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# HPV VACCINE

is a **LIFESAVER**



**THE HPV VACCINE COULD PREVENT ABOUT 29,000 CASES OF HPV-ASSOCIATED CANCER EACH YEAR**

## CANCER PREVENTION

HPV vaccination can protect against the types of HPV that cause

**81%** of cases of cervical cancer



## EFFECTIVE AGAINST OTHER TYPES OF CANCER

The HPV vaccine also can protect against cancer of the vagina, vulva, penis, and anus



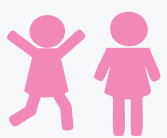
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## PROTECTIVE

Make sure everyone in your family who needs the HPV vaccine gets it!

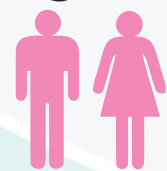
### 11 or 12 years (Target Age)

Most effective for girls and boys when received early in adolescence



### Younger than 27 years (Catch-up Age)

Provides protection for women and men even if sexual activity has begun



## SAFE

**Millions** of people have received the HPV vaccine without serious side effects



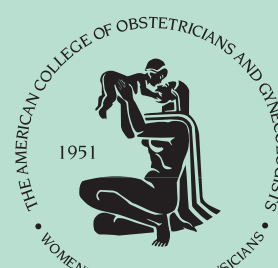
## 💡 GET THE FACTS

- HPV IS THE MOST COMMON SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION, AND 79 MILLION AMERICANS ARE CURRENTLY INFECTED
- HPV VACCINATION IS **NOT** LINKED TO MORE OR EARLIER SEXUAL ACTIVITY
- THE HPV VACCINE IS GIVEN IN A SERIES OF THREE SHOTS OVER 6 MONTHS, WHICH ARE ALL NEEDED FOR BEST PROTECTION
- IT IS STILL IMPORTANT TO GET A **PAP TEST** TO SCREEN FOR CERVICAL CANCER STARTING AT AGE 21 YEARS

Abbreviation: HPV, Human Papillomavirus

## MORE INFORMATION?

ASK YOUR OB-GYN, VISIT [WWW.IMMUNIZATIONFORWOMEN.ORG/HPV](http://WWW.IMMUNIZATIONFORWOMEN.ORG/HPV), OR SCAN THIS CODE



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