

'Cancer has started a war with me' - Brave woman, 25, opens up after devastating cervical cancer diagnosis

Amy Anderson, from Springwell, Gateshead, has been diagnosed with cervical cancer at the age of just 25

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For Amy Anderson, everyday life used to be working towards her law ambitions with her beloved boyfriend by her side.

Now, the 25-year-old wakes up each morning with just the sole "purpose" of survival following a shock cervical cancer diagnosis.

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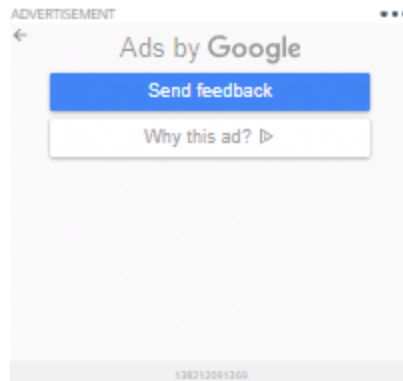
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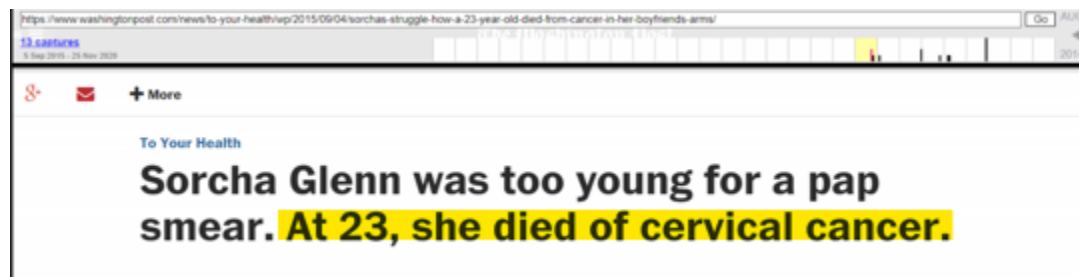
"I have a tumour that if I'd had a smear test at the age of 18, 19 or 20 may not exist.

"Cancer is not waiting for anyone to turn 25."

[-] ems910 2 points 1 day ago

I had all three gardasil vaccines when I was 15, far before I was sexually active and still managed to develop high risk HPV and currently have severe dysplasia. However, I do not have 16 or 18 which may be due to getting the shots.

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Glenn's family said she had even taken precautions, getting the HPV vaccine to protect against it.

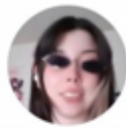


Stevie @Stevie_Seven · 7h

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Replying to @jamesoncole1023 and @catsscarme2021

Same here. I received Gardasil when I was in primary school (around 20 years ago). **Still got HPV** which developed into a C3. Had to get an emergency LETZ (LOOP) procedure where they remove part of the cervix. Thanks Gardasil.



Peach @PeacchCream · 4/20/23

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Replying to @fartpee_n_poo

I got my hpv vaccine when I was 16 and still remember the pain to this day. It also didn't help me at all because I got hpv like immediately after the vaccine and my mom said sometimes it can cause it? Now I deal with "occasionally removing atypical cells" from my cervix.



Miranda @Samsopinionss · 4/18/23

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Replying to @DailyLoud

Vaccine basically doesn't matter. HPV is super common. I'm vaccinated and **still got it BEFORE I had sex!!!**



lenny hochsteins hairline @re... · 3/24/23

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Replying to @nicrae45 and @catsscarme2021

I got all 3 shots and **still contracted high risk HPV**. Skip it and teach sex Ed and protection

Cervical intraepithelial neoplasia grade 3 in a patient following Gardasil vaccination

Nicole's story

Nicole was diagnosed with cervical cancer when she was 28, in October 2019. She began treatment in January 2020 and, as she was recovering, the UK went into lockdown due to coronavirus, meaning Nicole has spent around 6 months socially distancing.

My story might be different to some as I started having [smear tests](#) at the age of 21, which was what used to happen in Scotland, and I also had the HPV vaccine when I was younger - I was one of the first years to be offered it. When I was 22 I had my first [cell changes](#) and had to have [cold coagulation treatment](#). I was then monitored on 6-monthly smear tests for a while, and then yearly. In 2019, I had another abnormal result and had to have a biopsy and the LLETZ treatment done.

