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On behalf of NYU Langone Health (New York University): Our intervention at today’s Civil Society Hearing on Non-communicable Diseases (NCDs) at the United Nations HQ in NY.

I will preface this by saying, because it bears repeating:

We cannot address the issue of financing without addressing the pharmaceutical industry LOBBY.

Cervical cancer kills more than a quarter million women each year. Almost 9 in 10 women who die from this entirely PREVENTABLE disease live in LMIC - this is the epitome of global health INEQUITY. We already know what works and have cost effective tools to prevent and cure = HPV vaccination and screening w treatment of precancers. WHO considers these interventions to be Best Buy’s, in terms of cost-effectiveness. Yet- HPV vaccines and HPV based cervical cancer screening tests are UNAFFORDABLE in most countries where needed the most. Former UN Secretary General & current WHO Director General have now called for the ELIMINATION of cervical cancer globally.

Question 1. what are member states prepared to do to challenge big pharma & tech companies to make cervical cancer a disease of the PAST? The time is NOW. The world is watching...

Question 2. Most new cancer Rx & technologies were developed with PUBLIC FUNDING from governments. So why shouldn’t the public benefit from these advances?