

# Congo

## Human Papillomavirus and Related Cancers, Fact Sheet 2017 (2017-04-19)



### I. Key data on HPV and HPV-related cancers



Congo has a population of 1.33 millions women ages 15 years and older who are at risk of developing cervical cancer. Current estimates indicate that every year 310 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and 157 die from the

disease. Cervical cancer ranks as the 2nd most frequent cancer among women in Congo and the 2nd most frequent cancer among women between 15 and 44 years of age. Data is not yet available on the HPV burden in the general population of Congo. However, in Africa about 3.7% of women in the general population are estimated to harbour cervical HPV-16/18 infection at a given time, and 67.2% of invasive cervical cancers are attributed to HPVs 16 or 18.

**Table 1. Crude incidence rates of HPV-related cancers**

	Male	Female
Cervical cancer	-	14.7
Anal cancer	-	-
Vulva cancer	-	-
Vaginal cancer	-	-
Penile cancer	-	-
Pharynx (excluding nasopharynx)	0.2	0.1

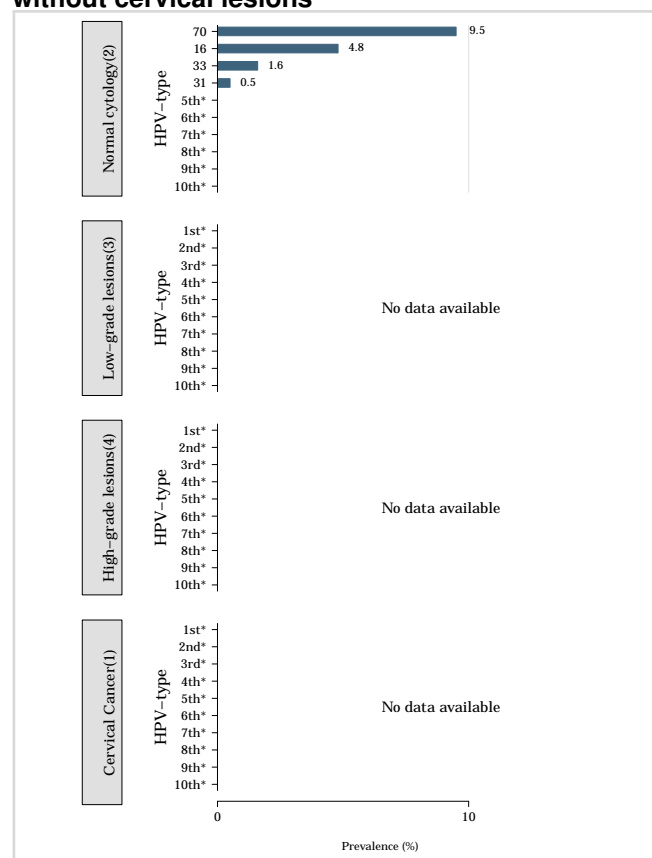
**Table 2. Burden of cervical cancer**

	Incidence	Mortality
Annual number of new cases/deaths	310	157
Crude rate	14.7	7.4
Age-standardized rate	25.2	13.0
Cumulative risk 0-74 years (%)	3.1	1.7
Ranking of cervical cancer (all years)	2nd	2nd
Ranking of cervical cancer (15-44 years)	2nd	4th

**Table 3. Burden of cervical HPV infection Congo**

	No. Tested	% (95% CI)
HPV prevalence in women with normal cytology	-	--
HPV 16/18 prevalence:		
Normal cytology	189	4.8 (2.5-8.8)
Low-grade cervical lesions	-	--
High-grade cervical lesions	-	--
Cervical cancer	-	--

**Figure 1. Comparison of the ten most frequent HPV oncogenic types in Congo among women with and without cervical lesions**



\*No data available. No more types than shown were tested or were positive.

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### II. Complementary data on cervical cancer prevention

**Table 4. Factors contributing to cervical cancer (co-factors)**

Smoking prevalence (%), women	1.7
Total fertility rate (live births per women)	5.1
Hormonal contraception use (%) (pill, injectable or implant), among women	5.8
HIV prevalence (%), adults (15-49 years)	2.8 [2.5 - 3.0]

**Table 5. Sexual behaviour**

<b>MEN</b>	
Percentage of 15-year-old who have had sexual intercourse	24
Range of median age at first sexual intercourse	16.3-17.6
<b>WOMEN</b>	
Percentage of 15-year-old who have had sexual intercourse	23
Range of median age at first sexual intercourse	15.6-16.6

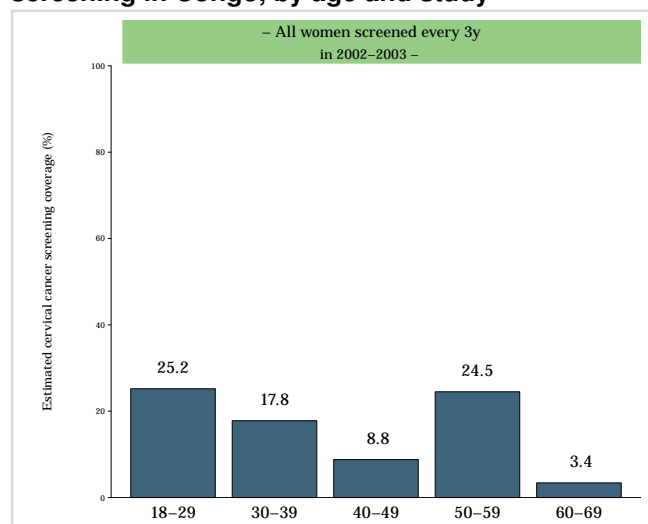
**Table 6. HPV vaccine introduction**

HPV vaccination programme	No Program
Date of HPV vaccination routine immunization programme start	-
HPV vaccination target age for routine immunization	-
Full course HPV vaccination coverage for routine immunization:	
% (calendar year)	-

**Table 7. Cervical screening practices and recommendations**

Cervical cancer screening coverage, % (age and screening interval, reference)	23.4% (All women aged 25-64 screened every 3y, WHS 2003 Congo)
Screening ages (years)	-
Screening interval (years) or frequency of screens	-

**Figure 2. Estimated coverage of cervical cancer screening in Congo, by age and study**



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