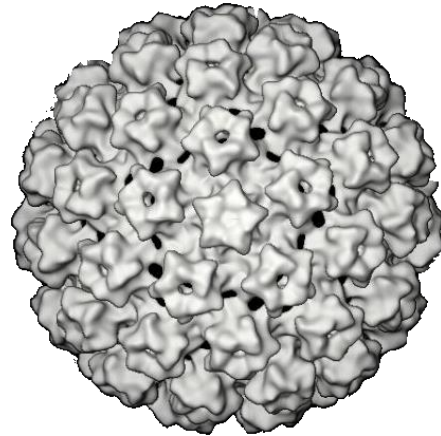


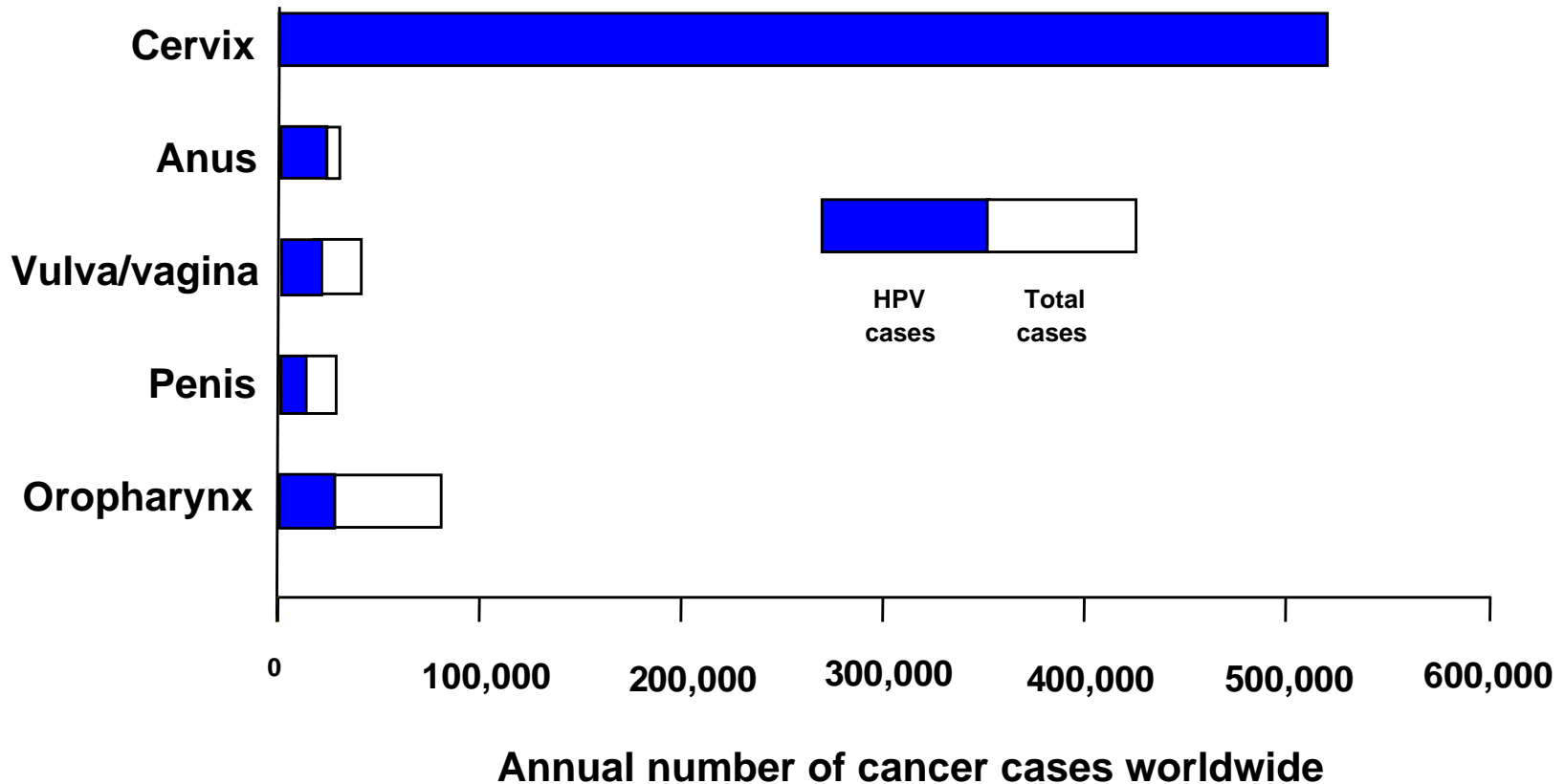
# Prevention of HPV-Associated Cancers

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National Cancer Institute, NIH



