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MDHHS Immunization Section, 2019

Ascension Borgess Family Medicine and Pediatrics – Plainwell has been selected as the **2019 HPV Vaccine is Cancer Prevention Champion** for Michigan! The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Cancer Society (ACS), and the Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI) have partnered to create this award program to recognize clinicians, clinics, practices, groups, and health systems that go above and beyond to foster HPV vaccination among adolescents in their community. This year they are honoring champions from 25 states for their efforts to achieve high HPV vaccination rates.

Ascension Borgess Family Medicine and Pediatrics – Plainwell is a large practice that is passionate about protecting their patients from vaccine-preventable diseases. They strongly support all Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines at every visit, whether it’s for a well-visit or not. They recommend the HPV vaccine in the same way and on the same day as the other adolescent vaccines. The staff regularly reaches out to families with adolescents eligible for HPV vaccine through monthly reminder/recall phone calls and emails. They often share personal stories about how HPV vaccination can save lives and recognize that each HPV vaccine conversation is unique and that there’s no “one size fits all” approach to discussing vaccines. Their dedication to education about the HPV vaccine has led the practice to a 92% HPV vaccine series completion rate for their adolescents.

To read Ascension Borgess Family Medicine and Pediatrics – Plainwell’s full profile on the CDC’s website, and to learn more about the *HPV Vaccine Is Cancer Prevention Champion* Award program, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/champions/2019-winners.html>.



Self-Paced Course: Hereditary Cancer Syndromes: Are your Patients at Risk?

This self-paced program was developed to help oncology providers identify, evaluate, and manage patients at increased risk of hereditary cancer syndromes. The program was developed by the [Michigan State Department of Health and Human Services](#) and [The Jackson Laboratory Clinical and Continuing Education Program](#) with funding from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

Genetic testing is becoming increasingly accessible for patients as the list of clinical indications and number of genes are growing, and the cost of testing is decreasing. Identifying a patient with an underlying genetic variant associated with cancer can impact his or her treatment options, long-term management approach, and risks for other cancer. In addition, there are implications for close family members. While genetic testing can provide important clinical information for decision-making, there are benefits, limitations, and risks. This program focuses on developing skills and knowledge to identify those patients most appropriate for genetic testing, choosing the right test, and using the results to develop a management plan.

Upon completion of this educational activity, the learner will be able to:

- Determine if a patient is a candidate for cancer genetic testing
- Deliver pre-testing counseling appropriate to the patient
- Select the best genetic test for the patient
- Interpret genetic testing results
- Identify patient management based on genetic testing results

[Enroll in the Hereditary Cancer Syndrome course.](#)

Living Beyond Breast Cancer's *I Raise My Voice* Campaign

There are about 155,000 Americans living with metastatic breast cancer. On average, people with metastatic breast cancer live only 2-3 years after their diagnosis. Life with metastatic breast cancer (MBC) is not well understood by many people.

Members of Living Beyond Breast Cancer's [Hear My Voice Outreach Program](#) have joined together to create a collection of videos on why they choose to raise their voice about metastatic breast cancer. This is an attempt to change and reframe the conversation.

To listen to the stories from the 2019 Hear My Voice Metastatic Breast Cancer Outreach Program members, visit the [I Raise My Voice YouTube Channel](#). These stories explain why the program members have chosen to raise and elevate their voices on behalf of themselves and others living with MBC.



2020 MCC Meetings

2020 Board Meetings:

Wednesday, March 18
Wednesday, June 24
Wednesday, September 23

For more information contact Amy Stagg at StaggA@michigan.gov.

MCC Website

Be sure to visit the [MCC Website](#) to find provider and patient resources.

Health Equity Corner

Health Equity Speakers Bureau Highlight



Regina R. Washington, DrPH
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Bio/Description of Expertise:

Dr. Washington is the Development Officer and Director of Program Operations for LGBT HealthLink working toward eliminating health disparities within the LGBTQ communities. She has over 15 years of experience in community, governmental, academic institutional leadership, related to strategic planning, program/policy development, implementation, and evaluation. Dr. Washington is a dynamic leader and provides high level technical assistance for health organizations pursuing capacity building efforts related to diversity and inclusion. Her presentations, projects, and writings have been focused on health disparities, health education, and health policy, specifically related to tobacco cessation and cancer control. Her public health practice focuses on geographic, social, behavioral factors associated with cancer health disparities among low socioeconomic status, minority racial/ethnic, and other disadvantaged populations.

If you are interested in contacting Dr. Washington to speak at an educational session or conference please call 954-388-0624 or email Regina@lgbtcenters.org.

The MCC Health Equity Speaker's Bureau is a resource for individuals and organizations. This directory includes content experts accessible to MCC members for consideration in planning educational sessions/conferences. The Health Equity Speakers Bureau Highlights will showcase each member of the Speaker's Bureau. If you would like to be added to the MCC Speakers Bureau, please contact Beth Trierweiler at Trierweilerb@michigan.gov.