



your practice can take action against cancer

Dental professionals play a critical role in combating growing rates of cancers caused by the Human papillomavirus (HPV). Oral health professionals should promote the HPV vaccine to all patients in the recommended age ranges.

KNOW *the* FACTS

ABOUT HPV & CANCER

- ✔ Two doses of the HPV vaccine are recommended for all boys and girls at ages 11-12; the vaccine can be given as early as age 9.
- ✔ HPV causes 6 different types of cancer, including oropharyngeal cancer.
- ✔ 70% of oropharyngeal cancers in the United States are caused by HPV.
- ✔ Men are 4x more likely than women to contract cancers of the oropharynx.

ACTIONS DENTAL PROVIDERS CAN TAKE AGAINST CANCER:

1 Practice Prevention

Include immunization questions on your medical history forms. Discuss the HPV vaccine when reviewing medical history and during oral exams.

2 Recommend the Vaccine

Refer 11-12 year olds to their Primary Care Physician if they have one or recommend one if they don't.

3 Spread the Word

Display rack cards, flyers, and posters in waiting rooms and exam rooms promoting the HPV vaccine.

Contact your local Cancer Prevention in Action program for free resources, information, and other HPV vaccine materials you can share with your patients.

Sources:
- American Academy of Pediatrics *OPC and HPV Prevention in Children* 2018
- National HPV Vaccination Roundtable *Cancer Prevention Through Vaccination: An Action Guide for Dental Health Care Providers* 2018
- The Reference Manual of Pediatric Dentistry *Policy on HPV Vaccinations* pp. 93-94 2017

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...because the best time to stop cancer is before it starts

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