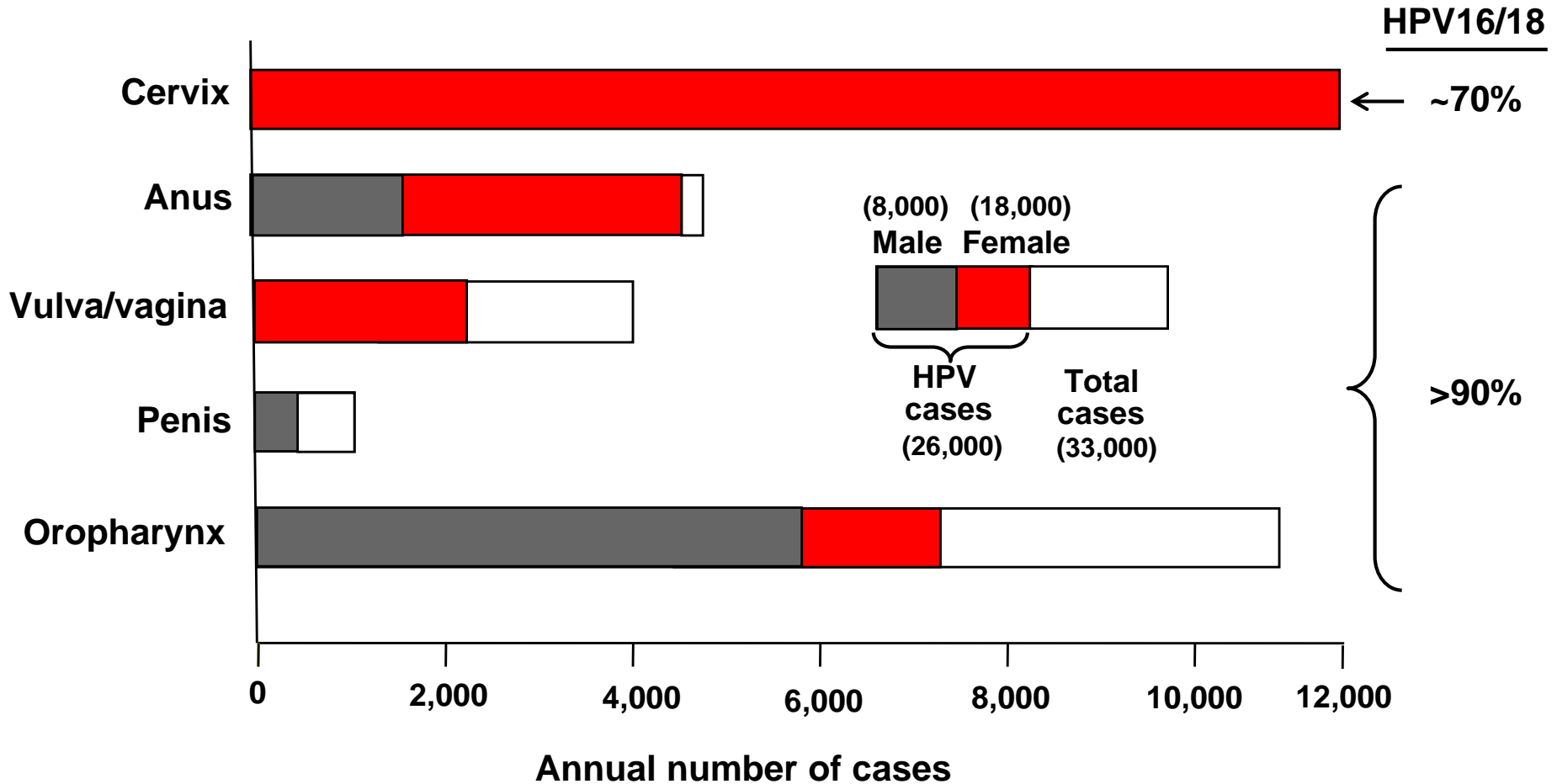
**Promise and Problems**

# Worldwide Incidence and Distribution of Cancers Attributable to HPV



**HPVs cause 5% of all cancers**

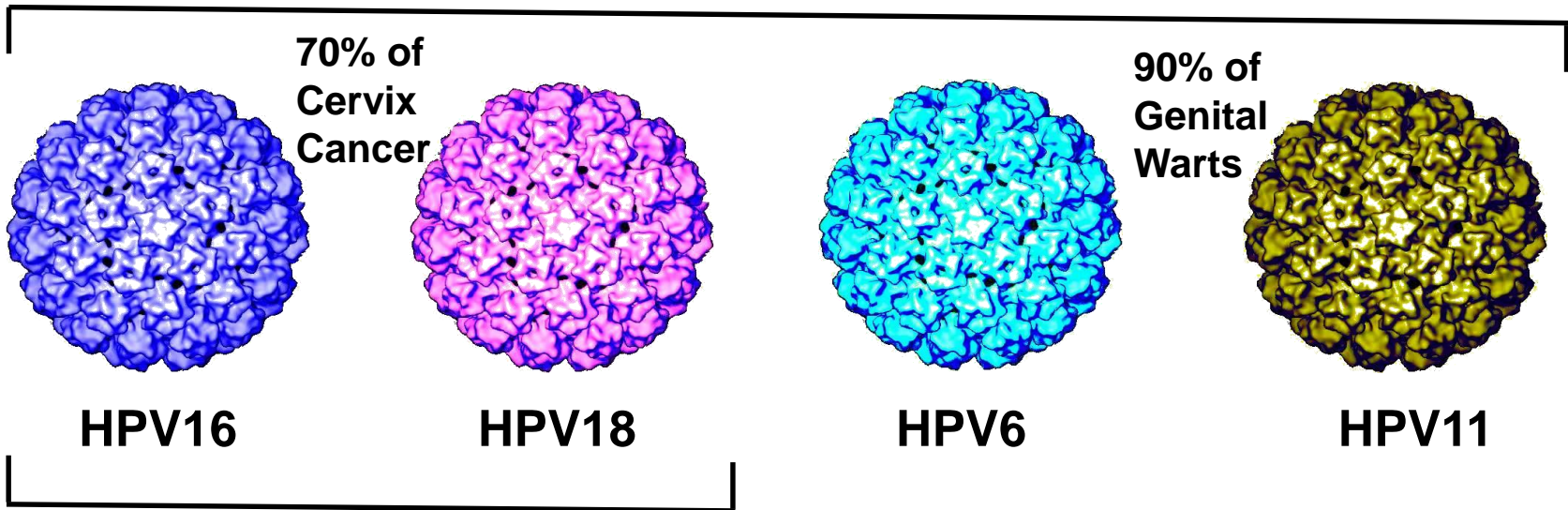
# United States: Annual Incidence and Distribution of Cancers Attributable to HPV



- Pap screening has reduced the incidence of cervical cancer by ~ 80%
- Incidence of HPV-positive oropharynx cancer 1988-2004 increased 225%

# The Commercial Vaccines Are Composed of Multiple Types of HPV L1 VLPs

## Gardasil (Merck)



## Cervarix (GlaxoSmithKline)

Three intramuscular injections over 6 months

Merck's Gardasil-9 has nine types of VLPs

# Performance of HPV Vaccines in Clinical Trials

## *Safety*

- Low grade transient injection site reactions common.
- Systemic reactions mild and self-limiting.
- No pattern of serious adverse events, in trials or post-licensure that would suggest a causal relationship.

