

Mayo Clinic Minute

Protect your child with HPV vaccine

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	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.”
	But Mayo Clinic oncologist Dr. Gerardo Colon-Otero says some strains of HPV can cause cancers including cervical, penile, throat and anal.
	“These cancers can be prevented if our kids are vaccinated against this virus.”
	All kids who are 11 or 12 years old should get two doses of the vaccine, at least six months apart when they are 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.”
	To help keep all of our kids healthy and protected against cancer.
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I’m Vivien Williams.