

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST THE PAPILOMAVIRUS!

The human papillomavirus (HPV-9) vaccine



What does this vaccine protect against?

This vaccine protects against 9 types of human papillomavirus (HPV) that can cause different kinds of cancer, such as cervical, anal, penile, vaginal, and head and neck cancers etc. Additionally, HPV can cause genital warts.

Who should get this vaccine?

This vaccine is offered as part of the routine school immunization program to Grade 6 students (11-12 years old). If you did not get the HPV-9 vaccine in Grade 6, you can still get it for free up to 26 years of age.

Who should not get this vaccine?

- If you have an allergy to any component of the vaccine.
- If you had a severe or unusual side effect after this vaccine or one like it.
- If you are pregnant

If you are planning to get pregnant, you should finish all the recommended doses of the HPV-9 vaccine before you start trying to get pregnant.

What are the side effects of this vaccine?

The side effects tend to be very mild and temporary and include redness/swelling/soreness at the injection site, fatigue, headache, fever, body aches, nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, etc. Side effect symptoms can be managed by placing a cool, wet cloth on the injection site or by taking medications like ibuprofen or acetaminophen to deal with fever or pain.



If you have any additional questions or want to schedule your vaccination, you can:

- Call Health Link at 811
- Call AIMGA's Multilingual Health Hub for Newcomers Phone Line at 1-587-392-8062
- Contact your family physician or primary care network
- Visit booking.aimga.ca to book a patient navigator