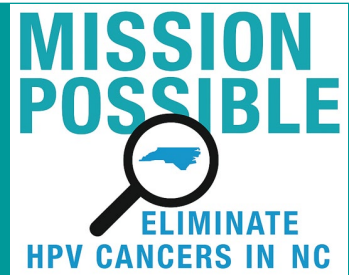


HPV Vaccination is Cancer Prevention

We need your help protecting the future of our youth.

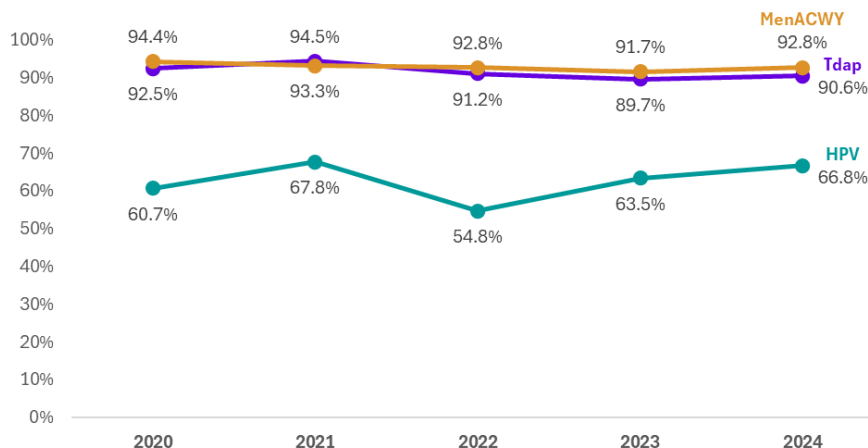


Dear North Carolina medical provider:

Your efforts to increase HPV vaccination among your patients in the last year have really paid off! Let's keep up the good work and build on that progress. We still have a lot of work to do before HPV vaccination catches up with Tdap and MenACWY.

You can start vaccinating your patients at 9 years of age, as recommended by the American Cancer Society, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the National HPV Vaccination Roundtable. The best evidence shows that two (2) doses by age 13 provides optimal HPV cancer prevention.

Despite progress, NC adolescent HPV* vaccination rates still lag behind Tdap and MenACWY.



*Up-to-date, Males and Females. Source: Vaccination coverage among NC teens ages 13-17 years, 2020-2024, <https://www.cdc.gov/teenvaxview/interactive/index.html>

Why should you recommend HPV vaccination at age 9?

- You will give patients more opportunities to complete both doses by age 13;
- You will protect your patients from HPV cancers long before their first HPV exposure;
- You can alleviate caregivers' concerns about their child initiating sexual activity;
- You can reduce the number of shots administered per visit;
- You can increase up-to-date HPV vaccination rates in your patients!

What you can do:

1. [Announce your strong recommendation for HPV vaccination](#) starting at age 9. For example: "Marcus is now 9, so today he'll get a vaccine that prevents six types of cancer."
2. Every visit counts! Review patient HPV vaccination status and offer vaccination at every visit.
3. Routinely review your clinic's HPV vaccination rates and follow up when patients are due or overdue.

The [National HPV Vaccination Roundtable](#) and [American Cancer Society](#) have several resources to help increase your HPV vaccination rates.

By working together and prioritizing HPV vaccination, we can create a better future for our youth by eliminating cervical and other HPV cancers. Thank you for your attention to this important initiative!

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