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Resources to Prevent Oral Cancer: The Most Common HPV-Related Cancer.

Oropharyngeal (referred to as “head and neck” or throat) cancer is the most common HPV-related cancer in California. According to the California Cancer Registry, there were 1,718 HPV-related oral cancers reported in 2015. This is approximately 40% of all HPV-associated cancers. In fact, HPV is thought to cause more oropharyngeal cancers than smoking.

April is Oral Cancer Awareness Month, and we are pleased to share some resources that may help improve the understanding of HPV-related oral cancers and increase HPV vaccination rates, especially in preteen boys.

I. New fact sheets for pediatricians and dental professionals from the American Academy of Pediatrics: Download them now and share in your practice!

- [Oropharyngeal Cancer \(OPC\) and HPV Prevention in Children: 5 Key Points that **Pediatricians** Need to Know](#)
- [Oropharyngeal Cancer \(OPC\) and HPV Prevention in Children: 5 Key Points that **Dental Professionals** Need to Know](#)
- [Answering Questions About HPV Vaccine: A Guide for **Dental Professionals**](#)
- Learn more about collaborating with dental professionals to prevent HPV at www.aap.org/oralhealth or within the [AAP HPV Champion Toolkit](#).

II. New HPV Oral Cancer Personal Stories from ShotByShot.org: View or download, and share these stories with patients, families colleagues, and clinic staff!

- [Jon’s Story](#) (video, 3:48 min) tells a father’s story of learning about his diagnosis of throat cancer and facing a difficult treatment of radiation and chemotherapy.
- [Christopher’s Story](#) (written) shares the shock of learning that a bump found while shaving was stage 4 HPV cancer and Christopher’s journey through treatment.

III. View the VICNetwork archived webinar at your convenience!

- [An Interprofessional Approach to HPV and Oropharyngeal Cancer Prevention Education](#) (originally presented Feb. 2018)