If You Could Prevent Cancer, Would You?

HPV is preventable
HPV or human papillomavirus is passed from person to person during direct skin-to-skin contact, particularly during sexual activity.

6+ HPV IS LINKED WITH MORE THAN 6 TYPES OF CANCER

This vaccine protects against strains 16 and 18, which are most likely to cause cancer, and 5 additional strains linked with cancer.*

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends HPV vaccination for:

- ALL BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 11 OR 12
- ALL MEN THROUGH AGE 21
- ALL WOMEN, GAY OR BISEXUAL MEN, AND PEOPLE WITH LOWERED IMMUNE SYSTEMS THROUGH AGE 26

Only 36% of girls and 14% of boys ages 11-13 are fully vaccinated.

- 7 OUT OF 10 WOMEN FROM CERVICAL CANCER
- 6 OUT OF 10 MEN AND WOMEN FROM OROPHARYNGEAL CANCER
- 9 OUT OF 10 MEN AND WOMEN FROM ANAL CANCER

- 8 OUT OF 10 WOMEN FROM VAGINAL CANCER
- 7 OUT OF 10 WOMEN FROM VULVAR CANCER
- 6 OUT OF 10 MEN FROM PENILE CANCER

Men don’t need to worry about HPV, right? Wrong.

HPV affects men and women. In fact, oropharyngeal cancer from HPV is 3 to 5 times more common in men.

The HPV vaccine is a series of 2 or 3 shots.

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*Other vaccines may be used outside the US.

CDC recommends only two HPV shots for younger adolescents (2016): www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2016/p1020-hpv-shots.html

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