


Many questions about HPV in people with FA

- Is HPV more common in persons with FA? 
- What HPV types are detected in persons with FA?
- What are the mechanism(s), if any, by which HPV alters cancer risk in persons with FA?
- How do we prevent HPV infection in this group?
- How do we treat those that are infected?

HPV prevalence studies in FA

- HPV measurements in “normal” oral samples of persons with FA compared to controls



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HPV prevalence in FA patients and their families

- Patients/parents consent to provide samples and info:
 - Buccal brushes, oral rinse and saliva
 - Questionnaire
 - FA complementation group, age, BMT status
- Participants are:
 - Individuals with a confirmed diagnosis of FA
 - Related parents and siblings
 - Normal controls that are unrelated and unaffected

Questionnaires

- smoking and alcohol consumption
- personal/family history of cancer
- HPV testing and vaccination history
- personal sexual history (if any)
- sexual history & known HPV/Pap results of biological mother during/ immediately following pregnancy
- race/ethnicity, education and income levels

Study design

STATUS	N=	Age Mean	Std Dev	Age Min	Age Max
FA	55	17.67	10.77	6	55
Non-FA	54	17.94	10.74	5	53

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Study Results

STATUS	Age (yrs)	HPV Types
FA	6	16,6
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FA	10	16,6
FA	12	16,18,6
FA	14	16
FA	20	84
FA	27	16,6
FA	32	16,6
Non-FA	13	16
Non-FA	18	16,6



When pirates try to board, FA children have trouble repelling
Do pirates leave or stay?

Preliminary conclusions

- HPV is present in a greater proportion of FA individuals over controls
- More HPV types are detected
- Younger patients are affected

New Questions

- What are the mechanism(s), if any, by which HPV alters cancer risk in persons with FA?
- How do we prevent HPV infection in this group?
HPV vaccination (prevent boarding)
- How do we treat those that are infected?
Immune stimulation (strengthen ship's crew)
Combat viral genes (beat them with their own weapons)

Thanks!!!!!!

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