

The comparative impacts of cervical cancer screening guidelines on the overdiagnosis of precancerous lesions in Canada

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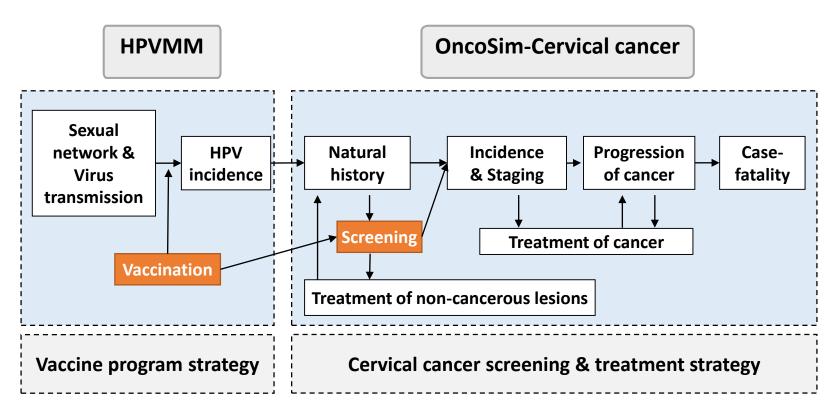
Background and Objectives

- While beneficial, cervical cancer screening could also result in physical and psychological deleterious effects from overtreatment of self-limiting and reversible precancerous cervical lesions
- Canadian jurisdictions implement screening following different local guidelines, leading to different resource use and outcomes, including those related to overdiagnosis/overtreatment
- Using the OncoSim microsimulation model* we projected potential overtreatment 2017-2037 associated with three different guidelines scenarios:
 - Status quo practice in most Canadian programs (SQ)
 - American Society of Clinical Oncology guidelines, for maximal resource settings (ASCO-Max)
 - Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care guidelines (CTFPHC)

OncoSim Model Overview

- OncoSim can evaluate cancer control strategies for prevention, screening and treatment of common cancers by comparing projections of incidence, mortality, resource needs, direct healthcare costs and costeffectiveness
- OncoSim comprises a suite of models: Lung, Colorectal, HPV-Cervical (Breast and All-Cancers in development)
- Users can customize inputs and outputs but a number of standard analyses are available
- Available online free of cost for public sector use via a secure login at:

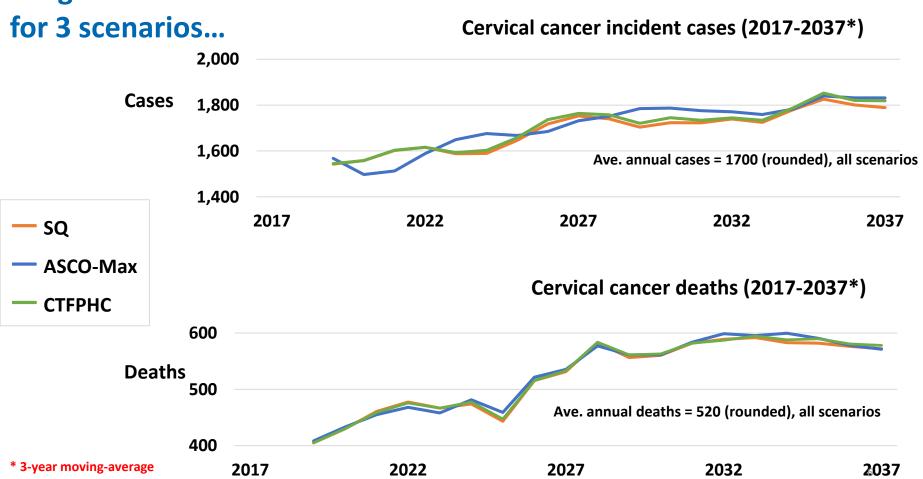
HPV/Cervical Cancer Model: Conceptual Framework



