

Biography



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Juleyette Serrano is a Senior Health Sister assigned to Branford Taitt Polyclinic in the Ministry of Health Barbados. She entered the nursing profession in 1986, after completing her formal training in general nursing at the Tercentenary School of Nursing. She further completed her training in midwifery, Community Health, and Public Health Administration at the Barbados Community College Community College. (BCC)

The first thirteen years in her profession were spent in the acute clinical area, where she received specialized skills in Accident and Emergency Nursing and Paediatric Intensive Care.

In 1999, she entered the field of primary health care; as she believe that individuals can be empowered to play an active role in attaining and maintaining their optimum level of health. With a love for

teaching, mentoring and counselling she believed that she could make a greater

contribution at this level.

In 2013 she completed the Masters of Public Health program at the University of the West Indies. Her thesis “Exploring the reasons why Barbadian mothers consent, or do not consent for their preteen daughters to receive the HPV vaccine.” was selected for oral presentation at CARPHA's 60th Annual Conference for health research, which was held in Grenada, June 24th – 27th 2015

Rationale / Implications.

The HPV vaccine was introduced into the Barbados National immunization schedule four months prior to the commencement of this study. The uptake rate was low i.e. 20% for the first dose. Therefore it is crucial to understand the reasons for this low uptake. This information is vital to the planning and implementation of appropriate strategies for the successful uptake of the HPV vaccine. Countries from within the region who recently introduced the HPV vaccine and countries who are considering introducing the vaccine in the near future can also benefit from this study by revisiting their strategies.