HPV vaccine and now missing period?

Im 15 and i havent got my period in around 7 weeks! and i got my HPV vaccine (Gardasil) just 3 days before i was due , whats goin on , im always on time , and this isnt in the list of syptoms that the nurse gives you , and i know im not pregnant !

And Now Cervical Cancer


The biggest shock occurred in March 2011 when I went for my regular pap smear and was diagnosed and treated for cervical adenocarcinoma in situ (AIS). This was 17 months after my previously normal Pap smear, and three years after the first Gardasil shot. All of my previous pap smears had been clean.


I went for my regular pap smear with Dr P. early March 2011. A week later he rang me to say the report was showing glandular-cell abnormalities and I was to come in the following Tuesday for an assessment. [There are two main types of cervical cancer: the more common squamous-cell abnormalities and cancer (squamous carcinoma); and the rare but more aggressive glandular-cell abnormalities and cancer (adenocarcinoma)].

The following Friday I was in surgery and had a cold knife cone biopsy. The results came through the following Wednesday that the margins of the cone biopsy were clear.

I am very aware that I was fortunate – having my screening with a specialist colposcopist and having the surgical procedure within 10 days of the results being received. As a result of this, the cancer was detected early, at the *in situ* stage.

I have to have a follow-up screening every 6 months to make sure the cancer doesn't return, and so far so good. I'm reassured that I'm having reliable and expert follow-up


 **r/HPV**


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Anyone else get the vaccine and still got HPV?


 **r/TheGirlSurvivalGuide**

 MissInkFTW · 6y

Just got a positive test result for HPV


So I just got my annual pap & pelvic done a couple weeks ago. And I just got the results back today that I tested positive for HPV. I am freaking out right now. I have never tested positive for any other STD before and I don't know what to think. I haven't had sex with anyone other than my boyfriend for well over a year, but he won't be around to talk about it for another couple weeks. What do I do? I guess my doctor is going to schedule me for a gyno appointment (it was a GP that performed my pap & pelvic). How likely is it that I get cervical cancer? I'm pretty sure they only test for the high-risk strains of HPV. I smoke right now, but only about two cigarettes a day. Should I stop? Does smoking put me at a higher risk to develop cervical cancer? I had all my vaccinations for this, I was hoping I would be protected.

 **r/HPV**

 vscared1 · 1y

Do I have to disclose?

I am a 25yo female and I was just recently informed I tested positive for high-risk HPV after an abnormal pap. I have been vaccinated with gardasil when I was 13 and never thought HPV would be an issue for me. I have been in a faithful, monogamous relationship with my boyfriend for almost 3 years and I'm terrified that if I tell him he will break up with me (assuming that I cheated on him) he is a few years younger than me and really immature when it comes to stuff like this and in the past has made harsh comments like, "I would never forgive someone who gave me an STD" I'm still waiting on the results of my colposcopy and I am terrified. I honestly thought I would be with my boyfriend forever and I'm sick thinking about how he could react I read several forums that said that as long as my HPV is asymptomatic there is no need to disclose but this feels like lying to me. Do I have to tell him for his own health and safety? Should I tell him? What would you do? I need help

 peterjai_1234
Junior Member
Join Date: Jan 2019 Posts: 4

HPV Question #1
01-23-2019, 11:17 AM

Dear Doctors,

Last July 2018, I was diagnosed with HPV 43. I had one small bump near my groin area removed in August 2018.

On October 2018, I conducted a full panel STD test. Everything is fine except I have HPV 6 positive. Interestingly HPV43 is gone and no more new bump was found.

Fast forward to January 2019, it has been 5 months since I have the bump removed. I conduct another HPV DNA test yesterday.

All the above HPV DNA test were conducted my doctor to collect relevant samples.

my questions are:

1. If the test turns out negative for all HPV, am I already cured? I read that HPV would never be cleared - it would stay inactive.
2. Should I tell my future partner about my bump?
3. I already got the HPV 9 vaccine all 3 doses in 2017. I am confused why I still have HPV 6 positive. Should I get a booster shot?

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Gardasil Doesn't Protect You After All?

