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New USPSTF Draft Cervical Cancer Screening Recommendations Are a Step Back for Women's Health, Would Put Lives at Risk

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MARLBOROUGH, Mass., Sept. 14, 2017 /**PRNewswire**/ -- Hologic, Inc. (Nasdaq: HOLX) is deeply concerned that the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) did not include a grade for co-testing (also known as Pap+HPV Together) in draft cervical cancer screening recommendations released this week. These draft recommendations do not consider the wealth of data supporting the value of co-testing, and will put the lives of American women at risk if implemented.

"These draft recommendations represent a significant change from current practice and are a clear step back in protecting women from cervical cancer," said Steve MacMillan, Hologic's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We are concerned that lives will be lost if women are denied access to co-testing if these draft recommendations are implemented."

Multiple large studies conducted in the United States demonstrate that screening with co-testing identifies more cervical pre-cancer and cancer than either test used alone.1,2,3,4,5,6 In fact, the largest retrospective study of cervical cancer screening strategies found that nearly one out of five cases of cervical cancer was missed with HPV alone screening.*2

Evidence cited in the USPSTF draft recommendations relied heavily on studies conducted outside the United States, including some that employed cytology methods no longer widely used in the United States, and HPV tests that are not FDA-approved for primary use. Further, the USPSTF cited findings from a modeling study that potentially unfairly skewed results in favor of HPV alone testing.

"We find it disturbing that the USPSTF did not place more weight on the results of important studies in American

women, but instead included European studies employing outdated technologies that have limited, if any, relevance to the U.S. healthcare landscape," said Edward Evantash, M.D., Hologic's Medical Director and Vice President, Medical Affairs. "Further, the limited information available on the design of the modeling study makes it difficult to interpret the results, but it seems to defy logic that these two valuable tests together did not perform as well as HPV alone testing."

The draft recommendations also grant a grade A to the Pap test at a three-year interval for women ages 21-65. Hologic believes strongly in the power of the Pap test and the valuable contribution it has made to women's health. Before introduction of the Pap test, cervical cancer was the leading cause of cancer related deaths for women in the U.S., but now ranks 14th in frequency.7 Studies demonstrate, however, that administering a Pap and HPV test at the same time is the ideal strategy for detecting cervical cancer and pre-cancer in women ages 30 and older.3,4,5 Large, U.S.-based studies also show that a co-testing interval of three years is optimal.8,9

"We urge USPSTF to reinstate an A grade for co-testing and to add language within revised recommendations to allow screening interval flexibility for healthcare providers and their patients, as was recently recommended by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in their Women's Preventive Health Services Guidelines,"10 said Dr. Evantash.

The preponderance of available data supports co-testing every three years as the optimal strategy for preventing cervical cancer. Along with the clinical community, professional societies and others, Hologic will submit formal comments to the USPSTF during the public comment period to ensure that final USPSTF recommendations place the health and well-being of women at the forefront.

More information about the value of co-testing is available at **PapPlusHPV.com**.

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