

## Symposiums

**SS5.2****Social Hygiene Service – a Crossover of Clinical Service and Public Health****10:45 Theatre 2****Pilot HPV Vaccination Programme to the Underprivileged Girls in Hong Kong***Fan S**The Family Planning Association of Hong Kong, Hong Kong*

Cervical cancer is the eighth most common female cancer and the eighth leading cause of cancer death in Hong Kong. It is caused by certain high-risk types of Human Papillomavirus (HPV). HPV infection can be prevented by vaccination, which is recommended for girls starting from the age of nine. A three-year pilot scheme providing free cervical cancer vaccination to teenage girls from low-income families was launched in October 2016 by the Family Planning Association of Hong Kong (FPAHK), and funded by the Community Care Fund (CCF). It aims to serve about 31,000 girls at FPAHK's three Youth Health Care Centres in Wan Chai, Mong Kok and Kwai Fong. Apart from providing HPV vaccination, the Scheme will also carry out publicity and education to enhance understanding among parents and teenage girls about cervical cancer and its prevention, and encourage parents to seek early vaccination to protect the health of their daughters. Scheme planning and implementation involved intensive and close collaboration among the Food and Health Bureau of the Hong Kong SAR Government, the donor (CCF), the Department of Health, and FPAHK. Support from schools, mass media and welfare organisations was indispensable. The heavy workload posed challenges to FPAHK's managerial skill as well as service capacity. This presentation will share the experience and highlight the strategies used to meet the challenges.