



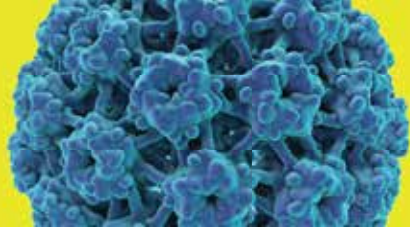
*What if you could help prevent certain*  
**HPV-RELATED CANCERS AND DISEASES**  
*with a vaccine?*

*An estimated*  
**3 IN 4 SEXUALLY ACTIVE CANADIANS**  
**WILL HAVE AT LEAST ONE HPV INFECTION**  
*in their lifetime.*

In girls and women aged 9 through 45, GARDASIL<sup>®</sup>9 helps protect against cervical, vaginal, vulvar and anal cancers caused by HPV types 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, and 58, abnormal and precancerous cervical lesions as found in a Pap test caused by HPV types 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, and 58, abnormal and precancerous vaginal, vulvar and anal lesions caused by HPV types 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, and 58, and genital warts caused by HPV types 6 and 11. In boys and men aged 9 through 45, GARDASIL<sup>®</sup>9 helps protect against anal cancer caused by HPV types 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, and 58, and abnormal and precancerous anal lesions caused by HPV types 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, and 58. It also helps protect boys and men aged 9 through 45 against genital warts caused by HPV types 6 and 11.

GARDASIL<sup>®</sup>9 does not treat HPV infection and may not protect everyone who gets vaccinated. It will not protect against diseases that are not caused by HPV or due to HPV types not contained in the vaccine.

**HPV=human papillomavirus.**



## HPV IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMON SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS IN CANADA

HPV vaccination is NOT just for kids. **You can get the virus at any point in your life that you are sexually active.** GARDASIL<sup>®</sup>9 is a vaccine that helps protect you against **9 HPV types** that can lead to certain HPV-related cancers and diseases. GARDASIL<sup>®</sup>9 can be administered in boys, men, girls and women 9 through 45 years of age.



### **FACT #1: Being in a monogamous relationship does not protect you from HPV infection.**

Anyone who has **ever had sexual contact** with another person can get HPV – even skin-to-skin sexual activity without penetration. You can spread the virus without knowing you are infected because **you may not have any visible symptoms.**

GARDASIL<sup>®</sup>9 is not indicated to reduce transmission of HPV.



### **FACT #2: Condoms may not be enough to protect you against HPV.**

**Using a condom is not a guarantee for complete protection** against HPV, because it only protects the area it covers. HPV can still be contracted through skin-to-skin contact beyond the genital area the condom is covering. That said, using a condom is a great way to reduce your risk of HPV infection and help protect you against other sexually transmitted infections.



### **FACT #3: Even if you've already had an HPV infection, you can still benefit from HPV vaccination.**

If you're already infected with one type of HPV contained in the vaccine, GARDASIL<sup>®</sup>9 will help protect you against the other eight types.

GARDASIL<sup>®</sup>9 helps prevent certain cancers and diseases caused by some types of HPV but will not treat them. It does not protect the person getting vaccinated from HPV types that he/she may already have.

**ASK YOUR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL ABOUT THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF GARDASIL<sup>®</sup>9 TO DETERMINE IF IT IS SUITABLE FOR YOU.**

## PERSISTENT HPV INFECTION CAN LEAD TO CERTAIN HPV-RELATED CANCERS AND DISEASES



Nearly **100% of cervical cancer cases** – symptoms can include abnormal vaginal bleeding, pain during intercourse, increased vaginal discharge, pain in the pelvic area or lower back

Photograph courtesy of Dr. Michel Roy



**40% of vaginal or vulvar cancer cases** – often shows no signs. Can cause itchiness or burning, pain in the pelvic area, abnormal vaginal bleeding, difficulty urinating or painful intercourse

Photograph courtesy of Dr. Michel Roy



**80–90% of anal cancer cases** – symptoms can include anal bleeding, difficulty passing stools, pain or lumps, itching or discharge

Photograph courtesy of Dr. Alex Ferenczy



**90% of genital warts** – small, cauliflower-like growths that may itch or burn. They can be raised or flat, and grow alone or in cluster

Photograph courtesy of Dr. Alex Ferenczy

A Pap test is a simple screening method that detects cell changes in the cervix. Regular Pap tests are the best way to find abnormal cervical cells early and treat them before they develop into cervical cancer.

