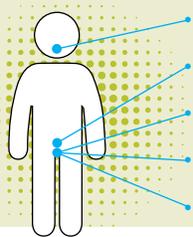


Protect your child from cancer with the HPV vaccine.

Four things you need to know about the HPV vaccine:

1. The HPV vaccine is cancer prevention.

The vaccine protects against HPV infections that can cause:



- Mouth and throat cancer
- Cervical cancer
- Anal cancer
- Vaginal and vulvar cancer
- Penile cancer



It also protects against infections that cause genital warts.

2. Age matters. Don't wait to vaccinate.

It is recommended that children get the HPV vaccine in grade 6. Here's why:

- ✓ The vaccine works best when given at a young age because preteens produce more antibodies after HPV vaccination than older teens.
- ✓ For the vaccine to work best, people need to be vaccinated before they are sexually active and exposed to HPV.

When you vaccinate your child on time, you give them the best protection from HPV cancers later in life.

3. The HPV vaccine is safe.

200,000,000
HPV Vaccine Doses Safely Given

Over 15 years of vaccine safety monitoring has shown that the HPV vaccine is safe. More than 200 million doses of the vaccine have been safely given worldwide.

4. HPV vaccination works!



Studies in Canada and other countries with HPV vaccine programs have shown a big decrease in HPV infections, cervical pre-cancers, and genital warts since the HPV vaccine has been used.

What is HPV?

- HPV stands for human papillomavirus.
- It is the most common sexually transmitted infection.
- **About 3 out of 4 unvaccinated sexually active people will get HPV at some point in their lives.**
- There are many different types of HPV. Most HPV infections are harmless and go away on their own. But some infections can lead to cancer or genital warts.



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