

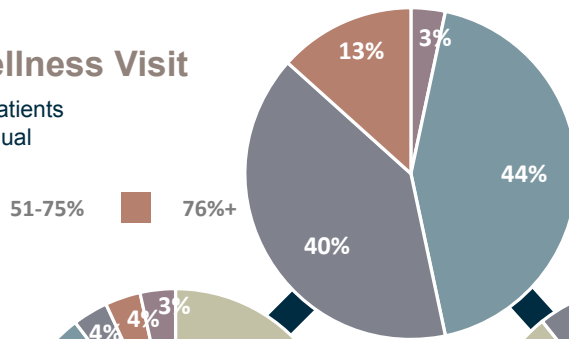
HPV Vaccination for Adolescents – Physician Practice Survey

In May 2019 the Alabama Adolescent Vaccine Task Force (AAVTF) Data Workgroup surveyed participants in the Alabama Children’s Health Improvement Alliance’s (ACHIA) 2019 learning collaborative, which is focused on adolescent well-care visits, regarding their thoughts, concerns and practices related to the HPV vaccination. A total of **30 practices** from **17 counties** across the state participated in this survey.

Adolescents Annual Wellness Visit

What percentage of your adolescent patients would you estimate come in for an annual well-child visit?

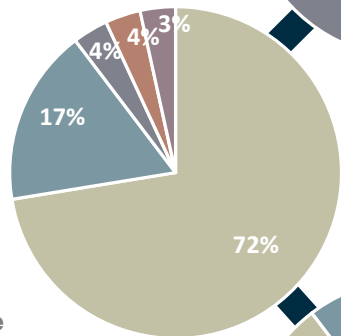
0-25% 26-50% 51-75% 76%+



Obstacles

What do you feel is the biggest obstacle in getting your patients vaccinated for HPV?

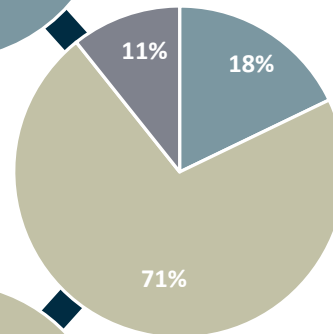
Stigma among parents
 Low parent/patient knowledge
 Changing/confusing vaccine recommendations
 Tracking and recall of patients for follow-up doses
 Other



Immunization Policy

Does your practice have an immunization policy that requires your patients to receive the HPV vaccine?

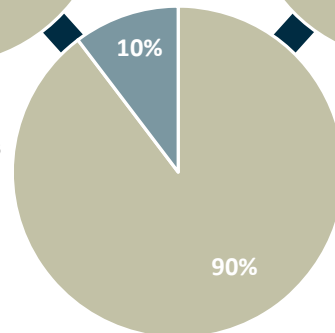
Yes No Other



Refusal Policy/Opt Out

Does your practice have a refusal policy or opt-out form specifically for the HPV vaccine for patients who decline HPV vaccine?

Yes No



Implications:

- Several practices gave feedback which referred to the HPV vaccine as “optional”
 - More work is needed to change the mindset of providers, parents and patients that this vaccine is a part of the **normal vaccine schedule**.
- More research is needed around the stigma among parents about the HPV vaccine
 - Are their concerns more related to the view of HPV as a sexually transmitted disease or **the safety of the vaccine itself?**