

KNOW THE FACTS

- HPV stands for **Human Papilloma Virus**.
- HPV is spread to the genital area through **skin-to-skin contact during sexual activity**.
- There are many types of HPV and **most people who are sexually active will be infected at some point in their lives.** *not been proven*
- The HPV vaccine protects against **two common types of HPV which cause most cases (70%) of cervical cancer.** One of the available vaccines also protects against the two types of HPV which cause most cases (90%) of genital warts.
- HPV vaccination is recommended for **young women and men, ages 9 to 26.**
- The vaccine gives its best protection when given **before the start of sexual activity.**
- The HPV vaccine consists of **3 injections given over 6 months. It is important to get all 3 shots.**
- The public health program called **Vaccines for Children** covers the entire cost of the vaccine for eligible youth under 18 years of age.
- **The vaccine is safe.** It is made from an inactive protein that does not contain the virus, so one cannot become infected from getting the vaccine.
- Federal law states that a **vaccine information sheet**, which explains benefits and risks of a vaccine, must be provided to parents or guardians when the HPV vaccination is given to a minor.
- The HPV vaccine does not prevent other kinds of sexually transmitted diseases. **Condoms** can help decrease the chance of getting and spreading sexually transmitted diseases, including HPV.
- Women who receive the vaccine and are sexually active need to **continue to get routine Pap tests, as recommended.**

For more information about HPV and HPV vaccination, talk to your healthcare providers.

LEARN MORE...

Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses

www.awhonn.org/hpv

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/std/hpv/>

American Social Health Association

http://www.ashastd.org/hpv/hpv_overview.cfm

National Cervical Cancer Coalition

<http://www.nccc-online.org>

Healthy Women

www.healthywomen.org/condition/human-papillomavirus-hpv

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WHO HAVE YOU TALKED TO ABOUT THE HPV VACCINE?

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BE CONFIDENT YOU KNOW THE FACTS.

Know the facts about the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccine.

KELLY AND LILY HANG OUT.

ARE YOU GOING TO JESSICA'S PARTY TOMORROW?

YOUR WHAT?

YEAH, BUT I'LL BE A LITTLE LATE BECAUSE I HAVE TO GO GET MY HPV SHOT.

YOU KNOW, THE HUMAN PAPI-SOME-THING VIRUS... THE ONE THEY HAVE COMMERCIALS FOR ON TV?

OH YEAH I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT... ISN'T THAT FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE SEX?

OMG! YOU'RE HAVING SEX, AREN'T YOU?!?

DUH, THE POINT IS TO GET THE VACCINE BEFORE YOU HAVE SEX... BTW I'M NOT HAVING SEX... I WOULD'VE TOLD YOU!

KELLY'S MOM COMES HOME FROM WORK.

MOM, THE SCHOOL SENT A NOTE ABOUT THE HPV VACCINE.

LET ME JUST TAKE A LOOK AT THE NOTE...

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT THIS...

LILY AND KELLY'S MOMS TALK OUTSIDE THEIR APARTMENT BUILDING.

I GOT A NOTE FROM KELLY'S SCHOOL TALKING ABOUT THE HPV VACCINE. HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT IT?

YES, I'M TAKING LILY TO THE CLINIC TODAY TO GET HER THIRD AND FINAL SHOT.

IN THE NOTE IT SAYS THE VACCINE PREVENTS CANCER CAUSED BY A SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE. I DON'T THINK KELLY IS HAVING SEX YET AND I WORRY THIS WILL MAKE HER THINK ABOUT IT SOONER. HOW DID YOU DECIDE?

I FELT THE SAME WAY AT FIRST TOO... BUT I SPOKE TO THE NURSE AT THE CLINIC AND SHE ANSWERED MY QUESTIONS. PLUS, IT WAS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR LILY AND ME TO HAVE A SERIOUS TALK ABOUT SEX.

I'LL GIVE YOU OUR NURSE'S PHONE NUMBER.

KELLY AND HER MOM VISIT THE NURSE AT THE CLINIC.

...WHAT'S THIS HPV VACCINE THAT I'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT?

CANCER, AT HER AGE?

BESIDES MY DAUGHTER'S NOT HAVING SEX-- ARE YOU, KELLY???

MOM!

THIS VACCINE HELPS PREVENT CERVICAL CANCER WHICH IS CAUSED BY A VIRUS, HPV, WHICH IS PASSED BY SKIN TO SKIN CONTACT DURING SEX.

THE VACCINE WORKS BEST TO PREVENT CANCER LATER IF GIVEN BEFORE YOU START HAVING SEX. HOWEVER, IT'S RECOMMENDED FOR ALL YOUNG WOMEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 9 AND 26, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ARE SEXUALLY ACTIVE.

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK? ARE YOU READY TO GET YOUR FIRST SHOT TODAY?

IT'S TIME TO START YOUR OWN CONVERSATION! FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HPV AND THE HPV VACCINE SEE THE BACK OF THIS BROCHURE.