

Future-Ready Generation

With HPV prevention, you hold the power to protect your child.

Together against HPV.
Together against CANCER.



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As a parent, you bear significant responsibility not only for yourself but also for your child. Your goal is always to ensure the best for them. Especially when it comes to complex health topics, it's crucial to make decisions based on well-founded information. However, in an era of abundant information sources and fake news, it can sometimes be challenging to see the bigger picture. To make the best possible health decisions for your child, reliable information is essential.

This brochure provides valuable insights and answers to common questions about HPV.

What is HPV, and how can my child contract it?



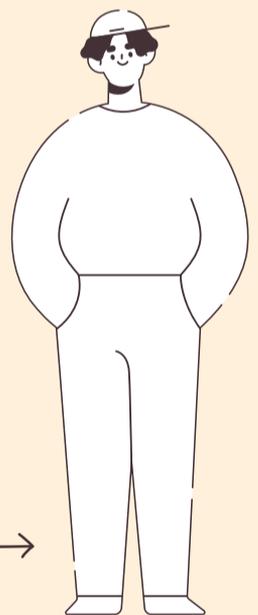
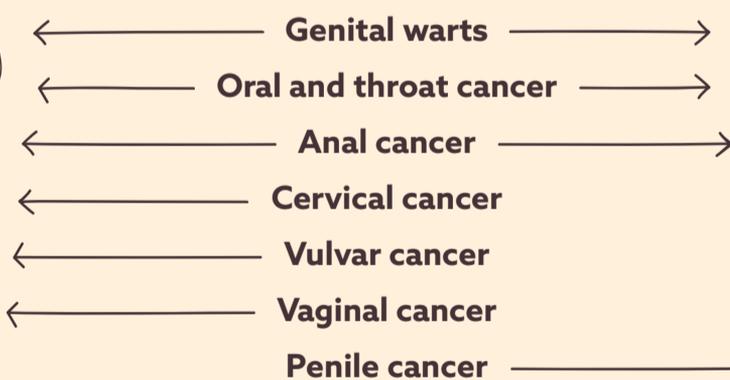
Human Papillomaviruses (HPV) are widespread. Four out of five people will contract HPV at some point in their lives—**girls** as well as **boys**. HPV is transmitted through **direct contact** with infected areas of the body (skin, mucous membranes), **most commonly through intimate contact**.

What illnesses can an HPV infection cause?

There are over **200 types of HPV**. Depending on the type, an HPV infection **can lead to different illnesses**. Initially, an infection often goes unnoticed. It may clear up on its own, but in some cases, it persists longer. This can result in genital warts, precancerous conditions, or even cancer.

Diseases commonly caused by HPV:

HPV affects both girls and boys



Facts and figures about HPV in Austria:

In Austria, more than **16 people** undergo **surgery** every day due to an HPV infection.



The most common **HPV-related cancers**

include cervical cancer and anal cancer.



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The HPV vaccine is a key component of **cancer prevention.**



The **HPV vaccine** is a vital part of health and cancer prevention – by **vaccinating from the age of 9**, you can help protect your child from certain HPV-related cancers as they grow into adulthood.

The vaccine can **reduce the risk** of genital warts and cervical cancer **by up to 90%**



How safe is the vaccine?



The HPV vaccine has been available in Austria for **nearly 20 years**. Its **safety is continuously monitored** by national and international vaccination committees.

Globally, the HPV vaccine has been administered **over 350 million times** and is generally considered well-tolerated.

According to the vaccination schedule, the ideal time for vaccination is between the **9th and 12th birthday!**



Why an early vaccination makes a difference:



Ideally, vaccination should occur as early as **possible between the 9th and 12th birthday**, as **young immune systems** respond most effectively: The earlier the vaccination, the greater the benefit.

Early vaccination **can significantly protect** your child against HPV types that cause genital warts, certain precancerous conditions, and cancers.

On average, **one woman** is diagnosed with cervical cancer **every day.**



Some HPV types can cause genital warts and various cancers.

The HPV vaccination can provide protection against it.

Get vaccinated for free* between your 9th and 30th birthday now!

The **free HPV vaccination campaign** for individuals between their 21st and 30th birthdays has been **extended until the end of June 2026** for the second dose extended!**

Scan the QR-Code to find **vaccination centers**



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The HPV vaccine is...

... recommended for **girls and boys starting on their 9th birthday**, according to the Austrian vaccination schedule.

... administered **free of charge** between the 9th and 30th birthday **in two doses.****

... offered by **physicians throughout Austria**. Some schools also provide the HPV vaccine in the 4th or 5th grade.



Before the vaccination a **consultation** takes place where your doctor will take ample time to address all your questions thoroughly.

* Individuals between the ages of 21 and 30 who receive their first dose by the end of 2025 can still receive the second dose free of charge until June 30, 2026.

** Part of the free vaccination program as per the recommendations of the Austrian vaccination schedule and the official vaccination guidelines of the BMSGPK (valid until the end of June 2026 for everyone between the ages of 9 and 30).