

Let's Talk About HPV & HPV Vaccination!

HPV Vaccines are Cancer Prevention

The human papillomavirus, better known as HPV, can cause several cancers in women and men.

- ✓ **8 out of every 10** people will get HPV in their lives.
- ✓ Almost **35,000 men and women** get HPV cancers in the US each year, including:
 - Cervical, vaginal, and vulvar cancers in women
 - Penile cancer in men
 - Throat cancers in men and women
 - Anal cancer in men and women
- ✓ The HPV vaccination **protects against** this virus and the many cancers it can cause.
- ✓ HPV infection has no treatment, but a vaccine can help prevent more than **90% of HPV cancers** when given at the recommended ages.



When Should My Child Get Vaccinated?

Ages 9-12

Best Time
2 Doses

Ages 13-14

Catch-Up
2 Doses

Ages 15-26

Still Effective
3 Doses

Is it safe?

Yes! More than 270 million doses have been distributed around the world since 2006 and safety studies continue to show that HPV vaccination is safe! Getting vaccinated helps prevent certain cancers in both men and women and can even help protect a woman's ability to get pregnant.

Are there side effects?

Like any vaccine or medicine, the HPV vaccine can cause mild side effects like a headache or pain and soreness around the injection site.

Have Questions?

Feel free to call your doctor's office or make an appointment at any time to discuss the HPV vaccine! You can also visit cancer.org, immunize.org, and CDC.gov to learn more!

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