



Department of
Health

Cervical Cancer Prevention

Frequently Asked Questions



How should I bring up HPV vaccine with my patients?

HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine should be introduced the same way as any other recommended vaccine. Sandwiching your HPV vaccine recommendation in the middle of the other adolescent vaccines may be beneficial.

Source: [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#)

What age should I start recommending HPV vaccine to my patients?

The HPV vaccine is recommended at age 11-12 years but can be given starting at age 9. The vaccine is found to be most effective the earlier it is started. If the series is initiated before age 15, only two doses are needed.

Source: [AAP](#)

How can I increase uptake of HPV vaccine in my practice?

A strong recommendation from trusted provider and a presumptive language approach are positively correlated with HPV vaccine uptake. “Today I recommend your child receive three vaccines: meningococcal, HPV9, and Tdap.”

Source: [National Cancer Institute](#)

Why is HPV vaccination important?

HPV vaccine protects both girls and boys from multiple types of cancers. HPV vaccination can stop 90% of these cancers by preventing the infection that causes them.

Source: [American Cancer Society](#)

If you're interested in learning about your office's HPV vaccine coverage rates, contact Ohio's IQIP program (Immunization Quality Improvement for Providers) at immunize@odh.ohio.gov.

Source: CDC ([HPV Vaccination](#) | [HPV](#) | [CDC](#))