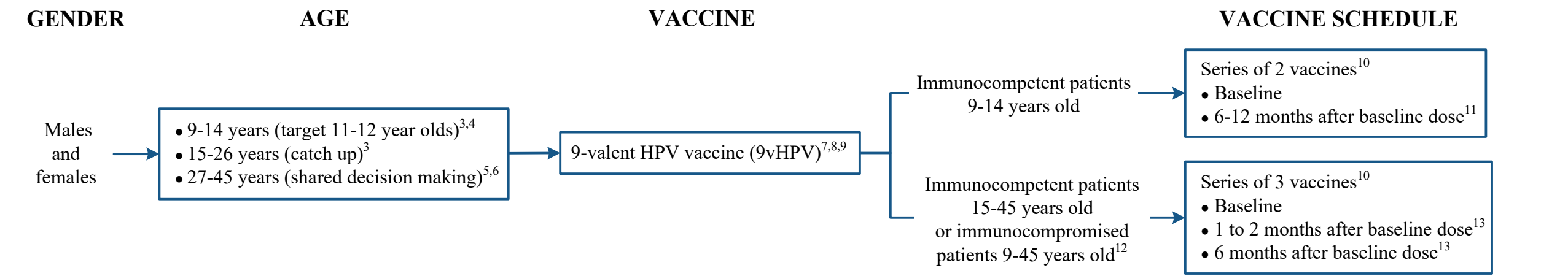


# Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination for Prevention of HPV-Related Cancers<sup>1,2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Although primarily used to prevent cervical dysplasia/cancer, anal pre-cancer/cancer, vaginal pre-cancer/cancer, vulvar pre-cancer/cancer, and anal/genital warts associated with certain HPV types, HPV vaccination may also reduce the risk of other HPV-related premalignant and malignant lesions of the oropharynx and penis. In 2020, the FDA approved an expanded indication for 9vHPV (Gardasil® 9) for the prevention of oropharyngeal cancers caused by HPV types 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, and 58.

<sup>2</sup> [Vaccines for Children \(VFC\) Program](#) covers full HPV vaccination series for those that qualify. [Adult Safety Net](#) services may cover uninsured individuals 19-45 years of age.

<sup>3</sup> MD Anderson strongly recommends that all males and females age 9-26 get the HPV vaccine. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends a target age of 11-12 years old to complete the series. It is strongly recommended that the series of two vaccines be completed before age 15. Patients age 15-26 require a three-shot series.

<sup>4</sup> Efficacy and safety of vaccine has been shown starting at 9 years of age

<sup>5</sup> The HPV vaccination may be considered for males and females age 27-45 after a discussion with their clinician of the benefits and limitations of the vaccine for individuals in this age range. Individuals should be counseled regarding decreased effectiveness of the vaccine in those who are sexually active and already infected with one of the types of HPV in the vaccine.

<sup>6</sup> 9vHPV is not FDA approved for use in males or females > 45 years of age. There is no information on the efficacy and prevention of outcomes for this population.

<sup>7</sup> Absolute contraindications: anyone allergic to the vaccine components or its delivery system. Most common adverse events were mild or moderate and were most commonly injection-site reactions. Due to fainting risk, it is recommended that recipient lie down for 15 minutes after injection. No deaths have been observed related to the HPV vaccination.

<sup>8</sup> HPV vaccines are not recommended for use in pregnant women. If a woman is found to be pregnant after initiating the vaccination series, the remainder of the series should be delayed until completion of pregnancy. Pregnancy testing is not needed before vaccination. If a vaccine has been administered during pregnancy, no intervention is needed. Accidental pregnancy injection should be reported to the vaccine manufacturer.

<sup>9</sup> 9vHPV is not a live vaccine; it contains vaccine like particles (VLPs) 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, 58 for use in males, females, immunocompromised and those not vaccinated previously or who have not completed the full series of vaccinations

<sup>10</sup> Those individuals who have not received the full series of vaccinations should complete the series with 9vHPV before 45 years of age. If the vaccine schedule is interrupted, the vaccination series does not need to be restarted. If the first dose of any vaccine was given before the 15<sup>th</sup> birthday, vaccination should be completed with 9vHPV according to a 2-dose schedule. If the first dose of the vaccine was given on or after the 15<sup>th</sup> birthday, vaccination should be completed with the 9vHPV according to a 3-dose schedule. There is no evidence at this time that a booster is needed.

<sup>11</sup> The minimum interval is 5 months between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose. If the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose is given earlier than 5 months, a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose should be administered.

<sup>12</sup> Those with immunocompromising conditions, including HIV infection, should receive 3 doses of the vaccine

<sup>13</sup> The minimum interval is 4 weeks between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> doses of vaccine. Minimum interval of 24 weeks between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> doses of vaccine. Doses received within a shorter-than-recommended dosing interval should be readministered.

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