

# HPV Vaccinations: The Dental Community's Role

## Continuing Education Interactive Learning Series

The American Cancer Society (ACS) in partnership with the Nevada Dental Association (NDA) and Pacific Dental Services (PDS) is proud to present this interactive webinar series to educate dental providers on the HPV vaccination and its role in cancer prevention. The Nevada Dental Association will be providing continuing education to all in attendance.

**Dates:** Sept. 7, Sept. 14, Sept. 21, Sept. 28, and Oct. 4, 2022

**Time:** 6-7pm PST

**ADA/NDA Member Cost:** Free

**Non-Member Cost:** \$99 for the series

**Registration Link:** <https://bit.ly/3l8f3m7>

**This series is limited to 500 attendees!**

**Questions:** Email HPV Program Manager, Ashley Lach, [Ashley.Lach@cancer.org](mailto:Ashley.Lach@cancer.org)



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to register!

### Session Topics

#### 1: HPV 101 and the Pandemic's Effect on Vaccinations

**Speaker:** Heather M. Brandt, PhD, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

#### 2: The Barriers & Challenges to Dental Care

**Panelist of Speakers:** Sonal Shah, DDS, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, Antonia Capurro, DMD, MPH, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, & Lulu Tang, DMD, Pacific Dental Services

#### 3: A Guide to Oral Screenings & HPV-Related Malignancies

**Speaker:** Mark W. Lingen, DDS, PhD, University of Chicago

#### 4: Treatment of HPV-Related Oropharyngeal Cancer

**Speakers:** Geoff Young, M.D., PhD, Miami Cancer Institute & Jason Mendelsohn, Superman HPV

#### 5. The Short- and Long-Term Side Effects of HPV-Related Oropharyngeal Cancer

**Speakers:** Alessandro Villa, DDS, MPH, PhD, University of California-San Francisco & Michael West



Per the CDC, approximately 79 million people are infected with Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and there are 14 million new cases each year. As well, the American Cancer Society estimates that HPV causes nearly 35,000 cases of cancer in men and women each year and that number continues to rise.

Individuals between the ages of 9-26 can be vaccinated against HPV; but this preventative measure is underutilized. Dental providers are encouraged to gather more knowledge about this phenomenon so that they can discuss the HPV vaccine with their patients and answer questions related to HPV and the HPV vaccine.

Presenters will cover the biology of HPV, vaccination guidelines, identifying malignancies in the oral cavity, HPV-related head and neck cancers, and the dental community's role in HPV cancer prevention.

## About the American Cancer Society Mountain West HPV Project:

The American Cancer Society received funding in 2020 for a project titled "ACS | NCI CCC Partnership Model to Reduce Geographic Disparities in HPV Vaccination Rates for Adolescents Living in Rural States". The states included in this work are Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming. The Center for Health Outcomes and Population Equity (HOPE) at Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah is a partner on this 3-year grant project. This partnership focuses on leveraging health information technology, Project ECHO, and existing relationships established in the Mountain West.

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The Northern Nevada Dental Society (NNDS) is a component of the Nevada Dental Association (NDA). The NNDS is deemed an approved provider by the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners. (NAC 631.173). NNDS is also a continuing education registered provider with the Dental Board of California. Permit RP 2232.

# Speakers - HPV Series



## **Heather M. Brandt, PhD**

Dr. Heather Brandt is director of the HPV Cancer Prevention Program at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and co-associate director for outreach in the St. Jude Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also serves as a full member of the cancer center in the department of epidemiology and cancer control. She is a faculty affiliate in the University of Memphis School of Public Health and University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health. Dr. Brandt joined St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in July 2020 after 16 years on faculty in the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina, and most recently as associate dean in the Graduate School and professor of health promotion, education, and behavior in the Arnold School.



## **Antonia Capurro, DMD, MPH**

Dr. Capurro is a public health advocate who is passionate about improving the health of vulnerable citizens. Dr. Capurro currently serves as a Deputy Administrator in the Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy. Before this position, she served for five years in the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services as Nevada's State Dental Health Officer. Additionally, she trained the next generation of clinicians for almost a decade as a professor and program developer at the UNLV School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Capurro earned her Doctor of Dental Medicine, Master of Public Health with a concentration in health care administration and policy, and Master of Business Administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Dr. Capurro recently completed a Dental Public Health Residency Program at A.T. Still University and passed the written specialty examination for Dental Public Health Board certification.



