



Don't Wait, Vaccinate!

What if a simple shot could protect your child from cancer?

You can now protect your child with a vaccine that prevents HPV infection.

HPV (also called human papillomavirus) is the primary cause of

- cervical and vulvar cancers in females
- penile cancer in males
- anal and oral cancers in both males and females
- genital warts in both males and females

More than 80% of women and men will be exposed to HPV.

Medical Breakthrough!

A vaccine that prevents HPV infection has recently been developed. The vaccine is available for males and females age 9 to 26 but is recommended for children age 11 or 12, before exposure to HPV.

Three shots are required. It is important for all boys and girls to get all three shots within a year of beginning the series.

Under the Affordable Care Act, HPV vaccination may be covered by insurance companies. Uninsured patients up to age 18 may also qualify for low-cost or no-cost vaccines provided through the Vaccines for Children program.

Ask your healthcare professional today for more information about the HPV vaccine.

<http://www.texas cancer.info/hpv>

¡No espere, vacúnelos!

¿Qué haría si una sencilla inyección pudiese proteger a su hijo o hija contra el cáncer?

Usted ahora puede proteger a su hijo o hija con una vacuna que previene contra la infección por el virus del papiloma humano (HPV, por sus siglas en inglés).

El HPV (también llamado virus del papiloma humano) es la causa principal de:

- el cáncer de cuello uterino y de vulva en las mujeres
- el cáncer de pene en los hombres
- el cáncer de ano y de boca en los hombres y en las mujeres
- las verrugas genitales en los hombres y en las mujeres

Más del 80% de las mujeres y de los hombres estarán expuestos al HPV.

¡Gran avance médico!

Recientemente se ha desarrollado una vacuna que previene contra la infección por HPV. La vacuna está disponible para hombres y mujeres de 9 a 26 años de edad, pero está recomendada para niños y niñas de 11 o 12 años de edad, antes de que se expongan al HPV.

Se necesita dar tres inyecciones. Es importante que todos los niños y niñas se pongan las tres inyecciones dentro de un año de empezar con la serie.

Bajo la ley de Affordable Care Act, las compañías de seguros podrían cubrir el costo de la vacuna de HPV. Los pacientes de hasta 18 años que no tengan seguro, podrían también calificar para las vacunas a bajo costo o sin costo alguno ofrecidas a través del programa Vaccines for Children (vacunas para niños).

Pida a su profesional de cuidados de la salud más información sobre la vacuna HPV.

“If the HPV vaccine is administered many HPV-associated cancers can be prevented.”

- **Lois Ramondetta, M.D.,**
Professor, Gynecologic Oncology and Reproductive Medicine
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

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- genital warts in both men and women

Vaccination only prevents infection if administered before exposure. The CDC recommends vaccinating children at age 11 or 12, though the vaccine is available for males and females age 9 to 26. Most vaccine recipients have been older than the recommended ages.

In the United States, only 50% of girls and 30% of boys receive the first shot of the three-shot series.

Only 30% of girls and 7% of boys receive all three shots necessary to prevent infection.

Remind your patients:

- Complete the three-shot series
- Side effects are minimal

Help is available to cover your patients' vaccine costs. Under the Affordable Care Act, HPV vaccination may be covered by insurance companies. Uninsured patients up to age 18 may also qualify for low-cost or no-cost vaccines provided through the Vaccines for Children program. For more information on this free program, please visit: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/tvfc/default.shtm> or call (512) 776-3711.

Recommend vaccination of children before entry into middle school and protect them from cancer later in life. **The HPV vaccine is the right choice.**



MD Anderson offers a free online HPV course for all health care professionals at
www.mdanderson.org/poe.

Lectures are being added to the HPV course and will include:

- an overview of HPV
- vaccination types
- recommendations on when and how to best advise parents and children about HPV vaccination and screening for HPV
- a systematic review of HPV-associated cancers will include cervical, vulvar, oral, penile, and anal cancers.
- HPV-associated cancer treatment, HPV management of care, and helpful tips and talking points for clinicians and health care providers are presented by MD Anderson HPV experts.

