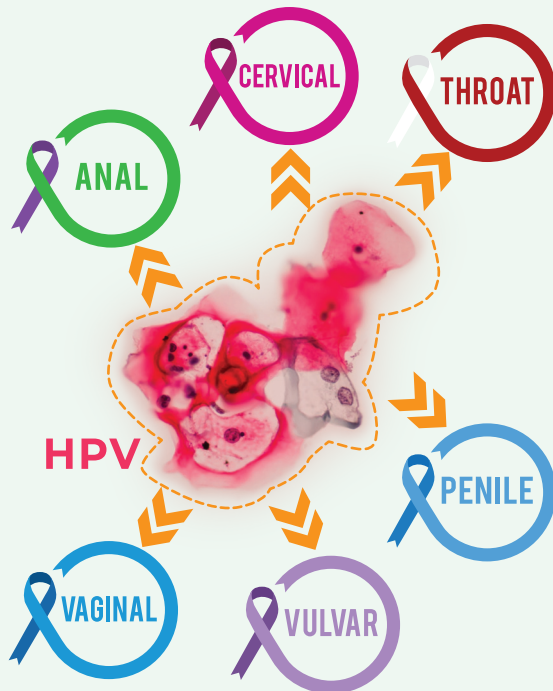


WHAT IS HPV?

- ▶ HPV is short for **human papillomavirus**
- ▶ HPV is a virus that can lead to 6 types of cancers in males and females later in life

HPV CAN CAUSE 6 TYPES OF CANCER



- ▶ There is no cure for HPV. But there are vaccines that can prevent most of the infections and cancers that it causes

WHO CAN GET HPV?

- ▶ Both males and females can get the virus
- ▶ Most females and males will be infected with at least one type of HPV at some point in their lives

HOW DO YOU GET HPV?

- ▶ HPV is spread from sexual skin-to-skin contact with someone who has it
- ▶ There are no symptoms, so a person with HPV may not know they are infected with HPV

Guam Resources:

- ▶ American Cancer Society
Guam Field Office: 477-9451
- ▶ Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation:
472-6854
- ▶ Guam Breast & Cervical Cancer Early
Detection Program, DPHSS: 735-0671/2
- ▶ Guam Cancer Care: 969-2223
- ▶ Guam Comprehensive Cancer Control
Program, DPHSS: 735-0670/7335
- ▶ Guam Immunization Program,
DPHSS: 735-7143
- ▶ Guam Regional Medical City, Patient Education
Department: 645-5500 x 3685/3687/5688
- ▶ University of Guam
Cancer Research Center: 735-3036
Guam Cancer Registry: 735-2988/2989

*To request a copy of the Guam Cancer Toolkit:
Cervical Cancer and HPV Vaccine, contact:*

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WHO SHOULD GET THE HPV VACCINE?

- ▶ All **boys and girls ages 11 or 12** should get vaccinated



- ▶ Vaccination can be given to boys and girls at age 9
- ▶ HPV Vaccine Dosing Schedules:

AGES	DOSES	SCHEDULE
9 - 10	2	6 - 12 months apart
11 - 12	2	6 - 12 months apart
13 - 14	2	6 - 12 months apart
15 - 26	3	1st dose at visit one 2nd dose 1 - 2 months later 3rd dose 6 months after 1st dose

WHY DO BOYS NEED TO GET HPV VACCINE?

- ▶ Boys that are infected can spread the virus to others
- ▶ It will help decrease the risk of penile, anal, and oral cancers

WHY GET THE HPV VACCINE?

- ▶ HPV infections can cause certain cancers: cervical, vaginal, and vulvar cancer in females; anal and throat cancer in females and males; and penile cancer in males.
- ▶ In the U.S., about 79 million are currently infected with HPV. About 14 million people, including teens, become infected with HPV each year.
- ▶ On Guam, 104 people became infected with HPV between 2014-2016.



WHERE CAN I GET THE HPV VACCINE?

- ▶ Check with your doctor; most doctor's offices give the vaccine.
- ▶ Department of Public Health and Social Services have times during the year that the immunization is given in the community - contact Guam Immunization Program at 735-7143.

HOW MUCH DOES HPV VACCINE COST?

- ▶ Check with your insurance, but most insurances will cover the vaccine if given according to the national guidelines
- ▶ Vaccine for Children Program (VFC) provides free vaccines for children and teens who don't have insurance - contact DPHSS Guam Immunization Program at 735-7143.

WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF THE HPV VACCINE?

- ▶ Pain, redness, or swelling where the shot was given
- ▶ Fever
- ▶ Headache or feeling tired
- ▶ Nausea
- ▶ Muscle or joint pain
- ▶ Most side effects related to HPV vaccines were mild

IS HPV VACCINE SAFE?

Yes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) closely monitor the safety of HPV vaccine to identify adverse events and side effects.



IS THERE LINK BETWEEN VACCINES AND AUTISM?

No. Some people have had concerns that autism might be linked to the vaccines children receive, but studies have shown that there is no link between receiving vaccines and developing autism.



PROTECT YOUR CHILD FROM CANCER!