

ON THE PATH TO PREVENTION:

HPV Vaccination is Cancer Prevention.

Our activities focus on galvanizing existing successful efforts and introducing new ones in support of increasing HPV vaccination through:



**Clinical interventions
with healthcare providers
and systems**



Community interventions



Public policy and advocacy

THE ST. JUDE HPV CANCER PREVENTION PROGRAM:

- Engages partners and strengthens partnerships with local, regional and national groups;
- Identifies opportunities and priorities for increasing HPV vaccination; and
- Implements and evaluates evidence-based healthcare, community, and policy and advocacy activities to increase HPV vaccination.

ABOUT HPV

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a very common virus in both men and women that causes six types of cancer. Nearly all men and women get the virus at some point in their lives. There is good news. A safe and effective vaccine that provides long-lasting protection against HPV cancers is available. HPV vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 9 to 26 years and for some people aged 27 to 45 years. HPV vaccination is cancer prevention. However, uptake of HPV vaccination in the United States has been slow and lower than the national Healthy People 2030 goal of 80%.

THE ROLE OF ST. JUDE:

As the only NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center dedicated solely to children, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has an important role and responsibility in increasing HPV vaccination rates locally, regionally, and nationally. Although we do not yet have a way to prevent the pediatric cancers that afflict most of our patients at St. Jude, we can prevent HPV cancers. We can support HPV vaccination of children today to prevent them from getting HPV cancers in the future.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- **Get vaccinated against HPV:**
If you or your child is in the recommended age range, get vaccinated.
- **Encourage others to get vaccinated:**
Normalize HPV vaccination as cancer prevention.
- **Share the facts:** HPV vaccination is safe, effective, and durable. It prevents six types of cancer.