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Abstract (limit to 300 words):

South Carolina is a state with excess cervical cancer mortality, a disease closely associated with high-risk or cancer-causing types of genital human papillomavirus (HPV) infection. Genital HPV infection is a sexually transmitted infection that is passed from one infected person to another through skin-to-skin contact of the anogenital area of males and females. Due to the high rates of cervical cancer in South Carolina, genital HPV prevalence is believed to be high. Recent innovations in HPV prevention and control, including HPV testing and vaccination, have raised the profile of HPV in cervical cancer prevention and control efforts. The audience has expanded to include pediatricians, parents, policymakers, and many others. As a result, stakeholders, including researchers, public health practitioners, clinicians, community- and faith-based leaders, survivors, and advocates, from across the state have started an effort, "Moving to Action: Addressing Cervical Cancer in South Carolina," to develop, implement, and evaluate a strategic plan to address excess cervical cancer mortality from prevention, control, and policy perspectives while continuing to support discovery work in the field of cervical cancer. "Moving to Action: Addressing Cervical Cancer in South Carolina" is supported with funds received by the USC Institute for Partnerships to Eliminate Health Disparities and USC-Clafin EXPORT Center. A statewide event in June 2008 is being planned to bring together a diverse group of stakeholders to identify ways to address cervical cancer and most importantly implement such solutions on the local level.

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