

June 17, 2020: Meeting the Needs for Cervical Cancer Screening in Underserved Communities: A Conversation among Peers

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Objectives of the conversation:

- Discuss challenges of screening for cervical cancer in underserved communities
- Identify opportunities for improvement in cervical cancer and HPV screening rates

This facilitated cross-disciplinary conversation held during Part 1 of the 2020 Virtual Dialogue brought together over 700 attendees from across the country working in fields related to public health and primary care, including health educators, nurses, researchers and physicians. As a usual part of the in-person annual national Prevent Cancer Dialogue, these conversations have been between 20-30 participants, but this year's virtual event received input from over 200 people. These facilitated conversations lead to recommendations for action to be shared with all participants.

The poll results below are based on the discussion during this facilitated conversation: participants were asked to choose their three top strategies for meeting cervical cancer screening needs in underserved communities.

All participants were given the opportunity to vote and comment on their top strategies from the discussion.

Based on votes from 239 participants, the top 3 strategies for meeting the needs for cervical cancer screening in underserved communities are:

- 105 votes - Provide more access to screening through availability of self-sampling tests (get FDA approval for use in US)
- 102 votes - Fund and use mobile health units to bring cervical cancer screening to where the patients are
- 80 votes - Use community health workers as patient navigators to help patients through screening and follow-up

