

Your Guide to Preventing HPV-Related Cancers



MSK Direct

Memorial Sloan Kettering is recognized as a world leader in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer related to the human papillomavirus (HPV). As a comprehensive cancer center, we know that cancer care isn't just about medicine. We're also committed to caring for the community with cancer prevention, wellness, and screening education to keep you healthy and well.

Your employer partners with MSK to offer MSK Direct, a program that provides guided access to expert clinical care as well as practical and emotional support.



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HOW CAN I PREVENT HPV?



GET VACCINATED

There is a vaccine that can prevent human papillomavirus (HPV) infection from the 9 most common types, including the 7 high-risk types that cause most HPV-related cancers. It's best to get the vaccine between ages 9 and 12. Getting the vaccine as recommended protects a person for their entire life. Everyone ages 9 to 45 can get the vaccine.

Talk with your healthcare provider to learn more.



USE CONDOMS AND DENTAL DAMS DURING SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Using condoms and dental dams during anal, vaginal, and oral sex can lower the risk of getting HPV. But it does not prevent it. **Getting the vaccine is the best way to prevent HPV.**

HOW CAN I PREVENT HPV-RELATED CANCERS?



GET TESTED AND SCREENED

Cervical Pap smears and HPV tests can find HPV early. **Talk with your healthcare provider about which tests you need.**

Head and neck exams can help find problems early if you have risk factors, such as exposure to HPV, drinking, and smoking. **Every July, MSK offers free head and neck screenings at many locations.**

We recommend Anal Pap smears for screening and surveillance of people who are HIV positive and men who have sex with men. Talk with your healthcare provider about your risk for HPV and which tests are right for you.

WHAT IS HPV?

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a virus that lives on the skin. There are more than 100 types, and 40 are spread through sexual contact. Most HPV infections go away when the body's immune system fights it off, but some types can lead to cancer.

KNOW YOUR RISK

Almost everyone who is sexually active will get HPV. The types of HPV that spread during sexual contact fall into 2 groups, low risk and high risk.

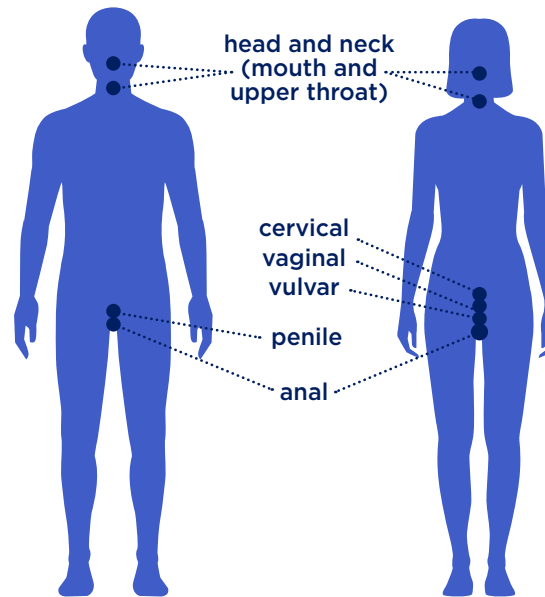
Low Risk

- Can cause genital warts, but usually doesn't lead to serious health problems.
- Types 6 and 11 are most common.

High Risk

- Can lead to cancer, even years later.
- Types 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, and 58 are most common.

6 TYPES OF CANCER CAUSED BY HPV



OUR LOCATIONS

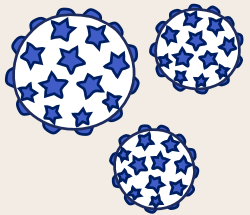
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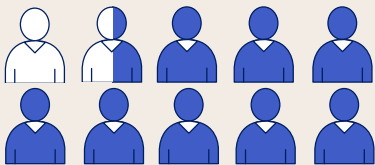
HPV is the most common sexually transmitted disease (STD) in the United States.

80% of cancers in the back of the tongue or tonsils are caused by HPV.

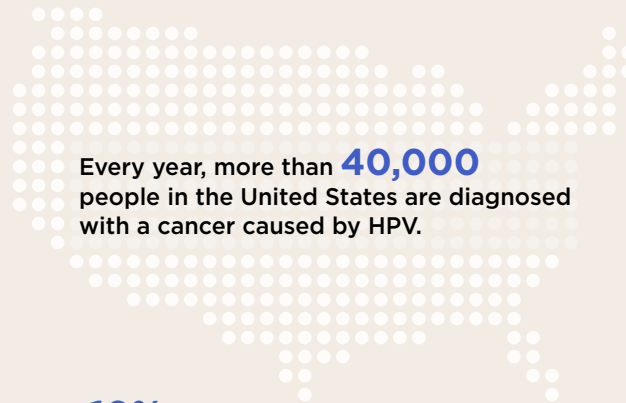
90% of HPV-related cancers can be prevented by getting the vaccine before you're exposed to HPV.



The HPV vaccine can prevent up to **6 types of cancer**.



Almost **85%** of adults between the ages of **18 and 65** will have at least 1 type of HPV at some point in their life.



About **10%** of people develop an HPV infection that does not go away.

At least **90%** of all cervical and anal cancers are caused by HPV.



Men can get HPV-related cancers, too."

CONTACT

Talk to your primary care doctor about the HPV vaccine for you and your family.

Your employer has a partnership with MSK through MSK Direct, which offers guided access and personalized support. If you or your loved one has been impacted by cancer, please call your employer's MSK Direct line.



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