

## June NEWSLETTER

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Currently enrolled:

**4067 GIRLS**

Our target:

**8666 GIRLS**

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If your address or contact details have changed, please let us know!

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### Refer a friend!

Do you have a friend that would be interested in joining the QUEST study?

Refer them to our [website](#) and you could have a chance to win a gift card!

[Click here to learn more.](#)

## Breaking News!

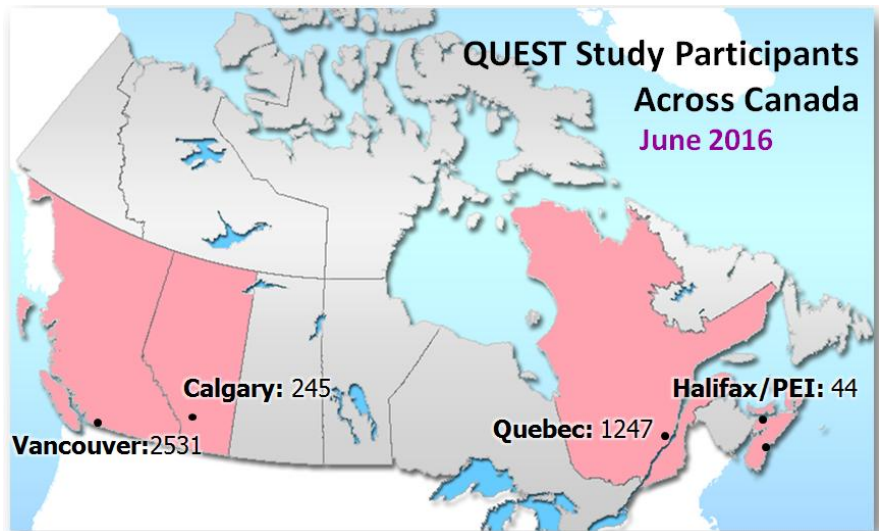
Canadian Vaccination Programs Encouraged to Extend HPV vaccine to Males

May 3, 2016

This month the **QUEST** Study recruited it's 4000<sup>th</sup> participant!!!



Huge **THANK YOU** to everyone for their participation and support!



*All locations are currently recruiting.*

### Refer-A-Friend Contest Winner:

Our Refer-A-Friend Contest Winner told her friends about the QUEST study and one of them joined! To thank her for helping us spread the word, she will be getting a \$10 Starbucks gift certificate!

“An analysis has recommended expanding human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programs to include males in Canada because it will help protect them against HPV-related cancers.”

Read More: [Article](#)

### Adaptability, Openness, and Trust Central to Study Retention and Recruitment

May 16, 2016

“Bow and her research team’s success recruiting 2,400 girls in B.C. to QUEST has much to do with building relationships of trust with participants, creating open and adaptive channels of communication, and normalizing discussion of HPV and the vaccine.”

Read More: [Article](#)

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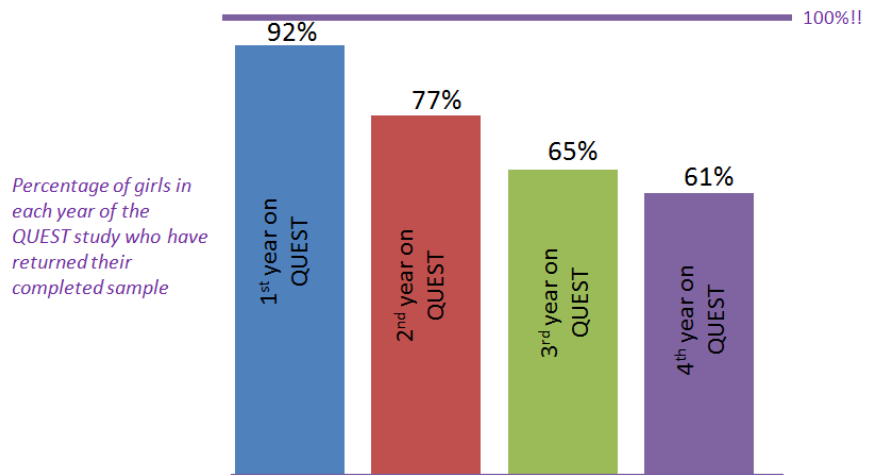
## Healthcare Providers

By Claire Pitcher, Registered Nurse

Have you submitted your QUEST samples (vaginal swab) lately? If so, that’s great! If not, it’s not too late to dive back in! Lately, we’ve noticed that the longer a participant is part of the study, the fewer samples that are getting returned. We’ve also been hearing from some participants that your lives are getting busier (and full of new adventures!) as many of you start high school or university... which is awesome!

This month, we wanted to acknowledge participants with a big THANKS for all of the swabs you’ve returned. We also want to encourage renewed participation amongst girls who may have missed a few swabs! By taking a couple of minutes to complete your QUEST sample 2 times per year, you can help us reverse this trend of decreasing sample returns! Even if you have missed sending us a sample or 2 during your participation on QUEST, we can absolutely still use your remaining samples. If you have any questions about this or if you have not received/misplaced your sample package, please send us an email.

Check out this QUEST sample return graph!



Percentage of girls in each year of the QUEST study who have returned their completed sample

For those of you who are nearing your 5<sup>th</sup> year of sending in QUEST samples, we would love for you to help us get the 5<sup>th</sup> bar as close to 100% as possible! And for those of you who still have a few more years to go, we invite you to help us raise these bar graphs for those middle years by sending in your samples when you receive them.

By submitting your swabs (especially in your 5<sup>th</sup> year), you are helping confirm that getting 2 doses of the HPV vaccine is just as good as getting 3 doses. This information can help make the HPV vaccine more accessible to people across the world.

Check out this [video](#) to see how the HPV vaccine and self administered

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vaginal swabs are making a difference to women's health in Uganda.



*Since 2010, ASPIRE has introduced a pilot program for HPV self-collection and cervical cancer treatment in an impoverished community in*

*Uganda, combined with education, communication and training of health professionals. The program is unique in its community-driven approach which makes it ideal for areas with limited resources.*

*The ASPIRE team works in partnership with the BC Centre for Disease Control, BC Women's Health Research Institute, BC Cancer Agency and BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre. Dr. Gina Ogilvie, the lead investigator for the QUEST study, is the Founder and Medical Director of ASPIRE. She is passionate about helping women in Africa who do not have access to the kind of medical care we have in our own country.*

## Contest of the Month

### QUIZ!

[Email us \(questhpvstudy@cfri.ca\)](mailto:questhpvstudy@cfri.ca) with your answers to the questions below by July 11<sup>th</sup>. All entries will be entered into a draw to **win a \$10 gift card!**

- 1) QUEST has recruited more than 4000 girls!! **True or False**
- 2) It's not too late to submit any of your samples! **True or False**
- 3) By participating on the QUEST Study you are contributing to women's health worldwide! **True or False**

### May Newsletter Contest Winner:

Jasmyne won a \$10 Starbucks gift card for being the winner of last month's contest! Congratulations!

\* A random number generator will be used to randomly select the winner. Winners contacted by email.



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