



PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM CANCER

GET THE FACTS ON THE HPV VACCINE



HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV) IS A VERY COMMON VIRUS

More than 42% of Americans between the ages of 18-59 are infected in the United States. About 13 million people become newly infected with HPV each year.



HPV VACCINE IS CANCER PREVENTION

HPV infection can cause anal, cervical, penile, mouth/throat, vaginal, and vulvar cancers.



HPV VACCINE IS BEST FOR BOYS & GIRLS AS YOUNG AS 9 YEARS

The vaccine produces better immunity to fight infection when given at a younger age. Two doses are recommended when vaccination is initiated at ages 9-14; for ages 15 and above, three doses is recommended.



RECOMMENDED AT THE SAME TIME AS OTHER ADOLESCENT VACCINES



HPV VACCINE IS SAFE & EFFECTIVE

With more than 135 million doses distributed in the United States, HPV vaccine has a reassuring safety record that's backed by over 15 years of monitoring and research.

MOST OF THESE CANCERS CAN BE PREVENTED BY HPV VACCINATION AS EARLY AS AGE 9!

CERVICAL CANCER

more than

96%

of cases are linked to HPV

ANAL CANCER

about

93%

of cases are linked to HPV

VAGINAL CANCER

about

64%

of cases are linked to HPV

THROAT CANCER

about

63%

of cases are linked to HPV

VULVAR CANCER

about

51%

of cases are linked to HPV

PENILE CANCER

about

36%

of cases are linked to HPV

COMMON QUESTIONS

Why does my child need the HPV vaccine?

The HPV vaccine is important because it prevents infections that can cause cancer. That's why we need to start the shot series today.

Some HPV infections can cause cancer—like cancer of the cervix or in the back of the throat—but we can protect your child from these cancers in the future by getting the first HPV shot today.

What diseases are caused by HPV?

Is my child really at risk for HPV?

HPV is a common infection for both women and men. It can be passed to others even when there are no signs or symptoms.

Studies continue to prove HPV vaccination works extremely well, decreasing the number of infections and HPV cancers in young people since it has been available.

How do you know the vaccine works?

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