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# THE POWER TO PROTECT

HPV VACCINE INFORMATION



# THE POWER TO PROTECT AGAINST CANCER.

HPV, or human papillomavirus, is a group of more than 150 related viruses that can lead to cancer and genital warts in both men and women.

Every year in the United States, HPV causes 33,700 cancers, but a safe and effective vaccine can prevent most of the cancers from ever developing.

## IS HPV COMMON?

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Yes. Without vaccination, almost every person will get HPV at some point in their life. About 1 in 4 Americans are currently infected and nearly 14 million people including teens become infected every year. The HPV vaccine protects against the HPV infections that are most responsible for causing cancers and genital warts.

## WHO SHOULD GET THE HPV VACCINE?

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The HPV vaccine should be given to all adolescents at age 11 or 12 years, and is also recommended for young men and women through age 26. However, the vaccine works best when given at the pre-teen ages.

## IS THE HPV VACCINE SAFE?

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Yes. It provides effective and long-lasting protection backed by over 10 years of monitoring and research. As with any medicine, some side effects may occur, including:

- Pain, redness, or swelling at the injection site
- Dizziness or fainting
- Nausea
- Headache

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

**Talk to your doctor today about protecting your child from HPV and HPV-related cancers.**

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