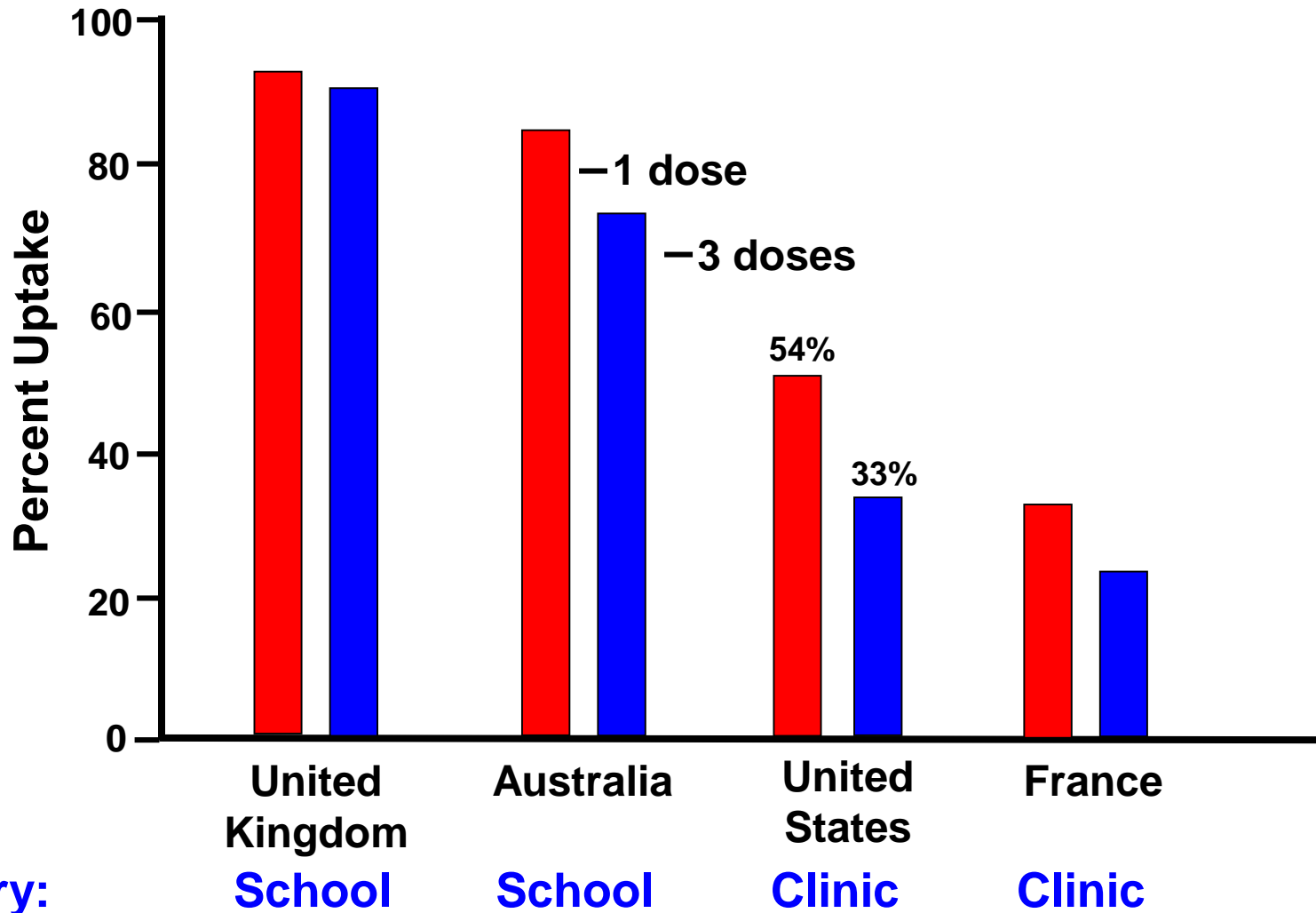
## *Efficacy*

- Virtually 100% protection from precancer caused by post-vaccination HPV16/18 infections.
- 95% protection from HPV16/11 genital warts by Gardasil.
- Limited protection against infections by other types.
- No effect on preexisting infections or lesions.

