



A PATH TO PREVENTION:

HPV Vaccination Prevents Cancer

HPV, or human papillomavirus, is a common virus linked to six types of cancer.

These cancers can affect anyone. Four out of five people will get HPV during their lifetime. Every year, more than 37,000 people in the U.S. are found to have cancer caused by HPV.

A health care provider's recommendation for HPV vaccination has been shown to be one of the most important factors linked to vaccination uptake.

HPV vaccination is safe, effective, and provides long-lasting protection against HPV cancers.



SAFE



EFFECTIVE



LONG-
LASTING



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently recommends giving the HPV vaccine (known as Gardasil®9) routinely to children ages 11–12 and starting at age 9 through age 26.

ON TIME



AGE:

9–12 years

2 DOSES

Each dose 6–12 months apart

LATE



AGE:

13–14 years

2 DOSES

Each dose 6–12 months apart

LATE: EXTRA DOSE



AGE:

15–26 years

3 DOSES

Second dose 1–2 months after first;
Third dose six months after first dose

CONSULT



AGE:

27–45 years

3 DOSES

Talk with the patient to see if HPV vaccination is right for them

Three doses are recommended for people with weak immune systems (including those with HIV infections) at any age.

Your recommendation prevents cancer.

Follow these 3 easy steps:

1. GIVE A STRONG RECOMMENDATION.

Offer every age-eligible child the HPV vaccination on the same day and in the same way as other recommended vaccinations.

Be clear and confident:

“Now that your child is 11, your child is due for vaccines against meningitis, HPV cancers and whooping cough. We’ll give these vaccines at the end of today’s visit.”

2. ANSWER QUESTIONS.

Address any concerns the parents might have about HPV vaccination.

3. MAKE IT A TEAM EFFORT.

Everyone in the health care setting plays a role in promoting HPV cancer prevention. Ensure that your entire team is educated about HPV vaccination. Engage all clinical and office staff in your efforts to improve HPV vaccination rates and reduce missed opportunities for cancer prevention.

**HPV
vaccination
is a major
milestone on
the path to
preventing
cancer.**

