Get the **HPV vaccine**

The HPV vaccine is the **best protection** against HPV infection and HPV-related cancers.

About 8 out of 10 adults will get HPV in their lifetime, but if your child gets the HPV vaccine, they won't need to worry as much about this risk.

Human papillomavirus, or HPV, affects **men and women**, and can cause **six different types of cancer.**

If your child is between 9 and 26 years old, they should get the HPV vaccine. It is most effective when given at ages 11-12.

If you're between ages 27-45, talk to your doctor about the benefits of getting the HPV vaccine.

Most insurance plans and vaccine assistance programs **cover vaccine costs.**

Ask your child's health care provider about the HPV vaccine.

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Is the HPV vaccine safe?
The HPV vaccine is safe. More than 135 million doses have been given in the United States with more than 15 years of research and safety monitoring. There is strong evidence confirming the safety of the HPV vaccine.

How is the safety of the HPV vaccine determined?
Vaccine safety is carefully monitored. The HPV vaccine was tested over many years before it was released, and its safety is still regularly checked.

Are there side effects of HPV vaccine?
Side effects are the same as any shot and include temporary pain, redness or swelling at the injection site; as well as dizziness, fainting, nausea and headache. These side effects are mild and get better within a day or two.

Does the HPV vaccine cause infertility?
The HPV vaccine does not cause infertility. It may help protect against infertility because it prevents precancers and cancers.

Does the HPV vaccine cause preterm delivery?
The HPV vaccine does not cause preterm delivery. It prevents some cancers that can increase the risk of preterm delivery. Women who are currently pregnant should talk to their doctor.

Can the HPV vaccine cause premature menopause in young women?
The HPV vaccine does not cause premature menopause or other reproductive problems.