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The Fuck Cancer NOT US campaign is here. Our community has the ability to do something no other generation before them has been able to accomplish; help decrease Human papillomavirus (HPV) prevalence, the most common sexually transmitted infection in the United States. Please learn the facts about vaccines to prevent HPV infections and screening to prevent HPV-associated cancers here. Vaccines and screening are safe and effective. They can protect all of us from getting several different types of cancer associated with the HPV virus. It is important that you know the facts to help put an end to these preventable cancers. Fuck Cancer has put together a list of common myths about HPV and the ways in which you can protect yourself.

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Myths HPV

Myth 1

If you don't have sex, you won't get HPV.

TRUTH

HPV can be spread through skin-to-skin oral, anal, or vaginal sex. Condoms can lower your risk of contracting HPV, but you can still contract the virus through protected sex if there's skin-to-skin contact. You can also get HPV from other forms of sexual contact other than sex. Ex. fingering/touching, touching multiple anatomical parts during sex, fomites like sex toys.

Myth 2

Only girls get HPV so boys don't have to get the vaccine.

TRUTH

Both males and females can get infected with HPV. Males contract HPV the same way females do and can pass the disease on with no knowledge of having HPV or any symptoms. About 90% of sexually active adults will have at least one type of HPV in their lifetime if they have not been vaccinated. HPV causes cervical cancer in women, penile cancer in men and cancer of the anus, throat and tongue in both men and women. Gardasil is approved and recommended for both girls and boys.

Myth 3

Getting the HPV vaccination is an invitation to having sex.

TRUTH

Getting the HPV vaccine does not lead to changes in sexual behavior. A recent study looked for a correlation between HPV vaccination and sexual activity related outcomes over a three-year period of time. It was found that HPV vaccination in girls during young adolescence was not associated with an earlier onset of sexual activity or an increase in sexual activity-related outcomes¹.

Myths ABOUT HPV

Myth 4

The HPV vaccine causes significant negative side effects.

TRUTH

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have found no proof that HPV vaccines cause significant negative side effects. Like other vaccines, there may be common temporary side effects like pain, redness, and/or swelling. In very rare cases, a person may have an allergic reaction.

Myth 5

Elevators are not awkward.

TRUTH

They are TOTALLY awkward.

Myth 6

The HPV vaccine causes fertility problems.

TRUTH

Research shows that the HPV vaccine does not cause fertility problems. Conversely, the vaccine can help protect women from future fertility problems linked to cervical cancer².

Myth 7

I got the HPV vaccine, so I don't need to get Pap tests.

TRUTH

Even if you get the HPV vaccine, you still need to get regular Pap smears to screen for cervical cancer. Gardasil now protects against nine types of HPV.

Myths ABOUT HPV

Myth 8

The HPV vaccine contains harmful ingredients.

TRUTH

Some parents are worried about vaccine ingredients, one being aluminum. There is aluminum in the HPV vaccine, but it's a safe amount.

Aluminum-containing vaccines have been used for years and in more than 1 billion people. In fact - we come in contact with aluminum every day through foods we eat, water, and even breast milk. Every day, babies, children, and adults come into contact with more aluminum than what's in the vaccine².

Myth 9

Man buns are cool.

TRUTH

DEFINITELY NOT. Except maybe on super hot dudes who would be considered hot anyway.

Myth 10

My health insurance does not cover HPV screening or the vaccine.

TRUTH

All insurance plans under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), or state funded programs cover HPV vaccines for children 18 and under. Further, the ACA requires all new private insurance plans to cover Pap tests and HPV testing for women and is expected to cover the HPV vaccination in 2017. For ACA plans, all HPV testing and vaccinations are covered.

Myths ABOUT HPV

Myth 11

Vaccines could be associated with premature ovarian failure (POF), also known as premature menopause.

TRUTH

The American Academy of Pediatrics acknowledges, "there is no strong evidence of a causal relationship between HPV4 and ovarian dysfunction."

Myth 12

Fuck Cancer is working with big pharmaceutical companies on this campaign.

TRUTH

Fuck Cancer has not taken one dollar from pharmaceutical companies nor is in partnership with any vaccination company for this campaign.
We want to help save lives, its simple.

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