## Anal Dysplasia and Anal Cancer Prevention

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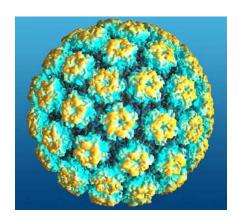
### Learning Objectives

1. Understand the current state of the art for detection and treatment of anal dysplasia to prevent anal cancer.

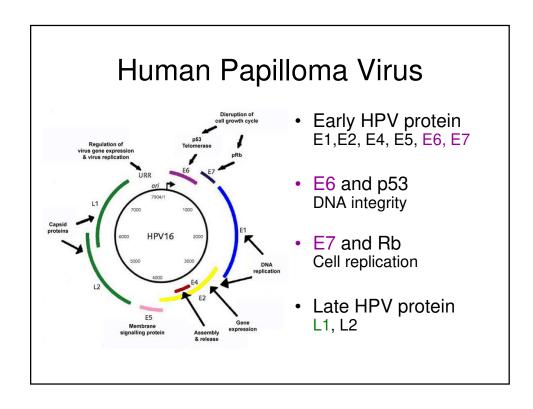
### Summary

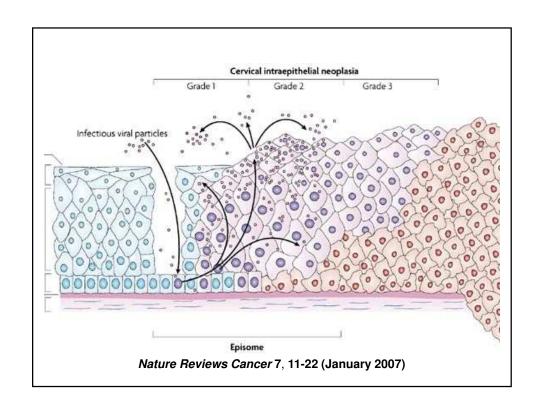
- HPV Biology
- Epidemiolgy of HPV, Dyplasia, and Cancer
- Screening
- Treatment
- Prevention

### Human Papilloma Virus



- · Non-enveloped
- Double-stranded DNA
- >100 types identified
- · 30-40 anogenital
- Oncogenic 16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 58
- Non-oncogenic 6, 11, 40, 42, 43, 44, 54

