

Alliance Aims for Cancer Vaccine

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The GAVI Alliance, a global partnership that helps poor countries buy vaccines, plans to branch out into seven new diseases—including cervical cancer, a disease targeted by two new vaccines whose cost looms as a major obstacle to poor countries (*Science*, 16 May, p. [860](#)). Last week, GAVI's board also decided to add cholera, typhoid, meningitis A, rabies, Japanese encephalitis, and rubella to its list of targets.

Vaccines against the human papillomavirus (HPV), which causes cervical cancer, have been widely introduced in Europe and the United States. GAVI is hoping producers will agree to lower the current price of \$360 for three doses to about \$21, says GAVI policy and strategy director Nina Schwalbe. “This is a milestone,” says Joakim Dillner, an HPV expert at Lund University in Sweden. “GAVI is the scientific community's only hope for bringing this vaccine to developing countries.”

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