10 years ago

Anon_228595 posted:

Hi there,

I recently found out I contracted HPV. I do not know where, or when but I have a high risk strain. I have inflammation but no precancerous or cancerous changes yet. Unfortunately, I thought the Gardasil shot would protect me against this but it didn't. I got it years before I had any sexual contact whatsoever. I mean ANY. Has anyone had a similar experience with the vaccine? I got all the rounds of the same brand and I expected it to protect me, needless to say I'm pretty upset.

Thanks!
Me



MNM31

Posted 06/15/2020

I'm very pro vaccine until it comes to this one. I know 5 girls that got the three sets of this vaccine and still ended up getting HPV later in their teenage years. I, myself, had the three rounds of this vaccine and it hurt like hell. From the research, knowing girls that still got HPV after having the vaccine, and the history behind it - I don't trust it one bit. But everyone has their own opinions, I'd definitely just do a lot of research on it before deciding yes or no!



Anonymous

Apr 3

LSIL: Abnormal pap results

I was just told that my pap smear results were abnormal due to a low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion. I had the gardasil vaccine as a pre-teen so I would be very surprised to find out that this is caused by HPV. Any insight? Also- I was told that you cannot be tested for HPV while under 30 because almost everyone will test positive for exposure. What are the causes and treatment options for this result? The next step is a colposcopy- should I be concerned for this? What should I expect at that exam and what questions should I ask?

Sat, 22/07/2017 - 19:58

#1

Amy-j-B

Borderline changes and HPV positive with Colposcopy

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So I thought I would type this up to help other who are in my situation. I have been looking through this forum for help and so thought it necessary to add to it and help others.

A few months ago at the age of 24, I went to my first ever smear test. I was part of the first age group given the HPV vaccine and basically told never to worry about getting HPV or cervical cancer again. The reality was far from different.

Tue, 02/10/2018 - 07:31

#1

berry27

Cleared High Risk HPV after SIX years



Hi - I've been following this forum as I had been diagnosed with high risk HPV and have had several ASCUS paps. I live in the United States so I've gotten pap tests every year at least and follow ups for every 3-6 months as recommended by my doctor to monitor.

I was diagnosed almost six years ago with high risk HPV (not 16 or 18). I had gotten the Gardasil vaccine years before, that I thought would protect me from HPV in general, but turns out it's mostly for 16/18.

High grade dyskaryosis new

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Sat, 08/11/2014 - 16:12

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Gambarre

High grade dyskaryosis new



Hi all,

I've just received a letter saying some cells in my cervix show high grade dyskaryosis. How bad is this? I've got an appointment for colposcopy next week thank goodness. What proportion of those with a similar diagnosis come out ok? I had the HPV vaccine about 6 years ago (I'm 32)

Mon, 30/07/2018 - 15:04

#4

starlight22

Firstly, I just want to say I do believe in vaccines ... BUT I had the vaccine for HPV and 10 years later got cervical cancer.

Unless it was laying dormant in my body for years, but I find it hard to believe that the vaccine worked. I was 18 when I got the vaccine. Even my oncologist told me that vaccines are not a guarantee.

Mon, 02/11/2015 - 15:17

#3

Kateduckett

Hi Nellie,

Thankyou for your reply.

you have answered my questions about HPV, and really helped me unstand it abit more. I'm still uncertain as to how I contracted it as I have the vaccine for it when I was 12 in school.

I have had the lletz procedure carried out on the 14th October, and that is what they found from those results. So would the routine smear in 6 months be to check if the cells have changed again?

AGC / hpv 16 very scared please help

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Sat, 03/02/2018 - 21:05

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hqu1234

AGC / hpv 16 very scared please help



Hello all,

I just was looking for some reassurance and wanted to ask some questions. I had a abnormal pap last week and went in this week for the colposcopy. I'm currently waiting the results. I was told Thursday I was HPV positive (normal pap smears (which I get annually)) since I was 18 have been normal and I'm currently 29). I also got the vaccination in my early 20's, however, was already

Tue, 18/04/2017 - 16:28

#1

VickyLou1992

3 colps in 3 months, nothing matches.




Sorry for the long post but I'm feeling a bit lost, and pushed from pillar to post with all this.