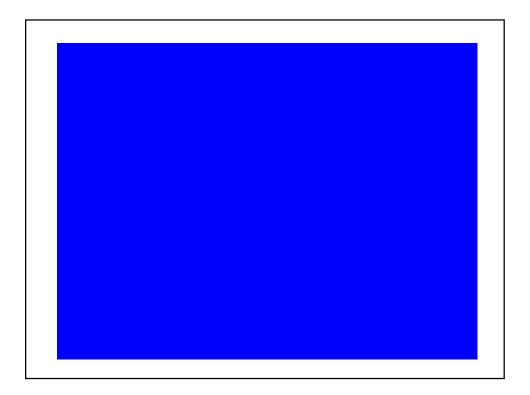


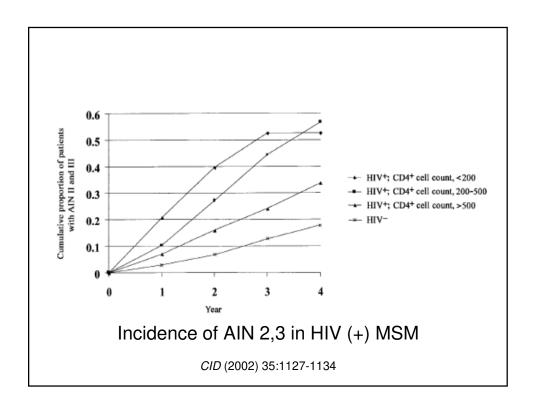


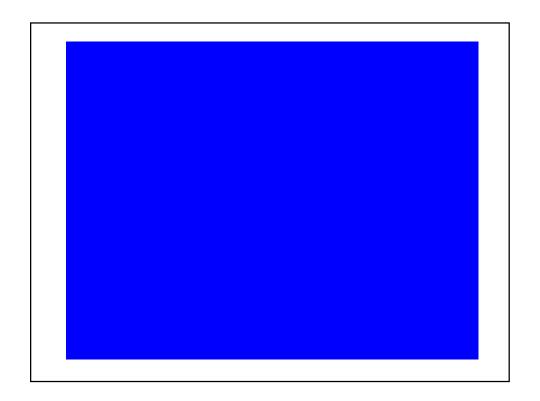
### Risk Factors for HPV Persistence

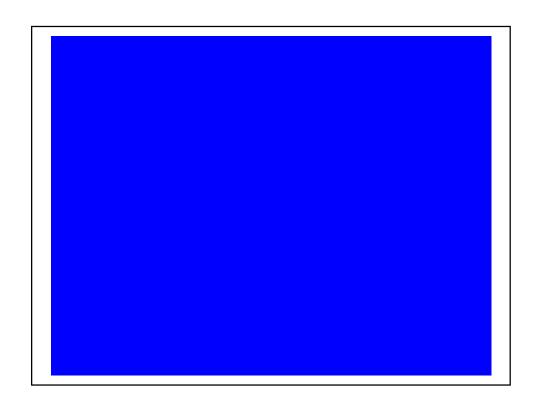
- HIV or other immunosupression
- Infection with multiple subtypes
- Infection with subtypes 16,18 (high risk)
- Age >30
- Smoking
- 80% of HPV infections are successfully cleared. Mean duration 8 months

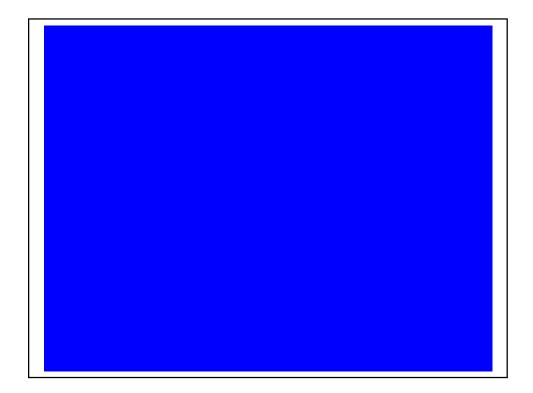
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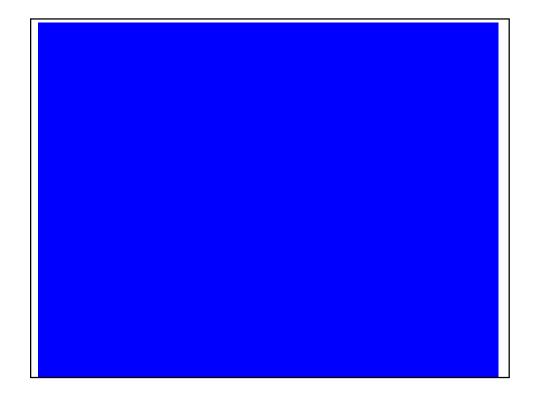


