

HPV Vaccination is Cancer Prevention

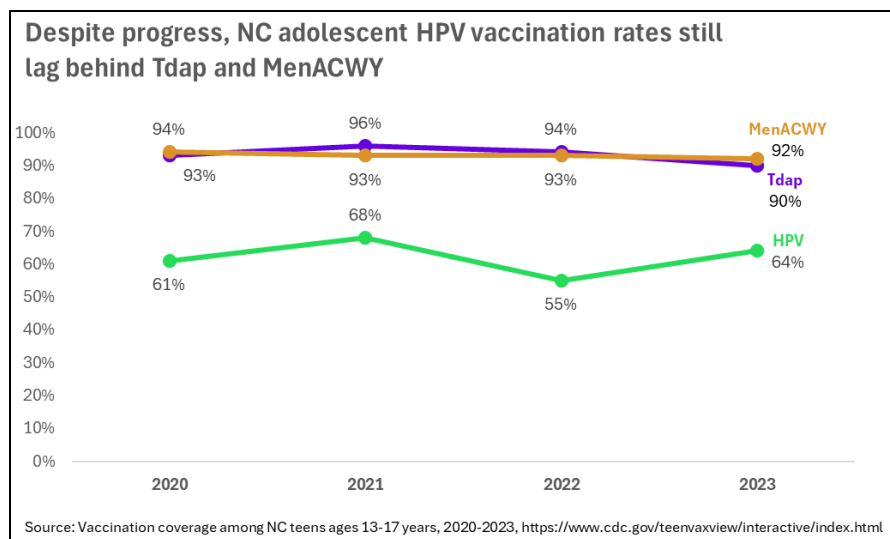
We need your help protecting the future of our youth.



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 clinical and public health experts at the American Cancer Society, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the National HPV Vaccination Roundtable.



Why should you recommend HPV vaccination at age 9?

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

What you can do:

1. [Give a strong recommendation for HPV vaccination](#) starting **at age 9**.
 - a. Example: "Marcus is now 9, so today he'll get a vaccine that prevents six HPV cancers."
[Take these steps](#) to recommend HPV vaccination more effectively.
2. Every visit counts! Review vaccination status and offer vaccination at every visit.
3. Routinely review your HPV vaccination rates and follow-up with patients who are due or overdue.

The [National HPV 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 and reduce the burden of cancer in North Carolina. Our goal is to work toward the elimination of HPV associated cancers beginning with cervical cancer. Thank you for your time and attention to this important initiative!

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