

GARDASIL vaccination

From the 1st of January 2017 it is free for males and females 9-26 years of age.

Gardasil vaccine protects against strains of Human Papillomavirus (HPV-or wart virus), a common virus associated with causing:

- cervical/vaginal/vulval cancers
- anal cancer
- penile cancer
- genital/anal warts
- some oral cancer

HPV is a common virus and is transmitted through intimate contact. Four out of five people will become infected with HPV at some time in their lives. While most get better on their own without any symptoms, some don't and this can lead to cancer.

Aged 9-14 year olds require: 2 vaccines over a 6 month period.

Aged 15-26 year olds require: 3 vaccines over a 6 month period.

Please make an appointment time or if you would like further information please talk to a Practice Nurse.

To learn more about the vaccination go to www.immune.org.nz