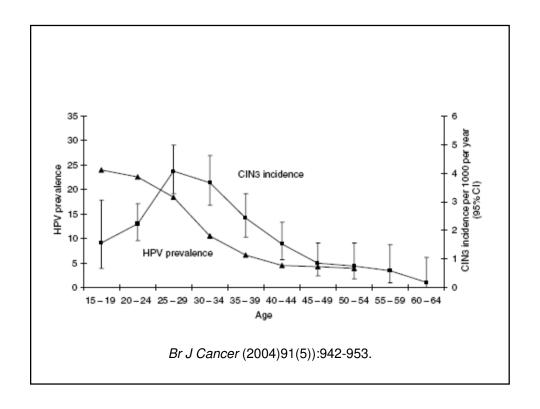


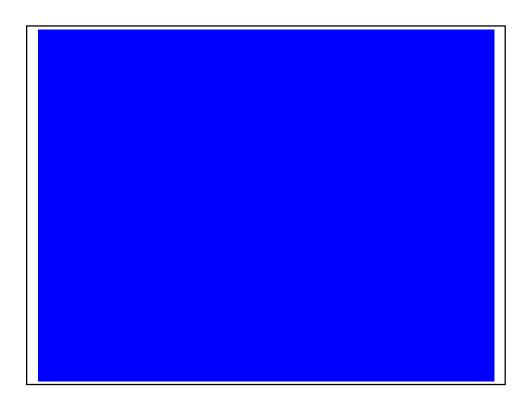






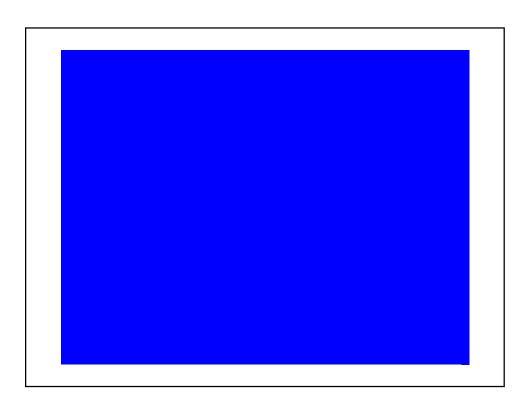






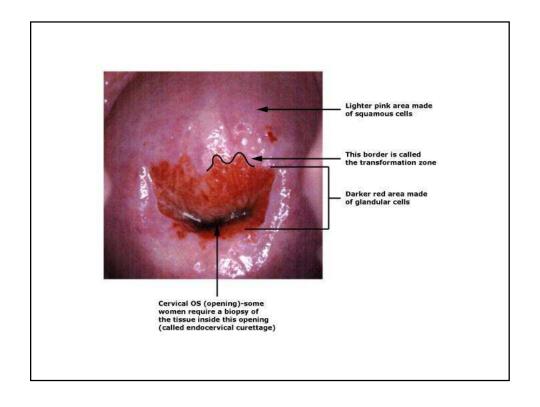
# Incidences of Anal and Cervical Cancer

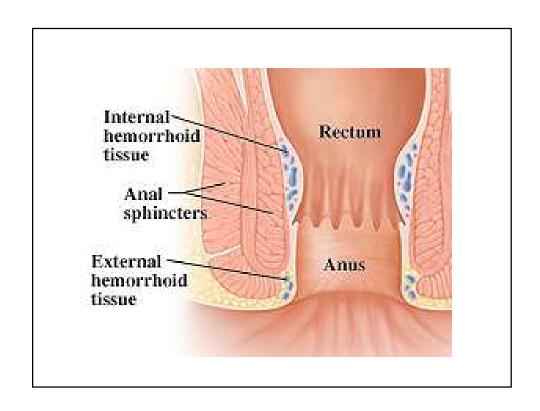
- Cervical Cancer prior to PAP smears 50/100,000
- Cervical Cancer, now 8/100,000
- Anal Cancer in the general population 0.8/100,000
- Anal Cancer among HIV (-) MSM 5-35/100,000
- Anal Cancer among HIV (+) Women 30/100,000
- Anal Cancer among HIV (+) MSM (HAART era) 131/100,000