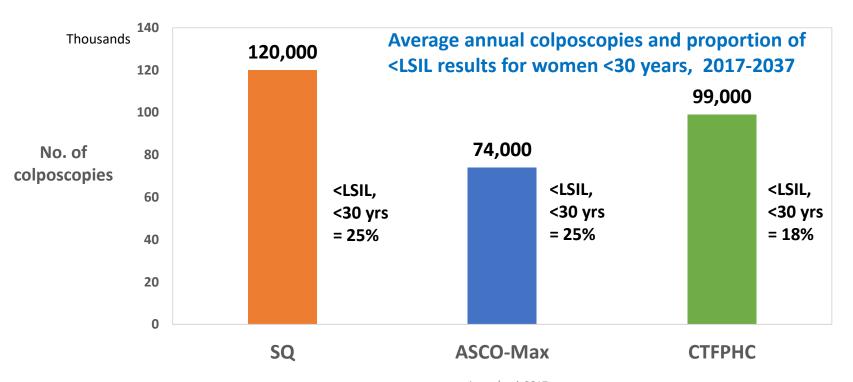
Scenario Assumptions

	SQ	ASCO-Max	СТГРНС		
Screening Method	Cytology	HPV DNA Testing	Cytology		
Age range	21 to 69	25 to 65	25 to 69		
Frequency	Every 3 years	Every 5 years	Every 3 years		
Recruitment period	2017 onward (historical screening behaviour simulated assuming SQ)				
Screening participation	90%				
Rescreen rate	80%				
	Costs (2008 Canadian dollars)				
Colposcopy	\$955.71				
Cytology screen	\$59.49	n/a	\$59.49		
HPV DNA test	n/a	\$87.79	n/a		
Vaccination Program					
Age	12				
Sex	Female				
Deployment Year	2008				
Vaccine Type (cost)	Quadrivalent (\$500 per 3-dose schedule)				
Vaccination Coverage	60%				
Proportion Protected	100%				
Degree of Protection	100% efficacy, no waning				

Long-term outcomes similar



...but, impact on colposcopy utilization and resulting <LSIL findings differ



Number of <LSIL results in <30 yr old women suggests 18-25% of colposcopies lead to over-treatment

Scenario	Colposcopies cumulative count 2017- 2037	Of colposcopy results, <lsil 30<="" counts="" in="" th="" under="" women=""><th>Proportion of <lsil results<br="">in under 30 yr-olds of all results</lsil></th><th>Proportion of <lsil 30="" <lsil="" ages<="" all="" in="" of="" results="" th="" under="" yr-olds=""></lsil></th></lsil>	Proportion of <lsil results<br="">in under 30 yr-olds of all results</lsil>	Proportion of <lsil 30="" <lsil="" ages<="" all="" in="" of="" results="" th="" under="" yr-olds=""></lsil>
SQ (Pap 21-69, 3yrs)	2,500,000	630,000	25%	34%
ASCO-Max (HPV 25-65, 5yrs)	1,500,000	390,000	25%	35%
CTFPHC (Pap 25- 69, 3yrs)	2,100,000	380,000	18%	25%

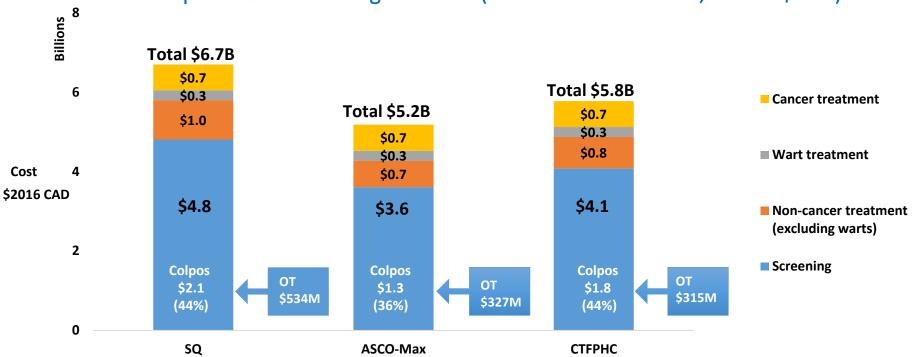
Furthermore, cascading invasive treatments differ considerably among scenarios

Average annual counts for pre-cancer invasive procedures, 2017-2037



And, there are cost implications for unnecessary colposcopies and non-cancer treatments

Cost components of screening scenarios (cumulative 2017-2037, billions \$CAD)



Summary and Conclusions

- Potential benefits/harms and resource implications of practice and practice changes in Canada can be weighed through scenario modelling
- SQ (Pap), ASCO-Max (HPV) and CTFPHC (Pap) guidelines are projected to have similar benefits for cervical cancer incidence and mortality over the next 20 years, in a 60% HPV vaccination setting
- A projected 18-25% of colposcopies could result in overtreatment, implying \$10 million/yr of colposcopy costs could be better spent elsewhere
- ASCO-Max guidelines could result in the least numbers of invasive pre-cancerous lesion treatments, with up to \$15 million/yr difference in costs compared to other scenarios
- However, even moving from the Status Quo to comply with CTFPHC guidelines by all provinces/territories could result in significant reduction of overtreatment and related costs

Limitations

- Costs of downstream effects from colposcopies are not included
- The Ontario follow-up protocol for HPV DNA test as the primary screening modality was used which may impact screening outcomes (i.e. number of colposcopies)
- HPV DNA testing comes with some uncertainty related to performance and cost in the Canadian context as it has not yet been implemented
- There is considerable uncertainty for the parameters describing sexual behaviour, long-term vaccine efficacy and the development and progression of lesions and HPV related cancers
- Input costs are predominantly from Ontario

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