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Human papillomavirus, or HPV, is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the U.S. and is associated with almost 39,000 cancers each year. While most HPV infections go away on their own, those that don’t go away can cause certain cancers, including cancer of the cervix and some head and neck cancers. Fortunately, a vaccine is available to prevent many of these cancers and is recommended for boys and girls at age 11 to 12 years. Catch-up vaccines are recommended for men through age 21 and women through age 26. Make an appointment for you or your child to get the HPV vaccine.

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