I went for my first smear in Nov '16 (I was still 24 at time) all seemed fine except for some spotting after. Two weeks later my results came through with high grade severe dyskaryosis and high risk HPV positive. I was sent for a colposcopy just before Christmas. The consultant diagnosed CIN2/3 and took three biopsies to confirm. He was also slightly concerned by the HPV positive result as I had received the HPV vaccine at college.

Daughter with dysplasia

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Wed, 21/09/2011 - 16:46

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Tiss

Daughter with dysplasia



My 23 year old daughter has been diagnosed with severe dysplasia with lesions from HPV. All her prior paps have been negative but the dr. told her that those have been incorrect (apparently common) and he believes that to get to this point it's taken at least 6 years. She is going in for a biopsy this Friday. She had the HPV vaccine when she was about 19. We are scared to pieces altho I am trying to be calm for her sake. I know the chances for cancer are rare for her age but... any help you can give me would be appreciated. I need to calm down to be strong for my daughter. Thanks, Tiss

Pickles91

Had HPV vaccine at age 13 & 16, but have CIN2?



I'm 24, went for my first cervical screening test 6 weeks ago assuming everything would be fine... I had a HPV vaccination at school when I was 13 and the second at college when 16, I suffer from anxiety and my biggest fear was actually making it into the appointment!

I went alone, I had to stop myself from bursting into tears before I even looked at the nurse but everything went better than I had expected. - Looking back now the nurse didn't explain any possible results with me but at the time I was just relieved I'd done it!

Had HPV vaccine as teen and still CIN3 on first smear

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Sun, 09/10/2016 - 17:50 #1

Laurenjade

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Hi all

I just wanted to post something on here to reassure anyone who may be in a similar position, as this forum has been a real source of strength for me during the past few feels.

I had my first smear test in mid August at 24 years and 9 months (I was invited early and thought I would just get it done- so glad I did now). I actually had the HPV vaccine when I was around 16/17 years old. It was a very new thing

Locked-Luxe-Lox 65d

I have 16 and 18 too. Sucks :/ think I also got the vaccine. Hpv sucks. I am glad to hear that despite it youve been around for 7 years. I thought having both of these were a death sentence.

r/medical_advice

stc1762 · 98d

HPV+ even after Gardasil

General Question

I had a routine Pap exam in November which came back with LSIL and HPV-positive. I got the Gardasil vaccine when I was 13, and I believe I had all 3 rounds. On April 13, I had a LEEP done for HSIL/CIN2. The biopsy of the tissue came back with margins clear of dysplasia, but I am worried about the HPV virus still. Is it possible that I could have HPV16 despite getting the vaccine? Should I be concerned about infection in my mouth? Any advice is appreciated. Thank you in advance!


r/HPV


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 **throw_away27593926** · 68d


I got the Gardasil 9 vaccine when i was like 13-14, fast forward to now and i am dealing with (very minor) genital warts. i do not have any high risk HPV strains though. even though are situations are not identical, i feel ur pain. hope it gets better for you. 💕

 **ro_cutie777** · 4d

I got the gardasil 9 vaccine and I still tested positive for high risk HPV

Does that mean the strain I have is different than the 9 covered by the vaccine, or is it still possible I have hpv 16 or 18 or one of the other strains covered by the vaccine? I'm most worried about 16 and 18, so if it's most likely I don't have those strains it would ease my mind a lot.

 r/HPV

 **Jaded_Weather5212** · 23d

Got hrHPV AFTER Gardasil 9... wtf?

So I got Gardasil 9 as a virgin. Due to an unfortunate turn of events (loved one dying, etc.) I ended up dating an older man who basically bullied me into not using condoms (I broke up with him in May, thank God). I instantly got BV (and HPV, apparently) despite getting all 3 shots of Gardasil 9. They said it's not 16 or 18 but "another strain of high risk HPV." On top of that, my pap came back bad, and colposcopy showed CIN 1. We only started having sex in February and this came back in May.

1. How is this even possible?! I thought Gardasil 9 was like 99% effective?
2. How can HPV turn into CIN 1 this quickly? I thought it took years for dysplasia to occur.
3. Does AHCC actually work? Can anyone attest to this?

