All males and females ages 9–26 should get the HPV vaccine. **It is most effective when given at ages 11–12.**

Unvaccinated men and women ages 27–45 should talk to their doctor about the benefits of the vaccine.

- Talk with your doctor about the HPV vaccine.
- The vaccine is safe and effective.
- Most insurance plans and vaccine assistance programs cover vaccine costs.

The HPV vaccine is the best protection against HPV infection and HPV-related cancers.

Complete the vaccine series for full protection.

[www.mdanderson.org/HPV](http://www.mdanderson.org/HPV)
What you should know

HPV is a virus. It is so common that most people get it at some point in their lives.

In most cases, the immune system clears the virus before it’s detected.

If the body does not clear the virus, HPV can cause these types of cancers:

- **WOMEN**
  - anal
  - cervical
  - throat
  - vaginal
  - vulvar

- **MEN**
  - anal
  - penile
  - throat

HPV also causes genital warts in women and men.

A cancer caused by HPV is diagnosed every 20 minutes in the United States.