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PLEASE READ AND SHARE WITH ALL STAFF IN YOUR OFFICE!

JANUARY IS CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Take some time today to remember that **HPV vaccine equals cancer prevention**. Every year, about 4,000 women die from cervical cancer in the United States and more than 300,000 women endure invasive testing and treatment for lesions on the cervix that can develop into cancers. Testing and treatment for these “pre-cancers” can have lasting effects.

Cervical cancer is a serious disease that affects women, but it only accounts for 38% of cancers caused by HPV infection. Every year in the United States, **31,500 women and men are diagnosed with a cancer caused by HPV infection**. While there is screening for cervical cancer, there is no routine screening for the other 20,000 cases of cancer caused by HPV infections each year in the United States. The incidence of oropharyngeal (head and neck) cancers has been dramatically increasing and has recently surpassed that of cervical cancer. This means that there have been more new cases of male oropharyngeal cancer diagnosed than cases of cervical cancer.

Cervical cancer, along with most other HPV-related cancers, can be **prevented by receiving the HPV vaccine**.

Cervical Cancer Awareness Webinar

The Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (ICAAP) offers health care providers the opportunity to receive the latest information on pediatric and adolescent immunizations via webinar. Please join in viewing an upcoming webinar on cervical cancer and the HPV vaccine.

Tuesday, January 30th, 2018

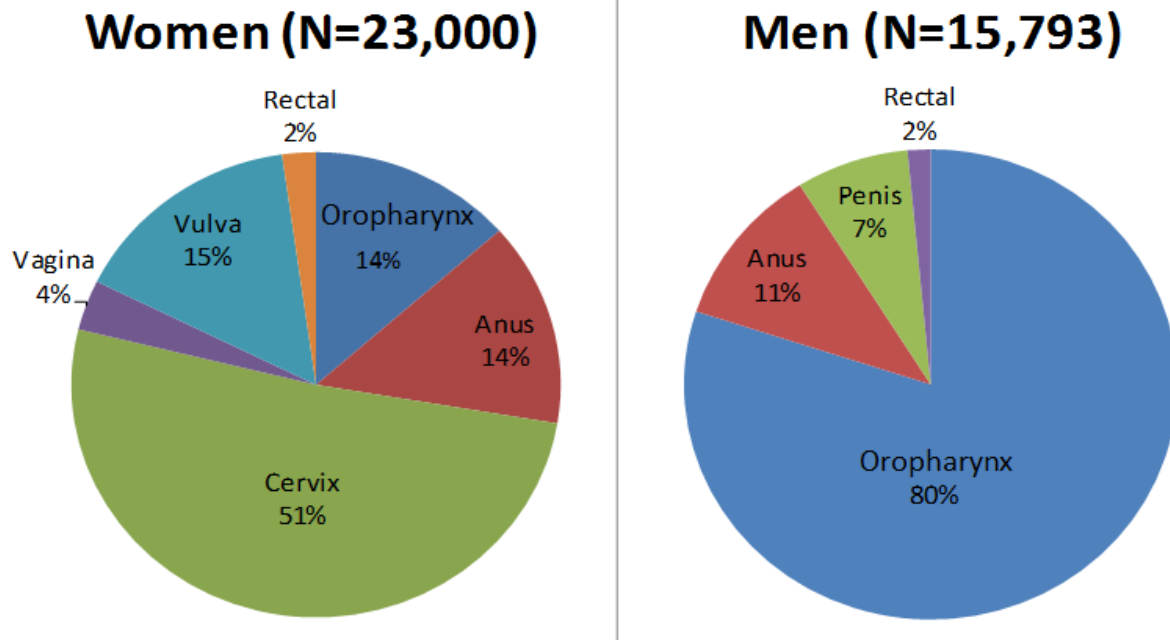
12-1 PM Central Time

**Nita K Lee, MD, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology
University of Chicago**

Register today: <http://bit.ly/2018WebinarSeries>

Nita Karnik Lee, MD, specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of women with gynecologic malignancies. Her focus is on providing comprehensive and compassionate care to women diagnosed with ovarian, uterine, cervical, vulvar or vaginal cancers. She is skilled in minimally invasive surgical techniques, including robotic surgery for gynecologic cancers and complex benign gynecologic conditions.

Estimated Average Annual Number of New HPV-Associated Cancers by Sex, US 2008-2012



Viens, L. et al., 2016. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep*

What can you do to Prevent Cancer?

