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%: 13%
- 26-50%: 44%
- 51-75%: 18%
- 76%+: 11%

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

- Stigma among parents: 72%
- Low parent/patient knowledge: 10%
- Changing/confusing vaccine recommendations: 11%
- Tracking and recall of patients for follow-up doses: 4%

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

- Yes: 40%
- No: 3%
- Other: 5%

**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: 90%
- No: 3%

**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?