Age 9 Initiation of HPV Vaccination Discussion

Vaccine Advisory Committee
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Background

• Interest at October’s meeting in exploring giving HPV vaccine at an earlier age versus 11-12 years of age.

• Considered forming a workgroup to discuss further after the new MMWR with 2-dose recommendation was released.

• Determined it best to have the discussion during today’s meeting rather than create a separate workgroup.
ACIP Recommendations- HPV

• ACIP recommends routine HPV vaccination at age 11 or 12 years. Vaccination can be given starting at age 9 years.
• For persons initiating vaccination before their 15th birthday, the recommended immunization schedule is 2 doses of HPV vaccine.
• For children with a history of sexual abuse or assault, ACIP recommends routine HPV vaccination beginning at age 9 years.

Things to consider:

- Starting the series at age 9 may give more opportunity to complete the series.
- May shift the parent/provider conversation to cancer prevention versus sexual activity.
- The efficacy and safety studies used the 9-15 age group.
- Would there be potential impact on vaccination rates for other vaccines?
- Duration of coverage still being studied. Currently estimated to be at least 10 years based on 3-dose studies.
- How frequently are provider’s offering HPV vaccine at age 9?