major health problem that affects young people and adults. At present, thousands of people are infected by HPV in various parts of the world. In men, this infection can result in the development of cancers of the penis, oropharynx and anus. Surprisingly, in 2017, both Brazil and Argentina started to offer HPV vaccination for boys and/or male adolescents in their national vaccination calendars. Therefore, they were the first countries of South America to offer this vaccination

for males as a preventive measure officially recommended by the Ministry of Health. However, so far, there is very few information about this issue in the literature. Thus, I am conducting a research study on the implementation of HPV vaccination for males in these two countries, with special focus on public health aspects. Certainly the findings of such study will contribute to important advances in this field.

Biography

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