# **HPV Vaccine Development: A Poster Child for Public/Private Partnership**

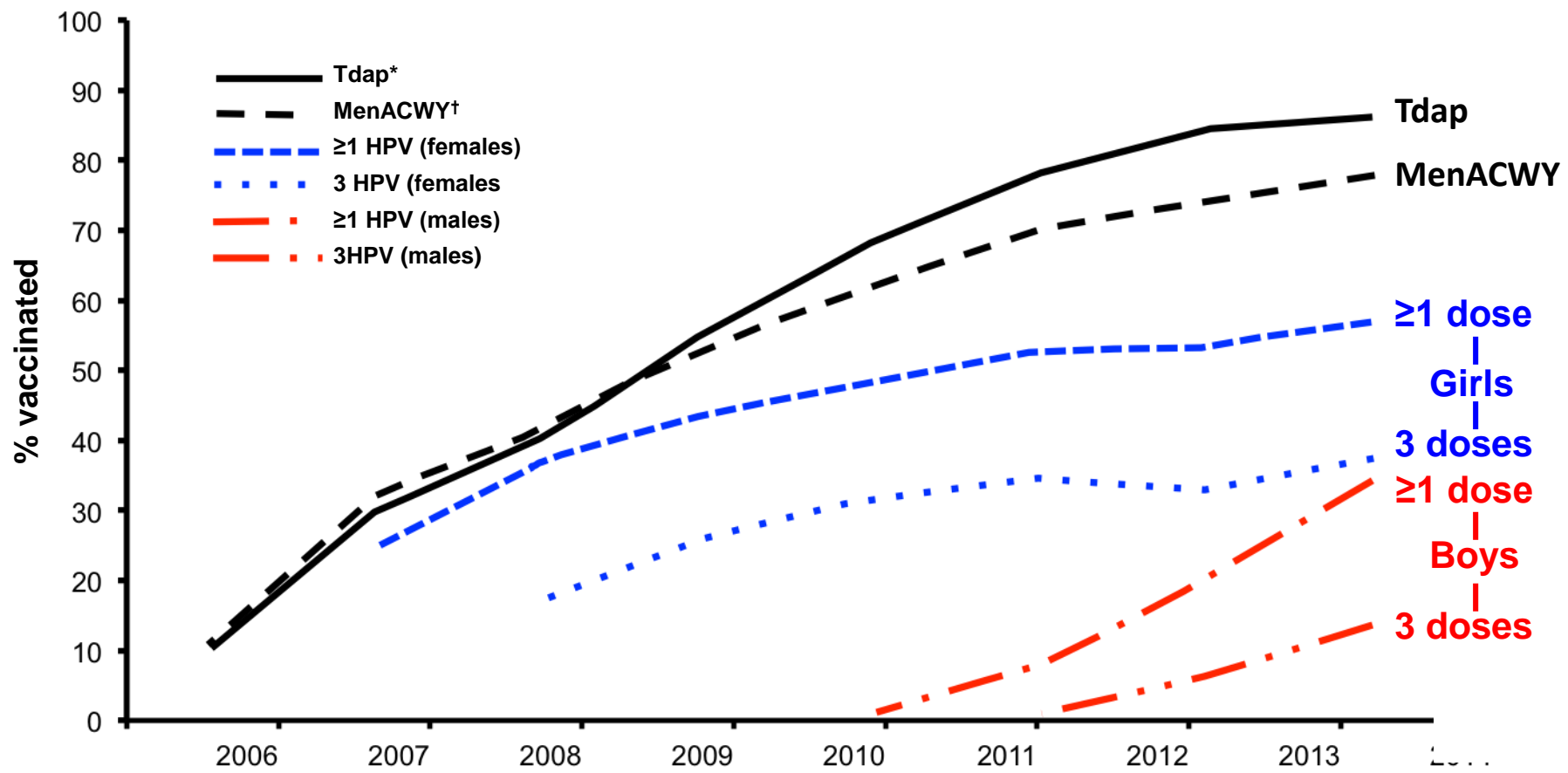
- **Public Sector Contributions:**
  - **basic knowledge that HPV causes cervical cancer**
  - **development of vaccine technology**
  - **vaccine validation in preclinical animal models**
- **Corporate Contributions:**
  - **industrial scale vaccine production**
  - **clinical trials leading to FDA approval**
  - **marketing and distribution**
- **Outcomes:**
  - **an intervention to prevent several major cancers**
  - **jobs in the American pharmaceutical industry**

