

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine

Human Papillomavirus CAN cause:	Complications may lead to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Genital warts• Cervical cancer• Cancers of the anus, mouth and throat, penis, vagina and vulva	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spread of infection• Invasive cervical cancer• Death
Possible side effects of the vaccine:	What to do:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soreness around the injection site (84% of cases)• Itchiness, swelling or redness around the injection site (up to 25% of cases)• Headache (up to 28% of cases)• Diarrhea, dizziness, nausea, fever (up to 13% of cases) within 15 days of vaccinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply a cold, damp compress to the injection site• Apply a cold, damp compress to the injection site• Take pain relieving medication such as acetaminophen to relieve the headache• Take fever medication such as acetaminophen if your temperature is 38.5°C or over

Severe allergic reactions are rare, begin immediately and can be treated by the person who gave the vaccine. You should stay on site for at least 15 minutes after vaccination so that an allergic reaction, if there is one, can be treated.

Why consider the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine?

HPV infection is a common infection that is spread mainly through sexual contact. The HPV-4 vaccine protects against the two types of HPV that cause most cases of cervical and anal cancer, as well as the two types of HPV that cause most genital warts. The newer HPV-9 vaccine protects against five additional types of HPV, so there is additional protection against cervical and other genital cancers.

All available HPV vaccines are very effective. Depending on your age, either 2 or 3 doses of vaccine are recommended – and it is VERY important to complete the series.

Consult your healthcare provider if side effects persist over 48 hours. For more information on vaccinations, visit: <http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/>