

For Our **Children...**

The HPV Vaccine



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You can protect your son from cancer by getting him the HPV vaccine!

The HPV vaccine is recommended for boys and girls 11 to 26 years of age and can be given as young as 9 years of age. The HPV vaccine is proven to be safe and effective in preventing infection with the types of HPV that can cause cancer in the genitals, and cancer in the mouth and throat.

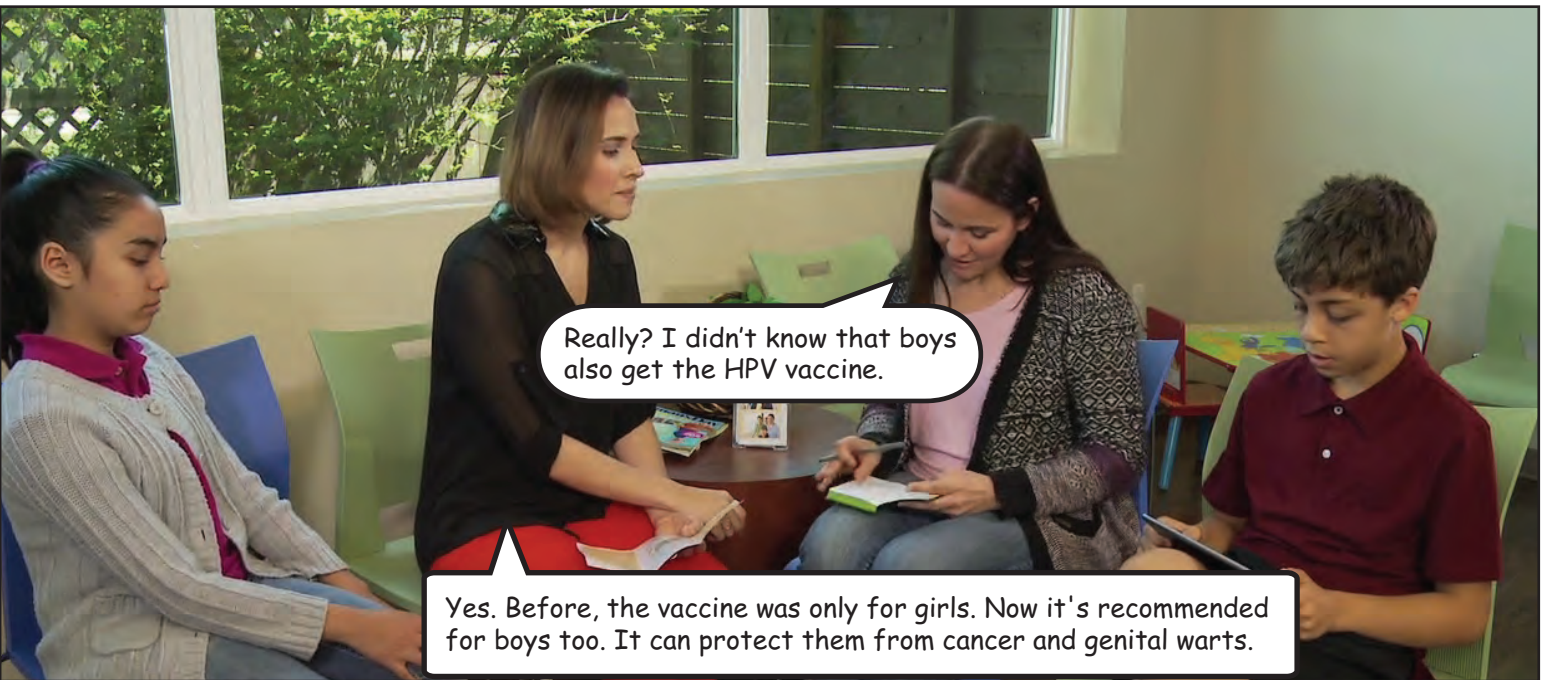
The vaccine works best if given between the ages of 11 to 12.

Isabel and Elena are talking at the clinic. Isabel has questions about the HPV vaccine...




Hi, Elena. I haven't seen you in a long time. How are you? Is Teresa sick?

No, we're fine. Teresa is getting her last dose of the HPV vaccine. I had her brother vaccinated last year.




Really? I didn't know that boys also get the HPV vaccine.

Yes. Before, the vaccine was only for girls. Now it's recommended for boys too. It can protect them from cancer and genital warts.

