

Why Boys and Men Need to Get the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine Too

Human papillomavirus (HPV) infections are the most common sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in the world and anyone of any gender, age, and sexual orientation can become infected with HPV.

While most HPV infections will go away on their own and not cause any symptoms, infection can sometimes lead to genital warts and cancers such as cervical and penile, as well as head and neck cancers. HPV is mainly spread through **sex involving skin-to-skin contact**.



While the HPV vaccine was initially offered only to girls and women in Canada when it was first approved for use in 2006, **this is no longer the case**. The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is now recommended for **all** children and adolescents starting as young as 9 years of age. It is also recommended for men.

HPV vaccines are safe and the most effective way to prevent HPV infection.

Talk to your doctor, nurse, pharmacist, or local public health office about the HPV vaccine.

