If you take care of people at risk for, or living with, HIV this is important information for you about recommending the HPV vaccine to your patients.

A patient who receives a provider recommendation is 4-5 times more likely to receive the HPV vaccine.

Why should I vaccinate my high-risk patients up to age 26 years?

- Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended the HPV vaccine be given to all HIV-positive males and females and MSM in a three-dose series between the ages of 11 and 26.
- The current HPV vaccines are safe and highly immunogenic in HIV-positive individuals.
- HIV-positive and HPV-positive (co-infected) females who receive the HPV vaccine may prevent future infection with other types of HPV, especially high-risk types that cause cancer.

What effect does HPV have on HIV-positive individuals?

- Individuals with a weak immune system or HIV-positive, may be less able to fight off HPV infections, and more likely to develop health problems from it.
- Having HIV can increase the risk of getting HPV and vice versa.
- HIV-positive MSM have three times greater risk of HPV infection when compared to HIV-negative MSM.

Start the conversation. Strongly recommend the HPV vaccine.
How do I start the conversation?

✓ Use Presumptive Method

“Because you are HIV-positive, you are at a higher risk for getting HPV, so I would like to vaccinate you today.”

“You have an autoimmune disease, which means your body has a hard time fighting off infections. I would like to give you the HPV vaccine today, so you can be protected from the types of HPV that can cause cancer.”

What you say matters. How you say it matters more!

What can I do?

Strongly recommend HPV vaccination for the following groups of people:

- **Women** aged 26 years or younger
- **Men** aged 21 years or younger
- **Men** aged 22 through 26 years, if one or more of the following applies:
  - Wants to be protected from HPV
  - Has a weakened immune system due to infection (including HIV), disease, or medications
  - Has sex with men (MSM)
- **Men or Women** who are now older than 26 years of age, and have not completed the HPV vaccine series he/she began at the age of 26 years or younger

Links to Conversation Starters

Use these resources to help you start the conversation about HPV vaccination with your immunocompromised and HIV-positive adult patients.

- **We-Are-1 Campaign** (WA-based coalition that promotes the health of LGBT and straight men who love men)
- **HPV Vaccination Toolkit** (Immunization for Women)
- **A Toolkit for Health Care Providers** (An Example from New Hampshire)
- **Washington You are the Key to HPV Cancer Prevention** (e-learning course with 1 CEU)
- **HPV Information for Public Health and Healthcare Providers** (WA State Department of Health)
- **HPV** (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
- **Standards for Adult Immunization Practice** (WA State Department of Health)

2016 HPV Vaccination Rates in Teens Aged 13-17 Years

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Healthy People 2020 Target is 80%.

Source: (National Immunization Survey-Teen)

Links to More Resources

- **HPV Vaccine is Cancer Prevention**
  - [www.doh.wa.gov/hpv](http://www.doh.wa.gov/hpv)
- **HIV/AIDS**
  - [www.doh.wa.gov/HIVAIDS](http://www.doh.wa.gov/HIVAIDS)
- **HPV VACs Partner Newsletter**
  - (Vaccinate Adolescents against Cancers) provides key resources and the latest news and studies on HPV vaccination.
  - **Subscribe** by emailing Tammy Wild at Tammy.Wild@cancer.org

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