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WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PREVENTING HPV CANCERS

HPV stands for Human Papillomavirus



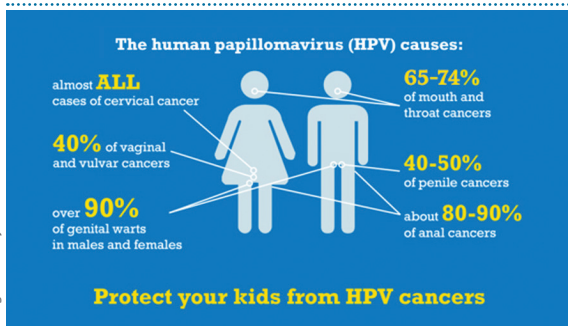
HPV is a known cause of many types of cancers and genital warts



Most of us will have HPV at some point in our lives
75% to 90% of the population

HPV is spread through close sexual contact; penetration is not needed to spread the virus

Image courtesy of BC Centre for Disease Control



Did you know?

- HPV vaccination for boys and girls is part of the regular grade 6 immunization program in BC.
- HPV vaccine works best when:
 - the vaccine is given to pre-teens because they have the strongest immune response
 - it is given before exposure to the virus
 - only 2 doses are needed for 9 – 14 year olds
- The vaccine is safe and effective. Millions of doses have been given in Canada and worldwide.
- Common reactions to HPV vaccine are similar to other vaccines: pain, redness or swelling in the arm where the injection is given. Sometimes teenagers have fainted when vaccinated.
- Studies show HPV vaccination does not lead to early sexual activity.



DON'T WAIT!
Protect your kids from HPV cancers.

Ask your Pharmacist, Doctor, Nurse or Public Health Unit about the HPV Vaccine today.



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The following websites have been classified by the BC Pediatric Society
as trusted websites to learn more about HPV.

HPV VACCINE INFORMATION

Frequently Asked Questions about HPV
(ImmunizeBC)

www.immunizebc.ca/diseases-vaccinations/hpv/hpv-vaccine-faq-0

Study Finds No Increase in Sexual Activity
Among Girls Who Received HPV Vaccine

www.cmaj.ca/content/early/2014/12/08/cmaj.140900

NACI Statements on HPV Vaccine

www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/naci-ccni/

BC Pediatric Society What Parents Need to
Know to Protect Their Kids from HPV Cancers

www.bcpeds.ca/uploadfiles/documents/npfv/HPV_What_Parents_Need_to_Know.pdf

QUEST HPV Study

www.questhpvstudy.ca

The HPV Vaccine, and Why Your Kids Should Get It
(Healthcare Triage Video)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJqderdey_I

The HPV Vaccine Is Still Underutilized
(Healthcare Triage Video)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ducC8kRJDyw

ABOUT HPV

Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/infectious-diseases/sexual-health-sexually-transmitted-infections/human-papillomavirus-hpv.html

HPV VACCINE SAFETY

World Health Organization Safety Update of HPV
Vaccines (2017) www.who.int/vaccine_safety/committee/topics/hpv/June_2017/en/

Health Canada Information Update (2015)
Gardasil Vaccine Safety Studies Show no
New Risks

www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2015/56240a-eng.php

New Study Finds No Safety Concerns in HPV
Vaccine During Pregnancy

www.content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCDC/bulletins/e40f9d

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