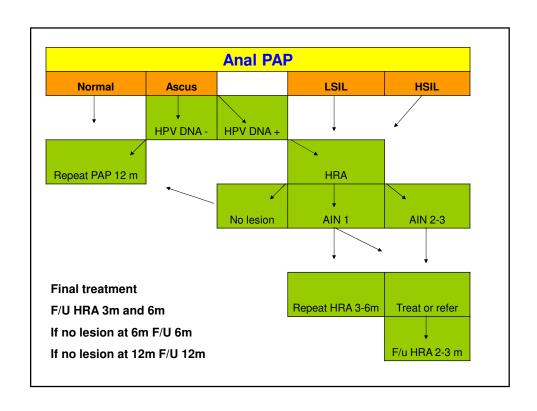


### Cervical PAP screening

- Baseline GYN exam with PAP smear for all HIV positive women.
- Repeat PAP in 6 months, and every 12 months thereafter if normal.
- If PAP is abnormal, repeat every 6 months until two sequential PAP smears are normal.
- PAP every six months if CD4 <200.</li>
- Refer ASCUS and all higher grade cytology to GYN for colposcopy.
- After colposcopy:
  - CIN1: PAP every 4-6 months
  - CIN2-3: Refer to GYN for Ablation (LEEP, conization)
    Then PAP q3-4m for 1yr.







### **HIVMA Primary Care Guidelines**

Aberg, JA, et al. Clin Infect Dis, 2014:58 e1-53.

### Anal cytology for:

- HIV infected MSM.
- HIV-infected women with a history of receptive anal sex or abnormal cervical PAP smear.
- HIV-infected persons with ano-genital warts.
- Abnormal results should prompt HRA.

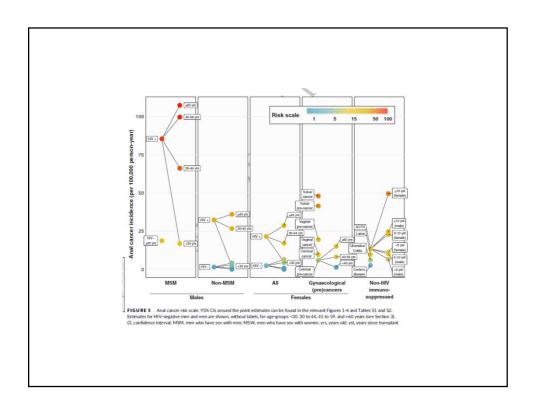
Weak recommendation, Moderate quality evidence.

#### **ANCHOR Study Top Line Results**

- Randomized trial to establish efficacy of destruction of HGAIN to prevent anal cancer
- 4446 patients enrolled in >10 sites in US and Puerto Rico. HIV pos men and women with biopsy-proven HGAIN. Broad gender and ethnic/racial diversity
- Randomized to treatment (93% had HYF although other treatments were permitted) vs observation
- Treatment associated with 57% reduced risk of anal cancer. P 0.029

#### Notable details

- 52% of patients had HGAIN at screening visit. This is high.
- Protocol initially did not permit prior treatment for HGAIN, but this was modified to increase enrollment.
- Thus, the study population was not only HIV pos and HGAIN, but also enriched for patients who had failed prior treatment for HGAIN.
- Cancer rates were much higher than historical controls:
  - Treatment 173/100,000 vs Observation 442/100,000
  - Compare this with cancer incident rate of 120/100,000 in HIV pos MSM 4x excess cancer risk.
- Treatment effect was 57% risk reduction. Compare this with 10-fold risk reduction for cervical cancer in average risk women .



# Who should be screened with Anal Cytology?

- All HIV (+) MSM, annually.
- All HIV (+) patients with anogenital condylomata.
- All HIV (+) women with abnormal cervical or vulvar cytology.
- ? All HIV (+) women
- ? All HIV (-) MSM, if neg repeat every 2-3 years.
- ? All men and women with transplant associated immunosupression

## Cervical HPV and HSIL predicts anal HPV in HIV neg and HIV pos women

	Anal HPV-16 prevalence HIV NEG Anal HPV-16 prevalence	41% 2% 46%	Cervical HPV-16 + Cervical HPV-16 - Cervical HPV-16 +
•	HIV POS	11%	Cervical HPV-16 –
	Anal HSIL	24%	Cervical HPV-16 +
	HIV NEG	2%	Cervical HPV-16 –
•	Anal HSIL	17%	Cervical HPV-16 +
	HIV POS	8%	Cervical HPV-16 -

