



PREVENT CANCER WITH THE HPV VACCINE

The HPV vaccine prevents 6 types of cancer. (1)

WHAT IS HPV?

4 IN 5
adults will be infected with HPV in their lifetime. (1)

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infects the skin and mucous membranes, sometimes causing warts. Most people clear the infection on their own, but some stay infected and spread the virus through direct contact. You can be infected with HPV without showing any symptoms, so you may spread it unknowingly. HPV is linked to 33,000 cancer diagnoses in the US each year. (1)

There is no treatment for HPV, so prevention is key.



Age 9-12

2 doses spaced 6-12 months apart

WHO SHOULD GET THE HPV VACCINE?

Doctors recommend boys and girls get the HPV vaccine. (1)

Age 13-14

Last chance for 2 doses spaced 6-12 months apart



Age 15-26

3 doses given within 6 months



SAFETY AND SIDE EFFECTS

Common side effects that can occur after the HPV vaccine: (2)

- pain, redness, or swelling where the shot was given
- dizziness or fainting
- nausea
- headache
- fatigue
- muscle or joint pain

The HPV vaccine is made from one protein from the virus and is not infectious, meaning that it cannot cause HPV infection or cancer. (2)

The benefits of HPV vaccine far outweigh any potential risk of side effects.

DON'T WAIT TO VACCINATE!

1) American Cancer Society: <https://www.cancer.org/healthy/hpv-vaccine.html>

2) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/parents/vaccinesafety.html>; <https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/parents/vaccine.html>



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