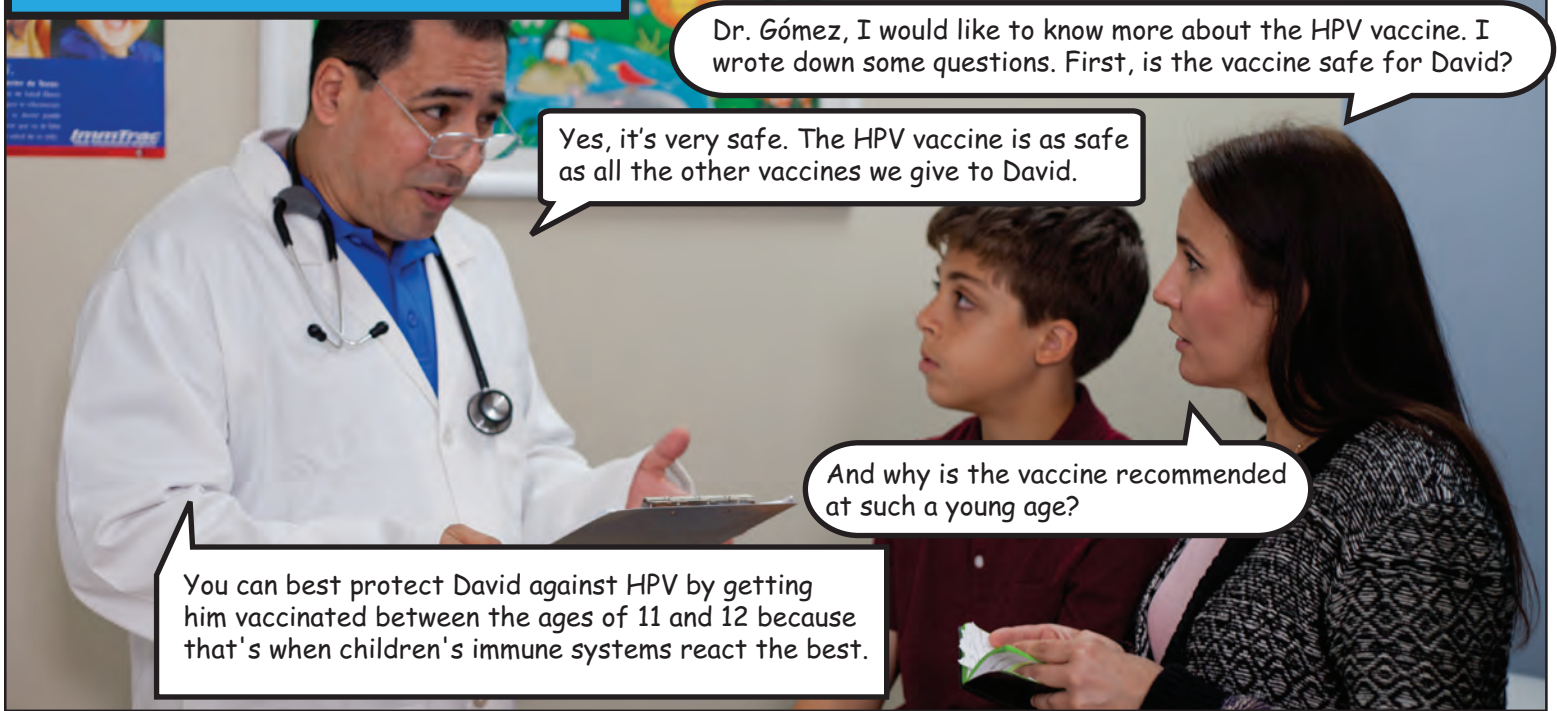


David's doctor has not mentioned the vaccine yet. Should I ask him about it?



My children's doctor hadn't mentioned the HPV vaccine either. I knew about it from my friend. I made a list of questions to ask the doctor.

Isabel and David at doctor's office....