# Variable Uptake of HPV Vaccine (2012 data for girls)



# Trends in U.S. Vaccination Rates: Ages 13-17 Yrs

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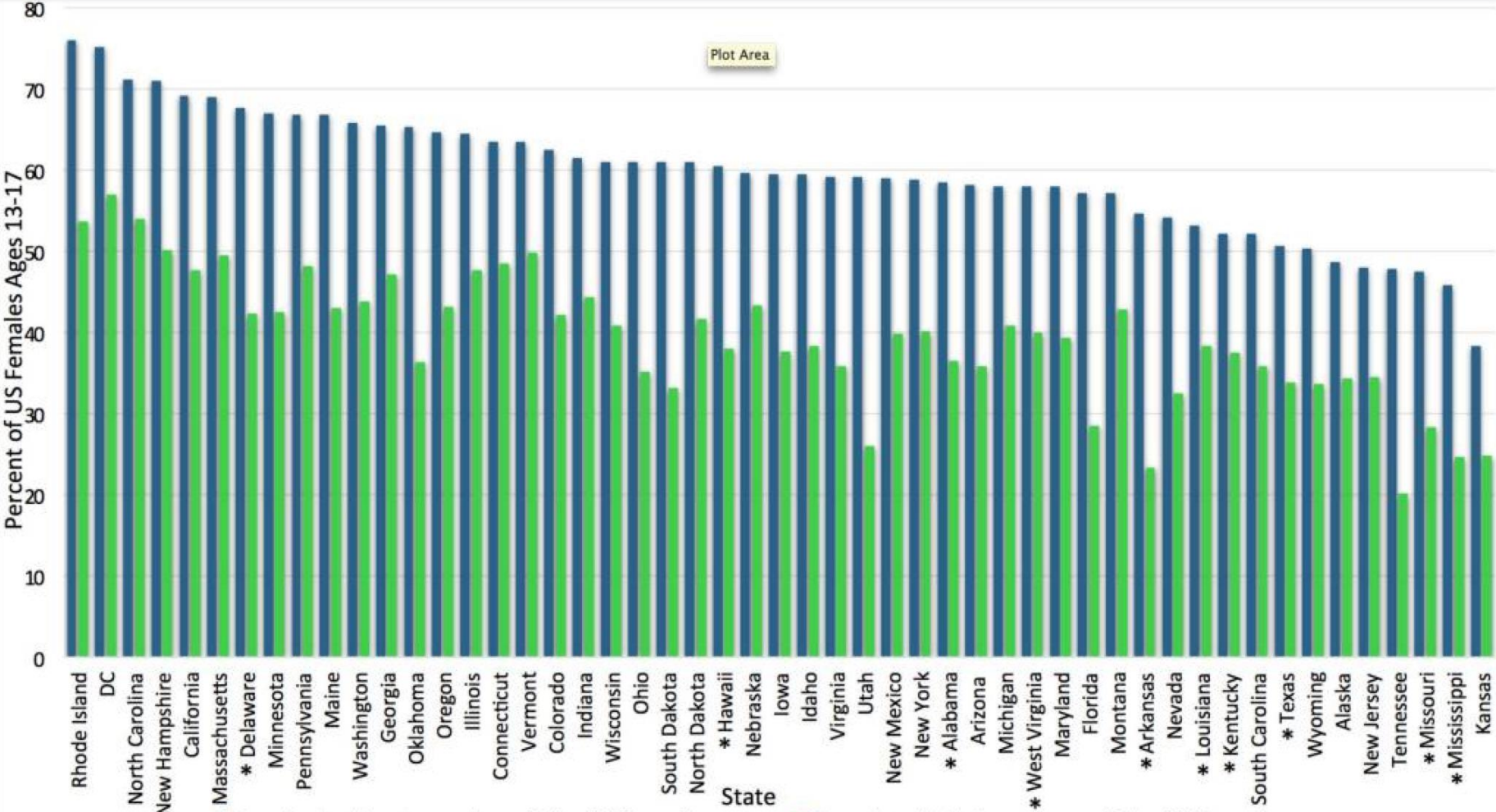
Abbreviations: Tdap = tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis vaccine; MenACWY = meningococcal conjugate vaccine; HPV-1 = human papillomavirus vaccine, ≥1 dose; HPV-3 = human papillomavirus, ≥3 doses.

\* Tdap and MenACWY vaccination recommendations were published in March and October 2006, respectively.

† HPV vaccination recommendations were published in March 2007.



