HPV Vaccines and Cancer

The vaccination works.

✓ The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination was introduced to the U.S. in 2006. Since then, infections with HPV types that cause related cancers and genital warts have dropped 88% among teens.

✓ Research has also shown that fewer people are developing cervical pre-cancers (abnormal cells on the cervix that can lead to cancer).

Does the vaccine cause fertility complications?

- Fertility is a person's ability to get pregnant. The HPV vaccine doesn't cause fertility problems.
- Not getting HPV vaccine does leave people vulnerable to HPV cancers and pre-cancers.
- People who develop a cancer caused by HPV will need treatment that can sometimes limit their ability to have children. Treatments can include a hysterectomy (removal of the uterus) and therapies, such as chemo and radiation.
- Treatment for cervical pre-cancer can also result in problems with the cervix, which can sometimes result in preterm delivery.

What is the HPV vaccine?

The infection affects about 13 million people each year, including teens. Every year, about 36,000 people develop a cancer caused by HPV. The HPV vaccine could prevent more than 90% of these cancers from ever developing. The vaccine is made from one protein from the virus and is not infectious, meaning it cannot cause HPV infection or cancer.

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Who can get the vaccine?

Everyone should get the HPV vaccine around 11 to 12 years old. It can be given as early as age 9 and until age 26.

Talk With Your Doctor

Always talk with your doctor(s) about the care that is right for you. This information does not replace your doctor's advice. It is based on third-party sources. We are presenting it for your information only.

Where can I learn more about the HPV vaccine?

To find out more, visit the CDC website at **cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/hpv/public/index.html**.

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