



HPV Vaccination Starts at Age 9

CORE MESSAGES

HPV vaccination starts at age 9.

KEY MESSAGE 1: Start recommending HPV vaccination at age 9 to increase the success of completing the series by 13.

- Healthcare providers can start recommending HPV vaccination at the age 9 well visit.
- Giving a strong recommendation starting at age 9 will increase vaccination success.
- Starting at age 9 allows providers and patients time to complete the HPV series on time.

KEY MESSAGE 2: ACIP and CDC recommendations state that HPV vaccination can start at age 9.

- In 2014, the US Food and Drug Administration approved, and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended, the HPV vaccine for use in boys and girls ages 11-12 or starting at age 9. “The vaccination series can be started beginning at age 9 years.”
- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Cancer Society, and the National HPV Vaccination Roundtable all recommend that HPV vaccination can start at age 9.

KEY MESSAGE 3: HPV vaccination is cancer prevention.

- HPV vaccination helps protect against six types of cancer.
- HPV vaccination can prevent more than 90% of HPV cancers when given at the recommended ages.
- More than 75% of US parents have chosen to protect their children from HPV cancer with the HPV vaccine.