



HPV-FASTER
IMPLEMENT

Cancer burden
in Spain

5.4 Cervical cancer age-standardized
incidence rate per 100,000 women (2022)

1.6 Cervical cancer age-standardized
mortality rate per 100,000 women (2022)

Catalonia (SPAIN)

Eligible population approached with combined
HPV-based screening and vaccination in the
HPV-FASTER-Implement project in Catalonia:

- Vulnerable migrants from HPV high-prevalence regions and female sex workers

Institution leading implementation: Institut Català d'Oncologia (ICO)

- The healthcare system in Spain is decentralized. Coordination and recommendations on cervical cancer screening and vaccination are made at the national level by the **Interterritorial Council of the National Health System (NHS)**, where each of the 19 Spanish regions are represented.
- In the region of Catalonia in particular, the organizations coordinating vaccination and cervical cancer screening are the Public Health Agency of Catalonia and the Catalan Cancer Plan from the **Department of Health of the Catalan Government** respectively.

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HPV vaccination

Doses (interval)	Target population
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12-year-old girls and boys (11 years in Catalonia).• Unvaccinated females and males up to age 18 (unvaccinated women up to age 26 in Catalonia).• Sex workers and men who have sex with men, sexually abused people, and trans women up to age 25.
 (0, 6 months)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sex workers and men who have sex with men, sexually abused people, and trans women aged 26-45.• Unvaccinated women with treatment for high-grade intraepithelial lesion in the cervix.
 (0, 1-2, 6 months)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unvaccinated people with immunosuppression (WHIM - Warts, Hypogammaglobulinemia, recurrent bacterial Infections and Myelokathexis- syndrome, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection, solid organ or hematopoietic stem cell transplantation) up to age 45.



- Administered at school and primary care mostly, sexually transmitted infections (STI) clinics and sexual and reproductive health care centres (ASSIR) by nurses and sometimes by medical doctors.



- Free of charge.

Cervical screening

Test (interval)	Target population
Cytology (3 years; 1 year if moderately/severely immunocompromised)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People with a cervix aged 25-29.
HPV (5 years; 3 years if moderately/severely immunocompromised)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People with a cervix aged 30-65.• Screening ends at 65 if adequately screened in the previous 10 years and all tests were negative/normal.• In case of lesion, screening is maintained for 25 years even if age is over 65.



- At sexual and reproductive health care centres (ASSIR) by midwives (mainly) and gynaecologists.



- In areas where population-based programme is being implemented women are invited by SMS or letter to collect HPV self-sampling kit at pharmacies.



- Free of charge.