

The Sex Drive, Week #9



Talk to your kids the importance of receiving the HPV vaccine.

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Examples

Ask your 8-9 year old, “Why do you think we get shots?” “If getting a shot can prevent you from getting sick would you want it?” “How can you avoid getting someone else’s germs?”

Ask your teen, “Did you know what Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is?” “Do you know how you can get HPV?” “How can you protect yourself from viruses like HPV?”

Ask your older adolescent, “Did you know that HPV can cause cancer?” “What ways can you protect yourself from getting HPV?” “How can you get screened for cancers caused by HPV?”

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a common infection that both girls and boys can get. HPV can cause certain types of cancer. Thankfully there is a safe and effective vaccine series to protect your child from getting HPV! HPV can be easily spread from one to another through intimate contact. The HPV vaccine series is recommended for both girls and boys around age 11 to 12. The vaccine works the best when given before exposure to the virus which is why a young age is recommended.

Having your child get the HPV vaccine series does not encourage sexual activity. When talking with your child about the vaccine explain that the vaccine protects against a virus that can cause cancer that they may be exposed to later in life.

Your child’s pediatrician can be a great resource for information about the HPV vaccine. Google an article or two from the list below for more specific information from a variety of sources.

Article	Source
How to Talk to Your Preteen About the HPV Vaccine	HealthyChildren
HPV Vaccines	TalkWithYourKids
HPV Vaccine	KidsHealth

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