**The majority of abnormal Pap tests are caused by HPV.**



*There is no screening test for HPV in men. Men can be examined by their doctor for genital warts caused by HPV and signs of HPV-related cancers.*

Both men and women should visit a doctor for regular health exams if they think they are at risk of contracting HPV.

**TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT HPV PREVENTION.**

GARDASIL<sup>®</sup>9 does not remove the need for cervical cancer screening; women should still get routine cervical cancer screening.



## GARDASIL<sup>®</sup>9: ADMINISTERED IN 3 SHOTS (AND SOMETIMES 2)



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### 1<sup>ST</sup> DOSE

You and your healthcare provider choose a date.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> DOSE

2 months after 1st dose (not earlier than 1 month after the 1st dose).

Alternatively, in girls and boys aged 9 to 14, between 5 and 13 months after 1st dose.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> DOSE

6 months after 1st dose (not earlier than 3 months after the 2nd dose).

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All 3 doses should be given **within a 1-year period**. For girls and boys aged 9 to 14, GARDASIL<sup>®</sup>9 may be given in 2 separate doses. Talk to your doctor for more information.

For girls and boys aged 9 to 14, if the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose is given earlier than 5 months after the 1<sup>st</sup> dose, a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose should always be given.

**MAKE SURE TO GET THE COMPLETE VACCINE SERIES:  
THIS WILL HELP YOU GET THE FULL BENEFITS  
OF GARDASIL<sup>®</sup>9.**



## **PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COVERAGE OF GARDASIL®9**

You may have **private health insurance** through work or school that covers vaccination with GARDASIL®9. Speak to your insurance company. There are also **provincially-funded vaccination programs** which vary by province or territory and by age. So, talk to your healthcare professional about government coverage or reimbursement.



IF YOU HAVE A DRUG BENEFIT WALLET CARD, SIMPLY PRESENT YOUR CARD TO A PHARMACIST ALONG WITH THE DRUG IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (DIN) FOR GARDASIL®9 (**02437058**) AND ASK IF YOU ARE COVERED.

**DIN 02437058**



**TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT GARDASIL®9.  
THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS  
AND DETERMINE IF HPV VACCINATION IS  
APPROPRIATE FOR YOU.**

*GARDASIL9.ca is a website for the general public  
that contains information on HPV, GARDASIL®9  
and a vaccination site finder.*

The **GARDASIL9.ca** website is currently only available in English and French.

GARDASIL®9 does not treat HPV infection, cancer or prevent its complications. It does not protect the person getting GARDASIL®9 from a disease caused by other types of HPV, other viruses or bacteria and from HPV types that he/she may already have; but most people do not have all types contained in the vaccine. GARDASIL®9 may not fully protect each person who gets it. GARDASIL®9 is not recommended for use in pregnant women. As with other vaccines, GARDASIL®9 may cause some side effects and allergic reactions. The most common side effects seen are pain, swelling, redness, itching, bruising, bleeding, a lump where the shot is given, headache, fever, nausea, dizziness, tiredness, diarrhea, abdominal pain and sore throat. This is not a complete list of side effects; for any unexpected effects while taking GARDASIL®9, contact your doctor or pharmacist. Contact your doctor or healthcare professional to determine if GARDASIL®9 is suitable for you.

For complete information about the benefits and risks of GARDASIL®9, visit [https://www.merck.ca/static/pdf/GARDASIL\\_9-CL\\_E.pdf](https://www.merck.ca/static/pdf/GARDASIL_9-CL_E.pdf).

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