

Misuse of ethical terminology reduces trust in vaccines: A case of HPV vaccines in Japan

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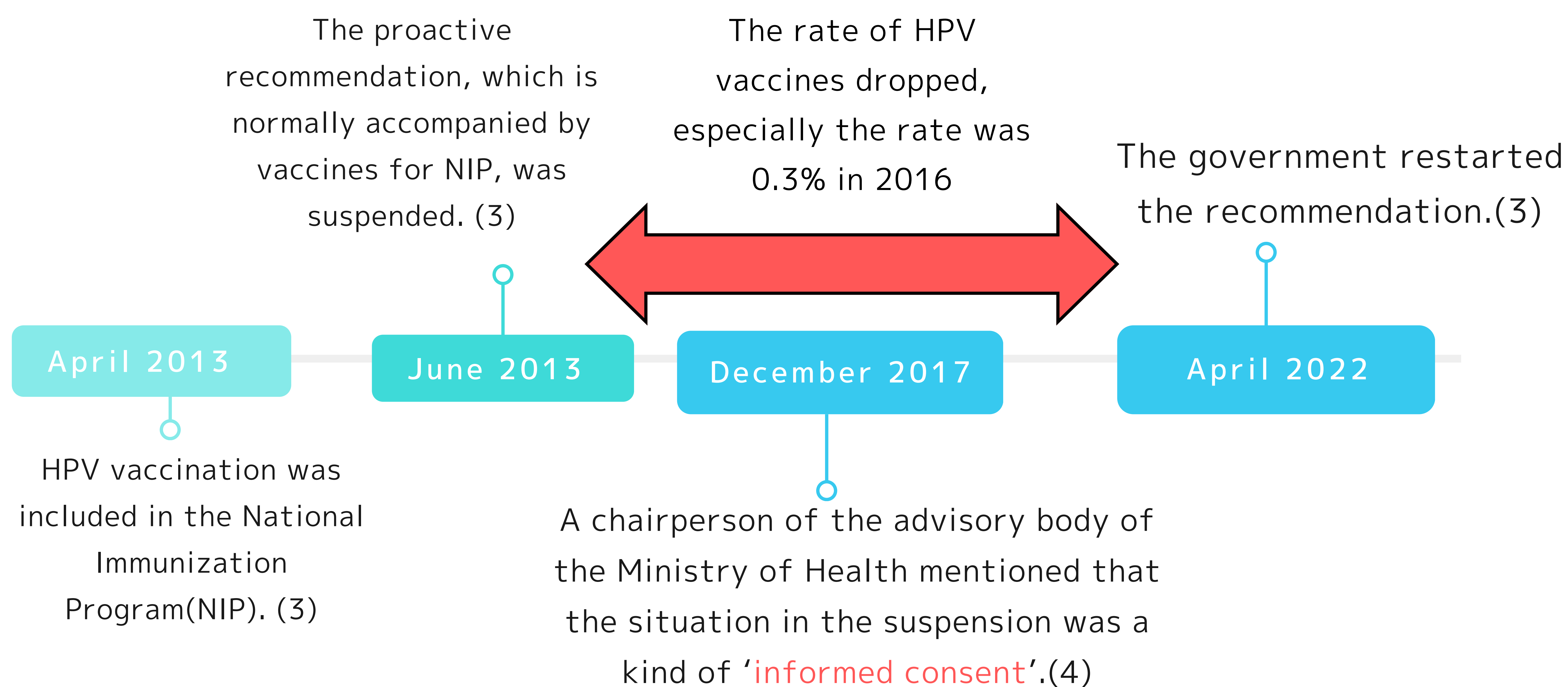


Background

Profile and References 

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) causes cervical cancer, the fourth most common women's cancer and Vaccination is an effective tool to prevent HPV infection. (1)
However, the rate of the vaccine in Japan was extremely low, at about 0.3 % (2).

Timeline



Research Question

Was it appropriate to adapt the informed consent framework in the HPV vaccine policy?

Misuse of the terminology of 'informed consent'

In fields of public health, such as vaccines, it is unclear what is consent. (5)
The government and experts should provide the ethical framework to support individual determinants.

1. The way to decide in a situation where there is not rich information about the HPV vaccines.
2. The framework does not promote vaccination uptake but promotes decision-making whether they get vaccines or not.