# Uptake of HPV Vaccines By State in 2014



\* = States with the ten highest cervical cancer incidence rates

# **Reduction in HPV6/11/16/18 Prevalence in the USA**

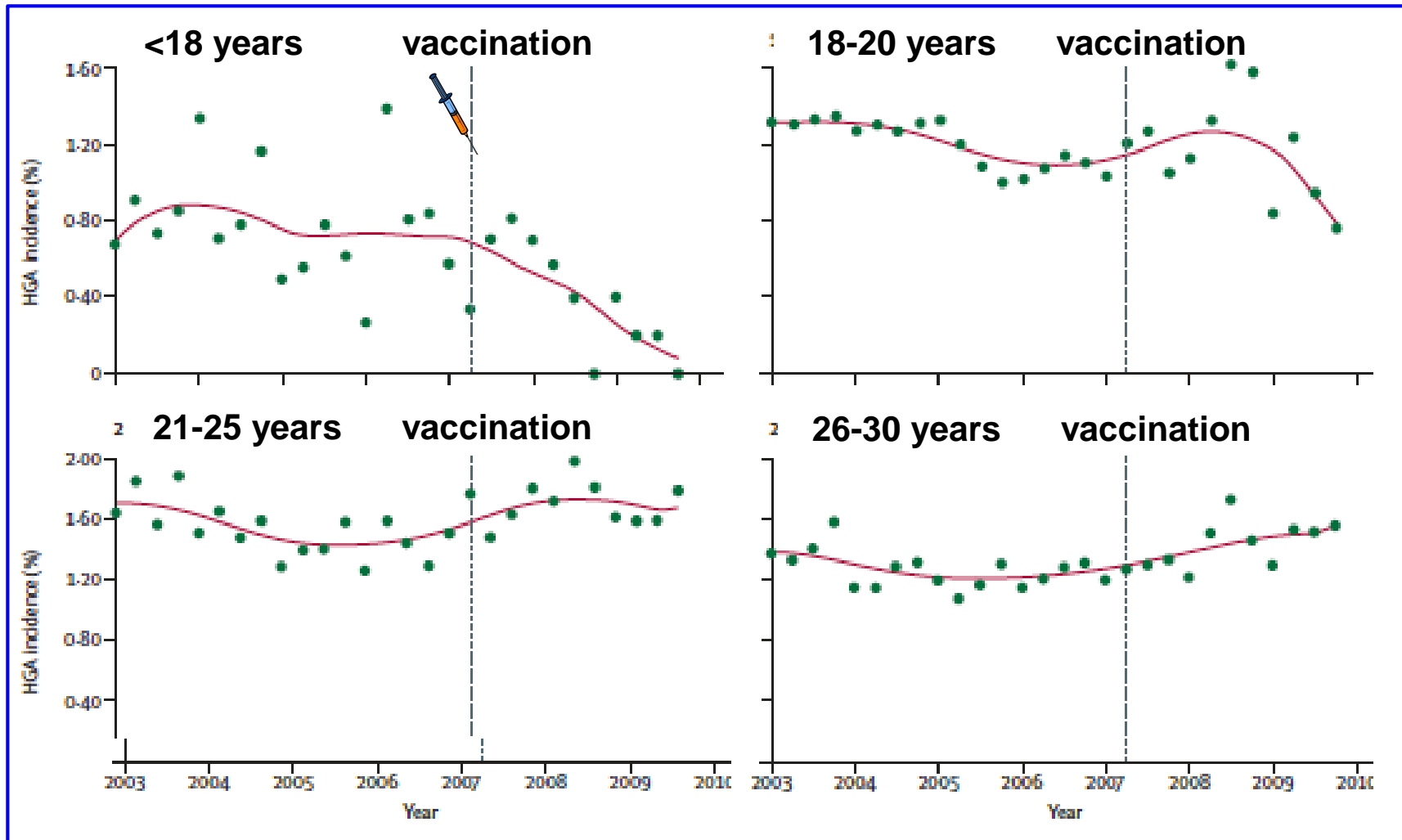
**Comparing Post-Vaccination to Pre-vaccination:  
(2009-2012)                      (2003-2006)**

