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Immunization Action Coalition
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Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
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Is your son **protected**?



The HPV immunization
works best **given
well before** boys are
sexually active.



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What is HPV?

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a very common virus that most people get at some time in their lives through sexual activity. Most of the time people with HPV have no symptoms and do not know they have it. HPV causes genital warts and is the leading cause of cervical cancer.

It is estimated that **each minute** in the United States, there is a **new case of genital warts.**

The spread of HPV among men and women causes 11,000 women in the U.S. to find out they have invasive cervical cancer each year; nearly 4,000 die.

Recommendations:

The HPV vaccine should be given to young men **well before** they become sexually active. The immunization is given in a 3-dose series and can be started as early as age 9. The vaccine series should be completed by the age of 26 according to the schedule below.

First Dose: As soon as your son is in the recommended age group

Second Dose: 2 months after dose 1

Third Dose: 6 months after dose 1

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or talk to your doctor to learn more

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- Approximately 6.2 million people become infected every year with HPV.
- Although rare, each year in the U.S. 1,900 men get HPV-related penile and anal cancers.
- The HPV immunization protects against four types of HPV that cause 70% of cervical cancers and 90% of genital warts.
- The most common side effects of the HPV immunization are pain and redness or swelling at the injection site.

You can protect your son
from the most common forms of
HPV by getting him immunized.

