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What is HPV and Why Does it Matter?

- HPV, also known as human papillomavirus, is very common and can cause patients to develop 6 different cancers later in life as well as genital warts.
 - Cervical, vaginal, and vulvar cancers
 - Penile cancer
 - Anal cancer
 - Cancers of the head and neck
- HPV infections are so common that nearly all men and women will get HPV at some point in their lives.
 - More than 4/10 cases of cancer caused by HPV occur in men
- Almost 80 million Americans have HPV, and 14 million Americans become infected every year.
- HPV causes 36,000 cancer cases every year.
- It is spread through skin-to-skin contact, including having vaginal, anal, or oral sex with an infected person, even just through one touch.

Prevention of HPV

- The CDC recommends children get 2 doses of the HPV vaccine at ages 11-12 years old, but the vaccination series can be started as early as age 9.
 - However, for certain individuals, it can be given up to age 45.
- For the vaccine to be most effective, the series should be started before the person is ever exposed to the virus.

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Reasons to Get Vaccinated

- Infections that cause most HPV cancers and genital warts have decreased 86% among teen girls since the HPV vaccine was approved.
- Of HPV cancers, only cervical cancer can be detected early.
 - The others are often not detected until they cause other health problems.

Vaccine Safety

- Over 120 million doses in the United States and over 12 years of monitoring and research support the safety of this vaccine
- All HPV vaccines are licensed by the FDA for being safe, effective, and having benefits that outweigh risks.
- There is no evidence to suggest that the HPV vaccine causes fertility issues. However, patients developing HPV cancers may need treatments that limit their ability to have children.
- There is no evidence of protection decreasing over time.

https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/parents/about-hpv.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fhpv%2Fparents%2Fwhatishpv.html
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