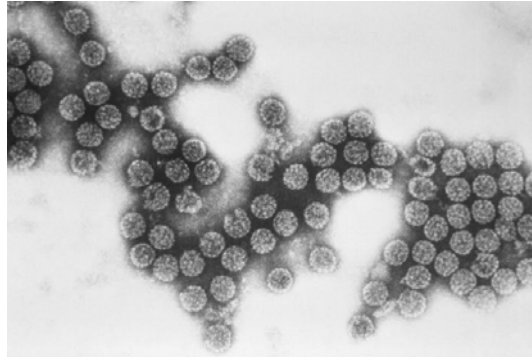


HUMAN PAPILOMAVIRUS VACCINE



Human Papillomavirus

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the U.S., with about 20 million people currently infected. Most of the time HPV has no symptoms so people do not know they have it.

Approximately ten of the 30 identified genital HPV types can lead, in rare cases, to development of cervical cancer. There are approximately 9,700 new cases of cervical cancer and 3,700 deaths from cervical cancer in the U.S. each year. Some HPV types can also cause other kinds of cancer in both men and women. In addition, other HPV types can cause genital warts in both males and females. The HPV vaccine prevents infection with the most common types of HPV that cause 70% of the cervical cancer cases and 90% of the genital warts cases. The HPV vaccine is given as a 3-dose vaccine series spread over 6 months to females between the age of 9 and 26 years of age. It is still being studied to see if the vaccine works in males.

- [Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus Vaccine](#) The Public's Health article Dec 06
- [Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus Vaccine Fact Sheet \(HPV\)](#) Dec 06
- [HPV Vaccine - Questions & Answers](#) CDC (exit)
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