**Reduction in 14-19 yo: 64%**

**20-24 yo: 34%**

**Data from the CDC: L Markowitz et al., Pediatrics, March 2016**

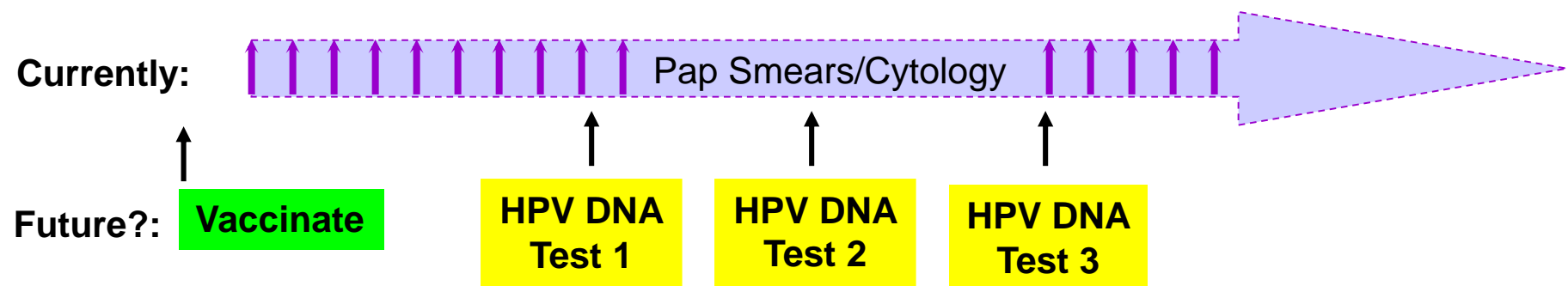
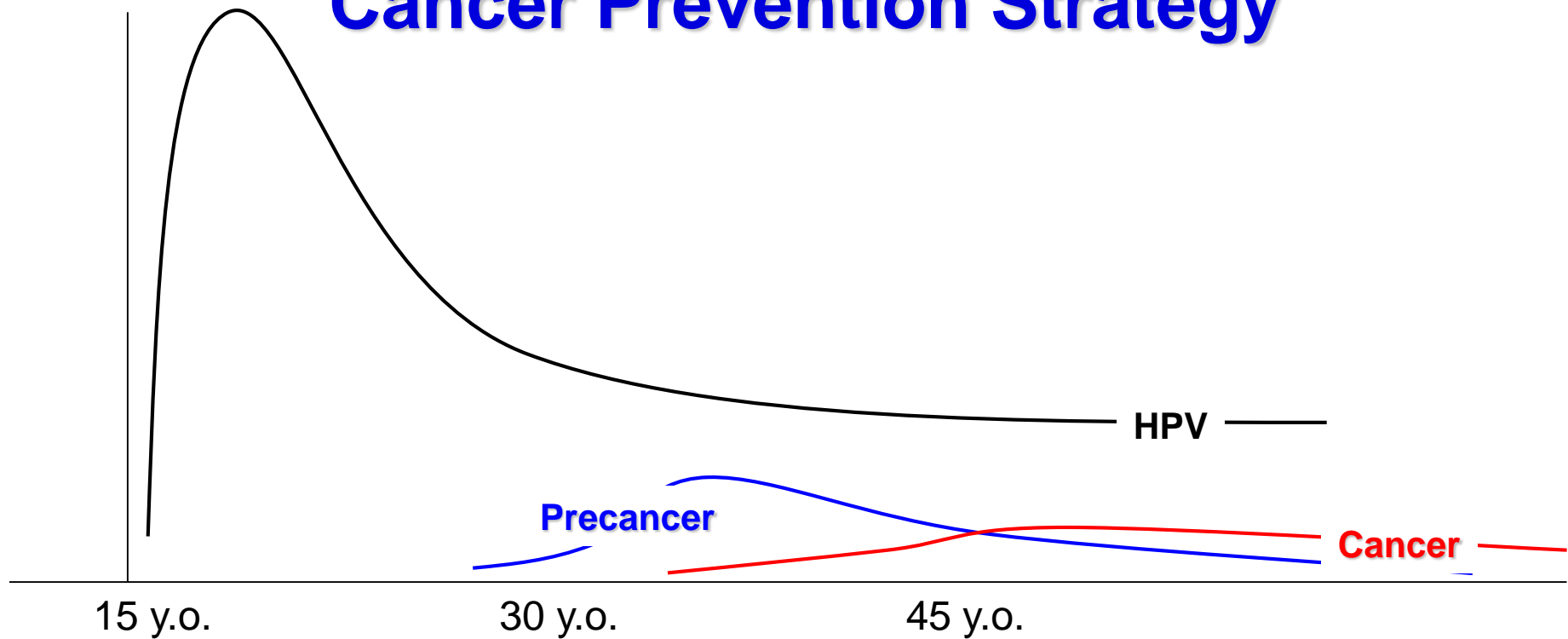
# Effectiveness: Reduction in Cervical Precancer by Gardasil in Australia



# **Increasing Vaccine Uptake**

- **Convince GPs and Pediatricians to more strongly recommend the vaccines. Monitor their vaccination rates.**
- **Overcome parental hesitancy. Stress cancer prevention and better response in 9-14 year olds.**
- **Counter misinformation campaigns by anti-vaccine groups.**
- **Promote vaccine distribution in pharmacies and schools.**
- **Support a two dose schedule for <15 year olds.**

# A Shift to an HPV-Based Cervical Cancer Prevention Strategy



Thanks to Mark Schiffman and Phil Castle, NCI

# **Cervical Cancer Screening Issues**

## **Current Options:**

- **Pap Smear: 3 yr interval in 21 yo+**
- **Pap/HPV DNA co-testing: 5 yr interval in 30 yo+ (2011)**
- **HPV DNA primary screen: at least 3 yr interval in 25 yo+.**  
**FDA approved 2014, U.S. guidance published 2015.**

## **Current Issues:**

- **Educating women about their options.**
- **Convincing vaccinated women to continue screened.**
- **Discouraging over screening.**

# **Prevention of HPV Cancers: What Next?**

- **Will one dose of vaccine be enough for protection?**
- **What is the optimal cervical cancer screen strategy for vaccinated vs unvaccinated women?**
- **How do we manage women diagnosed with oncogenic HPV infection? Can suitable treatments be devised?**
- **Can effective screening and treatment programs be devised for HPV-associated premalignant lesions at other sites, e.g. oral, anal?**

# Final Thoughts

**Government-sponsored research and investment by the pharmaceutical industry has generated interventions that could essentially prevent cervical and other HPV-associated cancers in the next generation of women and men.**

**These interventions need to be better utilized for their full potential to be realized.**

**There is still an unmet need to better diagnose and treat individuals who are already have oncogenic HPV infections.**