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HPV VACCINE / GARDASIL PATIENT NOTICE

Gardasil is a vaccine indicated in girls and women 9 to 26 years of age for the prevention of the following diseases caused by Human Papillomavirus (HPV) types 6, 11, 16 and 18: Cervical Cancer, Vulvar and Vaginal Cancers, Anal Cancers, Genital Warts, and Precancerous Cervical, Vaginal, Vulvar and Anal Lesions such as: CIN 1, 2 and 3; AIS, VIN 2/3 and VaIN 2/3.

Important Info about Gardasil HPV Vaccine

- Gardasil is not intended to be used for the treatment of HPV infections, genital warts, cervical cancer, vulvar and vaginal cancers, anal cancer, and any precancerous lesions.
- Vaccination with Gardasil may not result in full protection in all vaccine recipients.
- Gardasil has not been shown to protect against a disease that is caused by other types of HPV, other viruses, or bacteria.
- Women still need PAP test yearly or as recommended by their physician.
- Gardasil will not protect against HPV types that you may already have.

Each insurance company will vary depending on the individual plans provided by that carrier. Most carriers consider this a Preventative Service. We will contact your insurance carrier for an estimate of coverage / benefits prior to administration of the vaccine and make sure you understand the possible out-of-pocket expense that might be incurred. For those that are uninsured or underinsured, please contact the office Patient Service Representative and/or Practice Manager to find out what other options may be available.

Gardasil HPV Vaccine Administration

Gardasil will be administered intramuscularly (in the muscle tissue) as three separate doses. Vaccines are administered according to the following schedule:

- 1st dose – at the patient's elected date.
- 2nd dose – 2 months after the first dose.
- 3rd dose – 6 months after the first dose.

For the vaccine to be most effective, all three doses should be administered within the aforementioned time frame. It is the responsibility of the patient to ensure all three doses are received.