

INFORMATION FOR
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Alberta HPV Immunization Awareness Campaign



ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN

Praxus Health is running a province-wide campaign to raise awareness about the risks of HPV infection and the benefits of vaccination.

The campaign features an information video on the PCN HUTV network which will run from **late December 2024 to early March 2025**.

In addition to the patient facing information video, we have developed this provider HPV information resource to support patient counselling around HPV immunization with the goal of improving vaccination uptake.



WHY GET THE VACCINE?

There has been a rapid rise in HPV related cancers. If not immunized early, it is estimated that 75% of sexually active adult Canadians will have an HPV infection at some point in their lives.

The HPV virus causes:

- 99% of cervical cancers
- 90% of anal cancers
- 35% penile cancers
- Throat and neck cancers in men and women

HOW MANY DOSES?

Patients need 2 HPV doses six months apart in Alberta if they have a healthy immune system.

They need three doses if they have a weak immune system or if they received their first dose at 15 years or older.

WHO SHOULD GET THE VACCINE?

Males and females between the ages of 9-40

Interested in learning more about our HPV awareness initiative? Visit our site or

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HPV FACTSHEET

For more information about HPV, refer to the AHS 2-page HPV fact sheet with key information about the virus, who is most at risk and information about the vaccine.



FEAR OF NEEDLES?

To improve patients comfort with immunizations, share this 'Commitment to Comfort' resource for strategies patients can use to reduce their distress experienced during immunization.



VACCINE CONFIDENCE PROVIDER TOOLKIT

Praxus Health in partnership with the University of Calgary has developed a toolkit with resources such as Virtual Simulation Games to help providers hone their vaccine counselling skills.



Refer to this toolkit to learn practical strategies to improve your vaccine counselling skills, effectively address patient concerns around vaccine hesitancy and review typical vaccination related Q/A's to support your practice.

GETTING THE VACCINE

KIDS

School aged kids can receive the vaccine through school-based immunization programs.

ADULTS

- Call 811
- Press 1 for "Immunization"
- Press 2 for "Book Immunization"
- They are redirected to the immunization line and will be asked for their health card number and some additional information
- Book appointment

If patients are 26 and younger, the vaccine is free.

If they are older than 26, they can get the vaccine at a public health clinic or pharmacy but may need to request a prescription.

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