



## Human Papillomavirus Vaccination for Adults – Updated recommendations

- On August 16, 2019, the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) published updated recommendations for human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination in adults in the [\*Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report\*](#).
- Recommendations include the following:
  - Vaccination against HPV is routinely recommended at age 11 or 12 years.
  - Catch-up recommendations apply to persons not vaccinated at age 11 or 12 years.
  - Routine recommendations for HPV vaccination of adolescents have not changed. Catch-up HPV vaccination is now recommended for all persons through age 26 years.
  - For adults aged 27 through 45 years, public health benefit of HPV vaccination in this age range is minimal; shared clinical decision-making is recommended because some persons who are not adequately vaccinated might benefit.
- [\*\*Gardasil<sup>®</sup> 9 \(human papillomavirus 9-valent vaccine\)\*\*](#) is currently available in the U.S.
  - It is indicated in all persons ages 9 to 45 years for the prevention of a variety of diseases and precancerous and dysplastic lesions caused by a variety of HPV types.
- Currently, the OptumRx Affordable Care Act (ACA) approach allows for \$0 preventive coverage for Gardasil 9 from age 9 through 26 as mandated.
  - The [\*\*ACA\*\*](#) requirement for \$0 cost-share preventive coverage of immunizations is mandated only for a 'routine' designation by the ACIP of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and not for 'shared decision making'.



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