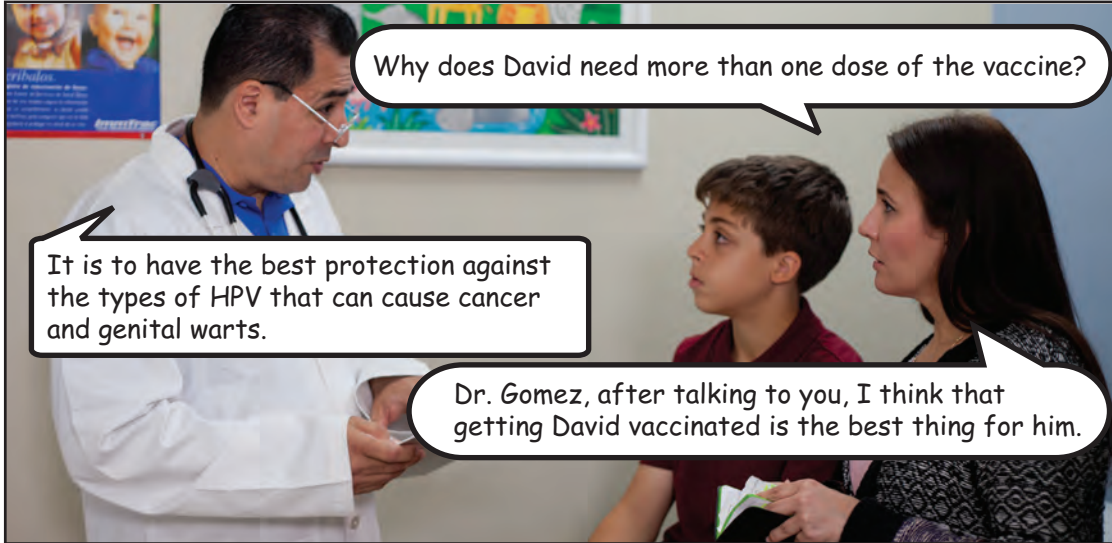


Dr. Gómez, I would like to know more about the HPV vaccine. I wrote down some questions. First, is the vaccine safe for David?

Yes, it's very safe. The HPV vaccine is as safe as all the other vaccines we give to David.

And why is the vaccine recommended at such a young age?

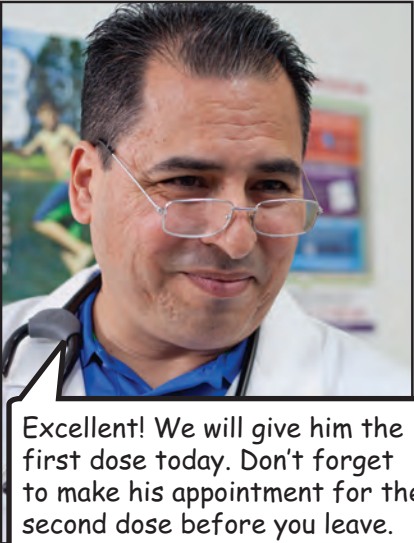
You can best protect David against HPV by getting him vaccinated between the ages of 11 and 12 because that's when children's immune systems react the best.



Why does David need more than one dose of the vaccine?

It is to have the best protection against the types of HPV that can cause cancer and genital warts.

Dr. Gomez, after talking to you, I think that getting David vaccinated is the best thing for him.



Excellent! We will give him the first dose today. Don't forget to make his appointment for the second dose before you leave.

Isabel and David at a follow up visit



Thanks, Dr. Gomez. It is good to know that I am protecting David against cancer.

David received all of the HPV vaccine doses. That's great!

Keep track of the HPV Vaccine doses.

HPV Vaccine (Dose# 1) Date: _____ Time: _____ Clinic Name: _____

HPV Vaccine (Dose# 2) Date: _____ Time: _____ Clinic Name: _____

HPV Vaccine (Dose# 3) Date: _____ Time: _____ Clinic Name: _____

Why should I be worried about my son getting HPV?

- HPV is a common virus.
- HPV can cause certain kinds of cancer in men and can cause genital warts.
- Men cannot usually tell if they have HPV. There are no routine screening tests for HPV or HPV-associated cancers in men. Prevention is the best choice.
- HPV can infect your son, but you can protect him by getting him vaccinated against HPV.

How can I get help paying for my child's vaccines?

The Vaccines for Children program (VFC) provides free vaccines to children whose parents need help paying for them.

Your child is eligible if he or she is 18 or younger and any of the following:

- › Uninsured
- › Under insured. This means that your child has health insurance but it:
 - » does not cover vaccines
 - » only covers certain vaccines
 - » covers vaccines, but it has a fixed dollar limit or cap for vaccines
- › Medicaid-eligible

Where can I go to get my child vaccinated?

For more information about your child's VFC eligibility and where to take your child for vaccines contact your state's VFC coordinator at:

1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636).

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/state-vfc-websites.html



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