Anal HPV-16 prevalence 44% Cervical CA HIV NEG

Lancet ID 2019; 19:880-91

13,427 women with paired anal and cervical HPV DNA and cytology

### **Anal Cytology**

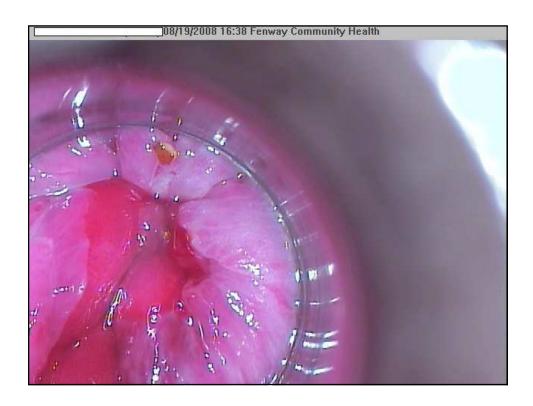


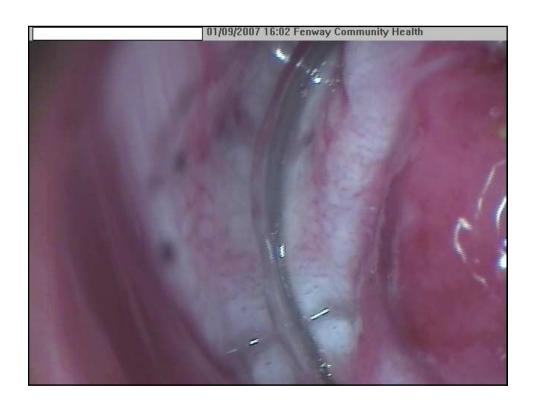
- Dacron swab moistened with tap water.
- Insert into anal canal until resistance is not met (2 cm).
- Rotate and apply pressure to walls of anal canal while slowly withdrawing.
- Liquid-based cytology or direct smear.

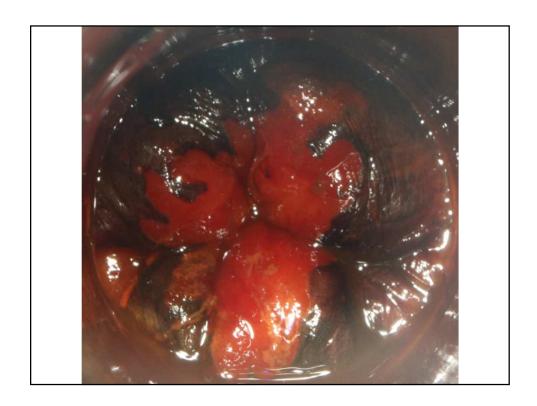
### High Resolution Anoscopy

- Analagous to cervical colposcopy
- Application of 5% acetic acid turns dysplastic mucosa white
- Biopsy establishes degree of dysplasia
- Low-grade lesions (AIN1) may be ablated or followed.
- High-grade lesions (AIN2-3) may be ablated or referred for surgical excision.











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### Warning Signs for Anal Cancer

- Pain
- Bleeding
- Abnormal DRE: thickening, induration, or mass
- Extensive lesions
- Ulceration
- Friability

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### Not Associated with Anal Cancer

- Current CD4 count
- HAART













### **HPV Vaccine**

- HPV L1 Protein
- Bivalent vaccine 16,18
- Quadrivalent vaccine (Gardasil) 6,11,16,18
- Gardasil-9, includes 31, 33, 45, 52, 58 (20% of cervical cancers)
- No observable protection against non-vaccine HPV types (still need PAP).
- No observable protection against strains acquired before vaccination
- Uncertain protection against oral or penile disease.
- Well tolerated with no SAE's yet reported.

