Session highlight: Is it time to address HPV in dental practices?

The British Columbia Oral Cancer Prevention Program (BC OCPP) is a multi-disciplinary team of clinicians and scientists with a broad range of skills, experience and expertise, focused on a common vision of the prevention of oral cancer through the development of a provincewide strategy. The chief objectives of the organization are:
- To prevent the development of oral cancer, or to detect it at the earliest possible stage.
- To achieve a greater cancer cure rate through more clinically effective treatment.
- To improve the early detection of local and regional recurrences.

To this end, the BC OCPP is sponsoring a session, “Human Papillomavirus: Is It Time to Address HPV in Dental Practice?” on Friday from 1:30–4:30 p.m. Led by Stina Syrjänen, DDS, PhD, an internationally recognized expert on the human papillomavirus (HPV), the session will focus on the role of HPV infections in oral cancers and its clinical and public health implications. This session will provide an overview of the evidence linking HPV infection and oral cancers. An expert panel will detail the disease profile and provide information about HPV and oral cancer, including a suggested approach to patient communication. Syrjänen is a professor of oral pathology and head of the Department of Oral Pathology and Oral Radiology at the Institute of Dentistry, Faculty of Medicine, University of Turku. She has published more than 380 original papers, 80 international reviews and has co-authored seven textbooks on human HPV. Her research group was the first to suggest the association of HPV with oral cancer and laryngeal cancer.

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