**The HPV Vaccine is Cancer Prevention**

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a life-threatening virus that causes cancer 10-20 years after infection. Most people will be infected with HPV at some point in their life.

In the United States, each year:

- More than 30,000 new HPV-related cancers are diagnosed in men & women
- More than 8,000 men and women die from HPV-related cancers

**If You Could Protect Your Child From Cancer, Would You?**

- The HPV vaccine will protect your sons and daughters from HPV-related cancers
- The HPV vaccine is safe

More than 79 million doses have been given in the US. No serious safety concerns found.

**Reasons Your Child Should Get The HPV Vaccine Today**

1. Cancer screening tests will not protect your child from most HPV-related cancers.
2. There is currently NO treatment for HPV infection.
3. More than 90% of HPV-related cancers are prevented by vaccination.
4. The vaccine works better when given at the recommended ages of 11-12 years and before infection with the virus.
5. The vaccine can be safely given with the tetanus and meningitis shots.

Sources: cdc.gov/hpv • aap.org

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