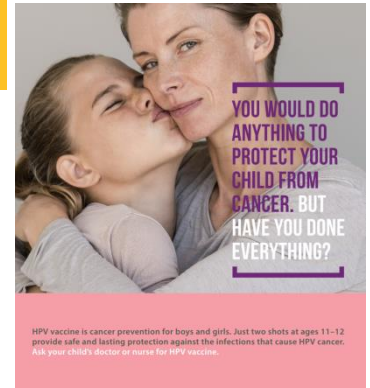
- **Recommend the HPV vaccine the same way and same day as other adolescent vaccines** to children ages 11-12 years old. Only two doses of HPV vaccine are required when kids start the series at ages 11-12. The two dose series is preferable to the three dose series because...
 - Fewer shots for kids
 - Better immune response when you start earlier
 - Better series completion rates
- **Watch and share powerful stories** from cervical cancer survivors: <https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/hcp/hpv-important.html>
- **Visit CDC's new HPV portal for clinicians**, which features materials to help raise awareness about HPV vaccination as cancer prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/hpv/hcp/index.html>
- **Learn more about the two screening tests** that can help prevent cervical cancer or find it early: https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/cervical/basic_info/screening.htm
- **Link to CDC's HPV vaccine videos or PSAs** on your website, e-newsletter or in an email to your patients: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/partners/teens/video-audio.html>
- **Display posters in your clinic.** View the attached Poster Guide, visit the CDC website and print posters to display in your waiting areas and exam rooms.



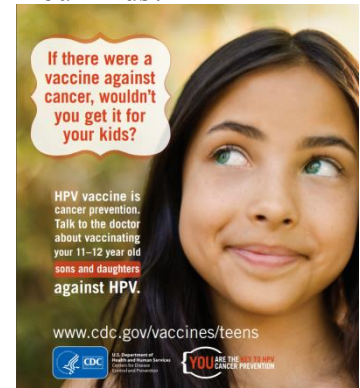
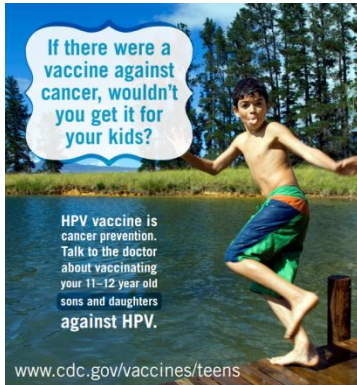
HPV Vaccine Poster Reference Guide

Download at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/partners/teens/posters.html>

You Would Do Anything to Protect Your Child from Cancer



If There Were a Vaccine for Cancer, Wouldn't You Get it for Your Kids?



6 Reasons to Get HPV Vaccine for Your Child

[6 REASONS TO GET HPV VACCINE FOR YOUR CHILD]

- 1 HPV is a common virus that infects men and women. 80% of people will get an HPV infection in their lifetime. Most HPV infections will go away on their own. Infections that don't go away can cause precancers and cancers.
- 2 HPV vaccination works. Infections with HPV types that cause most HPV cancers and genital warts have dropped 71 percent among young girls.
- 3 HPV vaccination prevents cancer. More than 29,000 cases of cancer each year could be prevented with HPV vaccination. Save as the average attendance for a baseball game.
- 4 Preventing cancer is better than treating cancer. HPV infections can cause many types of cancer, but there is only one way to prevent cancer: HPV vaccination is prevention for the other types of cancer caused by HPV infections.
- 5 Your child can get the HPV vaccine when they receive the other preteen vaccines. These vaccines are recommended for 11–12 year olds to protect against the infections that can cause meningitis, HPV cancers, and missing teeth.
- 6 Preventing cancer is easier than even before. Get one shot: 2 doses of HPV vaccine provide similar protection to 3 doses, when given before the 13th birthday.

6 OUT OF 10 parents are choosing to get the HPV vaccine for their children.

[Talk to your child's doctor about HPV cancer prevention at ages 11–12]

www.cdc.gov/HPV

Close the Door to Cancer

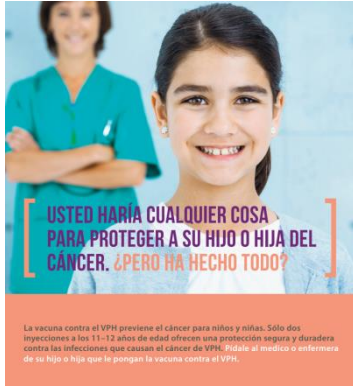
You're not opening the door to sex.

You're closing the door to cancer.

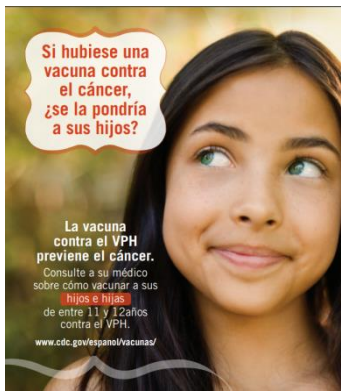
HPV vaccine is cancer prevention. Talk to your child's doctor about vaccinating your 11–12 year old against HPV.

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/teens

Usted haría cualquier cosa para proteger a su hijo o hija del cáncer. ¿Pero ha hecho todo?



Si hubiese una vacuna contra el cáncer, ¿se la pondría a sus hijos?



Usted sabía que habría días como este



La vacunación y revisión médica de los preadolescents

