

Mayo Clinic Minute

HPV Vaccine Prevents Cancer

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Vivien Williams	Nearly 80 million. That's how many people in the U.S. have the sexually transmitted human papillomavirus, or HPV.
Gerard Colon-Otero, M.D. Hematology/Oncology Mayo Clinic	"Most of the time when you get infected with this virus there are no symptoms and most of the time there are no consequences."
Vivien Williams to graphics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cervical• Penile• Throat• Anal	But, Mayo Clinic oncologist Dr. Gerardo Colon-Otero says some strains of HPV can cause cancers including cervical, penile, throat and anal.
Gerardo Colon-Otero, M.D.	"These cancers can be prevented if our kids are vaccinated against this virus."
Vivien Williams	The vaccine is a series of three shots. Kids can start as early as age 9, but most kids get the vaccine from ages 11-13 when they're due for other vaccinations. Mayo Clinic family medicine specialist Dr. Summer Allen strongly recommends both boys and girls kids get this vaccine.
Summer Allen, M.D. Family Medicine Mayo Clinic	"This vaccine is meant to prevent cancer."
Vivien Williams	To help keep all of our kids healthy and protected against cancer.
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm Vivien Williams.

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