## **Mark W. Lingen, DDS, PhD**

Dr. Mark W. Lingen is a Professor of Pathology and Medicine at the University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine. He is a graduate of Northwestern University Dental School. He also completed his residency in Oral & Maxillofacial (MAX-SOLO-FACIAL) Pathology as well as a PhD in Cellular and Molecular Pathology at Northwestern. Dr. Lingen is the Editor-in-Chief for the journal Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology Oral Radiology and Endodontics (Triple O). He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology, the American and International Colleges of Dentists, and the Royal College of Pathologists. Dr. Lingen is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology. His NIH-funded research, which, focuses on several aspects of oral cancer, has resulted in more than 200 manuscripts and book chapters.



## **Jason Mendelsohn**

Jason Mendelsohn is co-founder and President of Ashar Group, LLC, a privately held, nationally licensed firm specializing in the secondary market for life insurance. Jason is also a survivor of HPV-related tonsil cancer and serves as the co-chair for the Patient Education Committee for the Head and Neck Cancer Alliance. Jason made the decision to share his cancer story publicly so that others could learn about HPV-related oral cancer, oral cancer screenings, including the HPV vaccine. He also created a website, [www.SupermanHPV.com](http://www.SupermanHPV.com) which launched on September 1, 2017. Jason created the site to inspire, educate and encourage others diagnosed with HPV-related oral cancer. Jason also serves on the board of the Florida Hospital Cancer Institute and the Jewish Pavilion of Central Florida. Jason received his B.A. From Emory University in 1990.

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## **Lulu Tang, DMD**

Dr. Lulu Tang is the Owner Dentist of Sahara Modern Dentistry, and recent integration of Sahara Health Group, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dr. Tang graduated from the Oregon Health and Sciences University School of Dentistry in 2019, located in her hometown of Portland, Oregon. She began her career in Las Vegas, Nevada building her clinical foundation and philosophy of practice. After overcoming delays due to the pandemic, she opened Sahara Modern Dentistry in May of 2021 in partnership with Pacific Dental Services. Dr. Tang's model of care emphasizes the importance of the oral-systemic link in order to increase the health of patients, also known as the Mouth-Body Connection®. After sustaining early success with the dental-medical integration, she is now partnered with Owner Physician Dr. Elena Garcia and offering daily medical care through Sahara Health Group within her dental office.



## **Alessandro Villa, DDS, MPH, PhD**

Dr. Alessandro Villa is the founding Chief of Oral Medicine and Dentistry at the Miami Cancer Institute and an Associate Professor at the University of California San Francisco. Dr. Villa is board certified in Oral Medicine. After graduating with a DDS from the University of Milano, Italy, he obtained his Master of Public Health from AT Still University, MO and earned a PhD from the University of Sassari, Italy. He also served as a post-doctoral fellow at the National Cancer Institute, NIH where he studied the oral HPV prevalence in a large population and methods of early detection of oral cancer. Dr. Villa earned his Certificate in Oral Medicine from Harvard School of Dental Medicine and Brigham and Women's Hospital and served as the Program Director for the Oral Medicine Program. Dr. Villa's research interests are focused primarily on the management of oral potentially malignant disorders and oral complications from cancer treatment. In addition, he is working to reduce the burden of HPV associated oropharyngeal cancers through educational campaigns. Dr. Villa has contributed to the oral medicine literature with numerous journal articles and book chapters and is a peer reviewer for several professional journals.



## **Mike West**

Mike West is a married father of two children, who was diagnosed with Stage IV throat cancer due to HPV in August 2017. Now in his 4th year of remission and in his 28th year of practice as a trial attorney, Mike shares his story to schools, parents, and providers as a fierce advocate, working with the California Department of Public Health, Head & Neck Cancer Alliance, and American Cancer Society to bring awareness to the prevalence of the HPV virus in our society, for the promotion of the HPV vaccine for children to protect them from HPV related cancers in their future, and to bring hope to those facing devastating obstacles in their lives.