

Informed Consent Form

Survey of Minnesotans About Screening and HPV (SMASH)

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Investigator's Statement

We are asking you to complete a survey to better understand cervical cancer screening and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination practices in Minnesota. We are also asking you to provide the ZIP code where you live and an email address. To participate in this research study you must be between 18 and 30 years old and reside in Minnesota. The purpose of this information sheet is to provide you with details about the survey so that you can decide whether or not to participate. Please read the sheet carefully. You may ask questions about the purpose of the research, what we would ask you to do, the possible risks and benefits, your rights as a volunteer, and anything else about the research or this form that is not clear. When all your questions have been answered, you can decide if you want to participate or not. This process is called 'informed consent.' You may print out a copy of this statement for your own records. If you have any questions please email Erik Nelson at nels6712@umn.edu.

Purpose

The purpose of this study is to obtain information about cervical cancer screening and vaccination practices from men and women residing in various parts of Minnesota. Society may benefit from the knowledge we gain about where these practices are or are not taking place. We are asking you to complete a survey about whether you have received the HPV vaccine and also, if you are a woman, your cervical cancer screening practices. As part of this survey we will obtain personal identifying information. This information will not be shared with others without your permission.

Procedures

If you choose to complete the survey, you will be asked questions regarding your knowledge and perceptions of HPV vaccination. For women, survey questions will also address cervical cancer screening practices. We will also ask for some demographic information (e.g. age, gender, education, religiosity, political party

preference) so that we can accurately describe the group of men and women who participate in this study.

The following are examples of questions that you will see included in the survey: What is your gender? Have you EVER had an HPV vaccination? How long has it been since your last Pap test?

This survey will take about 5-10 minutes to complete. You do not have to answer any question that you are uncomfortable answering. If you agree to provide an email address, you will only be contacted to claim a \$20 gift card to Target as compensation for your time. Please note that we cannot ensure the confidentiality of information sent via email.

Risks, Stress, or Discomfort

Some survey questions ask you about content that may be sensitive and cause you some discomfort.

Benefits of the Study

There is no direct benefit from participation in this study.

Other Information

Participants should respond to this survey only once and will only be compensated for completing this study once.

Responses to the survey will not be written to the hard drive of your computer. All information submitted through the online survey is sent to a password protected directory that is accessible only to the research team.

Your participation is voluntary.

If you have questions later on about the research you can contact Erik Nelson at nels6712@umn.edu. If you have questions about your rights as a research subject, you can call the Human Research Protection Program at the University of Minnesota at (612) 626-5654 or email at irb@umn.edu. Please note that we cannot ensure the confidentiality of information sent via email.

Question:

<input type="checkbox"/>	I consent to take part in this research survey (checking this box will take you to the survey.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	I do NOT consent

Questions or Comments?

Contact Erik Nelson at nels6712@umn.edu.