

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
TACKLING INEQUALITIES IN CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION
GLOBALLY: STRATEGIES AND NEW METHODS
12th and 13th JUNE 2025

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CERVICAL CANCER IS A LARGELY PREVENTABLE DISEASE. HOWEVER, DESPITE THE AVAILABILITY OF EFFECTIVE PREVENTIVE MEASURES, BARRIERS EXIST WHICH OFTEN LIMIT ACCESS ESPECIALLY IN LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES. THIS SYMPOSIUM AIMS TO EXPLORE STRATEGIES TO UNDERSTAND AND ADDRESS THE DISPARITIES IN CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION, FOCUSING ON SOLUTIONS TO OVERCOME THESE OBSTACLES AND PROMOTE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION WORLDWIDE.

DETAILED PROGRAM

DAY 1 (12th JUNE 2025)

10:00-10:30 **MEET AND GREET (FESTSAAL)**

10:30-11:00 **WELCOME FROM THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MUNICH**

11:00-11:45 **KEYNOTE: CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING**

CHAIR: PROF. DR. STEFANIE J. KLUG
CHAIR OF EPIDEMIOLOGY, TUM SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH

CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING – WHO STRATEGY AND POLICY
DR. MARIBEL ALMONTE PACHECO
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, SWITZERLAND

11:45-13:00 LUNCH BREAK

13:00-14:30 **SESSION 1 – CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING AMONG OLDER WOMEN**

CHAIR: PROF. DR. MARION KIECHLE
DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S HOSPITAL, TUM SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH

HPV LATENCY AND PERSISTENCE AMONG OLDER WOMEN
DR. PATTI GRAVITT
BETHESDA, USA

SHOULD CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING CONTINUE IN OLDER WOMEN?
PROF. DR. ANNE FORTINO ROSITCH
JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY BLOOMBERG SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, USA

14:30-15:30 COFFEE BREAK

15:30-17:00 SESSION 2 – POPULATION-BASED SCREENING: IMPLEMENTATION & PROGRESS

CHAIR: VANESA OSMANI

CHAIR OF EPIDEMIOLOGY, TUM SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH

TECHNOLOGIES FOR CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

DR. NICOLAS WENTZENSEN

BETHESDA, USA

EVALUATION OF SCREENING PROGRAMS IN EUROPE / HIGH INCOME COUNTRIES

DR. MATEJKA REBOLJ

QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, UK

17:00-17:45 PANEL DISCUSSION WITH INVITED SPEAKERS

“WHAT IS THE IDEAL CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING SETTING FOR OLDER WOMEN?”

CHAIRS: PROF. DR. STEFANIE J. KLUG & VANESA OSMANI

CHAIR OF EPIDEMIOLOGY, TUM SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH

DAY 2 (13th JUNE 2025)

09:00-09:45 KEYNOTE: CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

CHAIR: PROF. DR. STEFANIE J. KLUG

CHAIR OF EPIDEMIOLOGY, TUM SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH

ACCESS TO CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

PROF. DR. DORCAS OBIRI-YEBOAH

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST, GHANA

09:45-11:15 SESSION 3 – SCREENING IN LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES

CHAIR: PROF. DR. DORCAS OBIRI-YEBOAH

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST, GHANA

CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING IN LOW-RESOURCE SETTINGS

PROF. DR. HEATHER CUBIE

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH, UK

HPV SCREENING IN LOW-RESOURCE CONTEXTS THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE

PROF. DR. VALERIE A. PAZ-SOLDAN

TULANE UNIVERSITY, USA

11:15-12:00 PANEL DISCUSSION WITH INVITED SPEAKERS

“IS THERE AN IDEAL CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING SETTING IN THE LOW-RESOURCE CONTEXT?”

CHAIR: PROF. DR. DORCAS OBIRI-YEBOAH & CHRISTINE DECKART

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST, GHANA & CHAIR OF EPIDEMIOLOGY, TUM SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH

12:00-12:15 CLOSING REMARKS

PROF. DR. STEFANIE J. KLUG

SYMPOSIUM DETAILS

In-Person Participation:

The symposium will be held at the picturesque TUM Science and Study Center in Raitenhaslach, Burghausen, Germany. Participants attending in person will have the opportunity to engage directly with speakers and fellow attendees during the sessions, panel discussions, and networking breaks. The venue offers a unique setting to foster meaningful connections and collaborative discussions in a focused environment.

Virtual Participation:

This event will also be streamed online via a Zoom webinar for virtual attendance. The schedule above occurs in the time zone according to Central European Summer Time (CEST).

Participation in the webinar is free of charge. Participants will be able to post their questions and comments to the speakers via the webinar Q&A function.

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