

You are the key to cancer prevention: What can you do to ensure your patients get fully vaccinated?

By KFMC

A provider's approach to discussing vaccines with a parent strongly influences whether or not they have their child vaccinated. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests the following provider best practices for communicating with families about adolescent vaccines:

- Strongly recommend adolescent vaccines to parents of your 11 through 18 year old patients. Parents trust your opinion more than anyone else's when it comes to immunizations. Studies consistently show that provider recommendation is the strongest predictor of vaccination.
- Use every opportunity to vaccinate your adolescent patients. Ask about vaccination status when they come in for sick visits and sports physicals.
- Patient reminder and recall systems such as automated postcards, auto-dialer messages, phone calls, and text messages are effective tools for increasing office visits.
- Educate parents about the diseases that can be prevented by adolescent vaccines. Parents may know very little about pertussis, meningococcal disease, or HPV.
- Implement standing orders policies so that patients can receive vaccines without a physician examination or individual physician order.
- Schedule the next appointment before the family leaves the office for any needed remaining vaccine doses.

HPV is so common that most adults become infected at some point in their lives. The HPV vaccine is highly effective in preventing HPV infections that cause cancer. Improving vaccination coverage will reduce the burden of cancer and disease caused by HPV.

View the [CDC's Tips and Time-savers for Talking with parents about HPV Vaccine](#) for making a strong recommendation.

KFMC is hosting the second HPV Vaccination Stakeholder Meeting by Webinar on Tuesday February 3rd via Webinar. We are pleased to announce that Terry Tsue, MD, Vice-Chairman of the Head and Neck Surgery Department at KU Medical Center will be presenting about the epidemic of oropharyngeal cancers we are seeing in Kansas. KFMC plans to share more details about the communications campaign that will kick off in February and additional data about HPV vaccination rates in Kansas. I hope many of you will be able to join us for the Webinar!

HPV Vaccination Stakeholder Meeting: Webinar

Join us for a webinar on Feb 03, 2015 at 12:00 PM CST.

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KFMC is working with Kansas providers to increase adolescent vaccination rates. We can help connect you with tools and resources you need to address questions and concerns parents may have about vaccination. To learn more visit, kfmc.org/immunizations or contact Laura Sanchez, RN, at lsanchez@kfmc.org or 800-432-0770, ext. 339.