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Gardasil 9 Vaccination Frequently Asked Questions

How common are HPV infections?

A: HPV infections are so common that nearly all men and women will get at least one type of HPV at some point in their lives. Most people never know that they have been infected and may give HPV to a sexual partner without knowing it.

What kind of problems does HPV infection cause?

A: Most people with HPV never develop symptoms or health problems. Most HPV infections (9 out of 10) go away by themselves within two years. But, sometimes, HPV infections will last longer, and can cause certain cancers including Oral, Throat, Cervical and other Genital cancers. The virus is also responsible for genital warts.

How would boys benefit from the Gardasil 9 vaccine?

A: The vaccine should help protect boys against genital warts. Gardasil 9 is the latest vaccine which protects against 9 different types of the HPV virus which are associated with these cancers. Some experts argue that routine vaccination in boys should reduce the number of oral and throat cancer cases.

When should I get vaccinated?

A: Gardasil 9 is recommended for girls and boys aged 11–12 years but can be given as early as 9 years old and as late as 13–26 years old. Children are best protected from HPV before they are exposed to sexual contact.

How many vaccinations are needed?

A: Two vaccinations are given to adolescents age 9-14 at least 6 months apart.
Three vaccinations are given to adolescents age 15-25 at intervals of 0, 2 & 6 months.

What are the possible side effects of vaccination?

A: Many people who get Gardasil 9 vaccine have no side effects at all. Common side effects include pain, swelling and redness at site of injection. A minority of patients will develop a short fever with headache and nausea but generally the vaccine is well tolerated and side effects are uncommon.

If you would like to organise a vaccination please contact The Staight Practice on 020 7581 4222.

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