Investing in the Next Generation of Women

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The 20th Century and Women’s Health

- Average life span for American women increased by more than 30 years
- Improvements in sanitation and health
- Greater knowledge and access to information
- Access to health care services was expanded
- Inroads into male-dominated medical schools/professions
- Definition of women’s health broadened
- Women’s health issues integrated into health care training, public policy debates, etc
Selected Women’s Health Achievements
2000-2010

- Results of the Women’s Health Initiative began
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act
- Launched the National Bone Health Campaign
- Funded state domestic violence coalitions
- Launched the DES (Diethystilbestrol) campaign
Selected Women’s Health Achievements
2000-2010

- Investigated SARS and H1N1 in Pregnancy
- Launched the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Campaign
- Approved the HPV Vaccine
- Finding estimates one in four U.S. females ages 14-19 have certain STD’s
- Mammography Recommendations
Leading Causes of Death, All Females, 2006

- Heart Disease
- Cancer
- Stroke
- Chronic lower respiratory diseases
- Alzheimer’s disease
- Unintentional injuries
- Diabetes
- Influenza and pneumonia
- Kidney disease
- Septicemia
Public Health Opportunities

- Trial Examining Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) to Prevent HIV Infection
- Cervical Cytology Guidelines and Chlamydia Testing
- Screening-Detected Cancers (Colon and Rectum, Breast, and Cervix)
- Healthy People 2020
- National Women’s Health Week, May 8-14, 2011
Public Health Opportunities

- STD Treatment Guidelines 2010
- CDC Health Disparities and Inequalities Report 2010
- U.S. Dietary Guidelines – 2010
- National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities – 2011
- Prevention Services for Women (Health Reform, Institute of Medicine)
HHS Programs and Activities

- HHS works to improve the lives of women and girls through the administration of over 300 programs in:
  - Research
  - Direct clinical service delivery
  - Education and training programs
  - Disease prevention and health promotion
  - Policy development
HHS Women’s Health Programs and Activities (selected)

- **Girls**
  - Best Bones Forever
  - BodyWorks Toolkit
  - Choose Respect (violence prevention/healthy relationships)
  - Girlshealth.gov
  - Pre-teen Vaccine (HPV vaccine)
HHS Women’s Health Programs and Activities (selected)

- **Young Women**
  - Family Planning
  - Homicide and Suicide
  - Sexually Transmitted Infections
  - Unintentional Injury
  - Uterine Fibroids
  - Vulvodynia
HHS Women’s Health Programs and Activities (selected)

- Women of all Ages
  - BIRCHW (Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women’s Health)
  - Bright Futures for Women’s Health and Wellness
  - Lupus Awareness Campaign
  - Mental Health/Substance Abuse Treatment
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
  - Violence Against Women
  - Women at Work
HHS Women’s Health Programs and Activities (selected)

- Pregnant Women/New Moms
  - Breastfeeding
  - Birth Defects Prevention
  - Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology
  - One Test. Two Lives. Campaign
  - Preconception Care
  - Pregnancy Exposure Registry
  - Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System
  - Text4baby
HHS Women’s Health Programs and Activities (selected)

- Older Women
  - Aging
  - DES (Diethylstilbestrol) Campaign
  - Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Campaign
  - Heart Truth Campaign
  - National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (and WISEWOMAN)
  - The Sister Study
  - Women’s Health Initiative
HHS Women’s Health Programs and Activities (selected)

- Health Disparities
  - A Healthy Baby Begins With You
  - HIV/AIDS
  - Lesbian and Bisexual Women
  - Media and Breast Cancer
  - REACH Across the U.S. (REACH U.S.)
  - Women with Disabilities
Selected CDC Women’s Health Programs in All States

- Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program
- Rape Prevention and Education Program
- Perinatal Hepatitis B
- Infertility / Chlamydia Screening
Women's Health

prevention works for women