

Health Systems as HPV Vaccine Champions



Every year in the United States, 36,500 men and women are diagnosed with a cancer caused by HPV infection. Cervical cancer is the only HPV related cancer that can be detected early. Cancers of the head, neck, anus, vulva and penis have no screening tests, and are often found only after they have caused serious disease.

HPV vaccination could **prevent more than 90% of cancers caused by HPV** from ever developing.

Health systems can support and assist the efforts of their providers to ensure that all children, ages 9 to 12 receive their HPV vaccines. While the vaccine is recommended for all up to the age of 26, the vaccine is most effective if received at younger ages.



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Consider these strategies to raise HPV Vaccine Rates:



Engage Provider Champions

- Identify providers who are passionate champions for vaccination.
- Share vaccination rates routinely in team and departmental meetings.
- Keep vaccines top of mind with routine updates and education.

Utilize Team Member Superusers

- Serve as subject matter expert for quality tools and vaccine administration.
- Provide orientation support and training for new team members.
- Ensure that up-to-date vaccine schedules and resources are posted and/or available in the medication room and other appropriate locations for reference.
- Submit incident reports for vaccine errors/near misses and track/trend data to drive education and patient safety initiatives.

Use EMR Quality tools and Care Recommendations to Identify Vaccination Status and Close Gaps

- Integrate EMR quality tools into standard work MA Rooming workflow and import vaccines from the state's immunization registry when possible.
- Integrate EMR quality tools into provider chart reviews and encourage use of provider scorecards to track individual and group performance.
- Update EMR HPV vaccine guidelines to prompt providers to begin recommending the vaccine at age 9.

Engage with the Health System's Quality Department

- Track and routinely share vaccine performance data and audit results with providers.

