

Addressing Parents' Top Questions about HPV VACCINE

Parents may be interested in vaccinating, yet still have questions. Some parents might just need additional information from you, the clinician they trust. Taking the time to answer their questions and address their concerns can help parents to accept a recommendation for HPV vaccination.

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Why does my child need the HPV vaccine?

HPV vaccine is important because it prevents certain cancers. Cervical, vaginal and vulvar cancers in females and anal cancer in both males and females. That is why I recommend that he/she be vaccinated today.

What diseases are caused by HPV?

Certain types of HPV can cause cervical, vaginal, and vulvar cancers in females and anal cancer in both males and females. We can help prevent this, and I recommend we start the HPV vaccine series for your child today.

Is my child really at risk for HPV?

HPV is a widespread virus that infects males and females. We can help protect your child from HPV-related cancers and diseases by starting HPV vaccine today.

Why do they need HPV vaccine at such a young age?

With every vaccine, it is important to vaccinate before exposure and we can't predict when exposure might occur. Like other vaccines, the HPV vaccine works to help prevent disease when given before there is any contact with the virus. This is why we need to start protecting with HPV vaccine today.

I have some concerns about the safety of the vaccine—I keep reading things online that says HPV vaccination isn't safe. Do you really know if it's safe?

I know there are stories in the media and online about vaccines, and I can see how that could concern you. However, I want you to know that HPV vaccine has been carefully studied for many years by medical and scientific experts. HPV vaccine is very safe, and it is effective at protecting against some HPV types that cause cancer. Vaccines, like any medication, can cause side effects. With HPV vaccination this can include pain, swelling and redness where you got the shot as well as headache.

Could HPV vaccine cause my child to have problems with infertility?

There is no data available to suggest that getting HPV vaccine will have an effect on future fertility.

I'm just worried that my child will perceive this as a green light to have sex.

Numerous research studies have shown that getting the HPV vaccine does not make kids more likely to be sexually active or start having sex at a younger age.

How do you know if the vaccine works?

In clinical trials, the vaccine was shown to be very effective at helping to prevent certain HPV-related cancers and diseases.

Why do boys need HPV vaccine?

HPV infection can cause cancers of the anus in men and it can also cause genital warts in men. HPV vaccine can help prevent these diseases in men.

Would you get HPV vaccine for your kids?

Yes, I have given HPV vaccine to my child (or grandchild, etc) because I believe in the importance of this vaccine for preventing against certain cancers. The American Academy of Pediatrics, cancer doctors, and the CDC, also agree that getting the HPV vaccine is very important for your child.



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