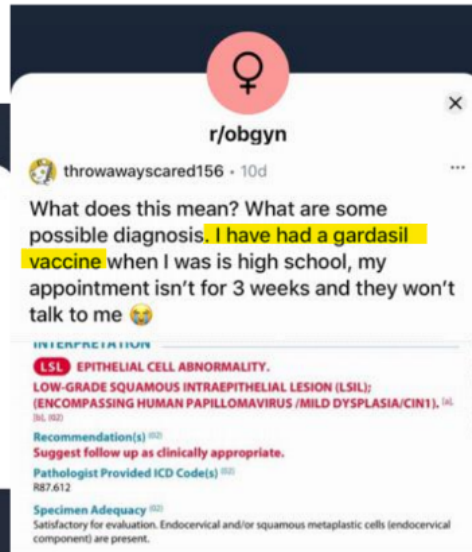
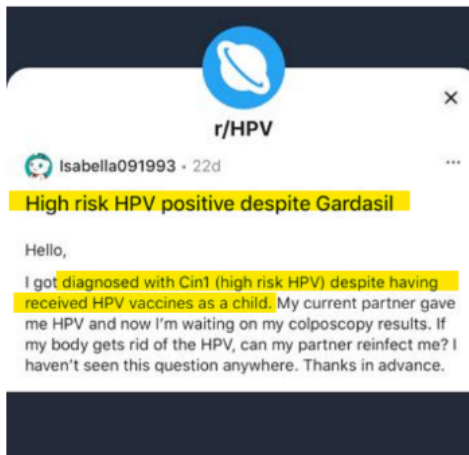


Sir_Integra 4d



Source?


I had the gardasil vaccination before being sexually active as a young teen and tested positive for HPV 16 and 18, and not 16/18 (so multiple strains) earlier this year.



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by Emma262 on Wed Oct 07, 2009 08:00 PM


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I am 23 years old and was recently diagnosed with HPV and high grade cervical dysplasia. I'm extremely frustrated because I had the Gardasil vaccine two years before my abnormal PAP, limited my partners, and use condoms every time. I know this doesn't make me risk free, but I can't help feeling like the odds are against me.

I had a PAP tests every year since I was 18, and they have always been normal. I have only had one partner since then, so I'm pretty sure I have only become infected with HPV in the last few months. My doctor says that only one small area of the HPV cells found in my colposcopy is high grade, and I don't have any HPV or abnormal cells on the inside of my cervix.

I'm scheduled for a LEEP procedure in two weeks, but I'm worried that the tests will come back that I have cervical cancer, or that the dysplasia will keep coming back. What is the relative success rate of a LEEP procedure? how likely is it that I have cervical cancer now?





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Abnormal paps are actually incredibly common and often totally insignificant. I'm a labor and delivery RN and probably half of my patients have "abnormal pap" in their medical history, and many have had a colposcopy as well. A colpo is a small biopsy of the cervix and the next step after an abnormal pap if you also test positive for HPV. I actually had my first abnormal pap last year that was HPV + (even though I had gardasil vaccine) and had to have a colpo as well that ended up normal.





r/TwoXChromosomes

u/711989 · 3y ·

My pap smear came back abnormal and I need a hug

I had my regular pap smear last week and my OBGYN just called and said the results were abnormal and I need to come back in to discuss them. So I'm just quietly freaking out a bit until my appointment next week. I've had the cervical cancer vaccine and I'm a lesbian, so I always figured I was crazy low risk for this stuff. The realisation that low risk is not the same as no risk has smacked me in the face and I could use a hug. Does anyone have any abnormal-pap-smear stories? Preferably where it turned out to be nothing serious?

Second time with HPV.. - Cervical cancer and HPV



Ohsnaps043084

December 22, 2011 at 11:57 am · 2 Replies

About 4 years ago I received an abnormal pap. I was positive for HPV. I had a biopsy done and had 3 paps since then that were negative for HPV. I received the 3 Gardasil shots and thought I was in the clear.

Yesterday I received a phone call from my doctor and was advised that again I tested positive for HPV. I have some confusion because I thought the shots were supposed to prevent this from happening.. Could it be the strain I had acting back up or could I have a new strain?



TrillestTeacher 153d

I am in the same boat. Got all three doses of the vaccine over ten years ago. I have a high risk strain and now have to get a colposcopy every year. It's nerve-racking and I feel like I'm helplessly sitting around waiting to be told that it's developed into cancer.

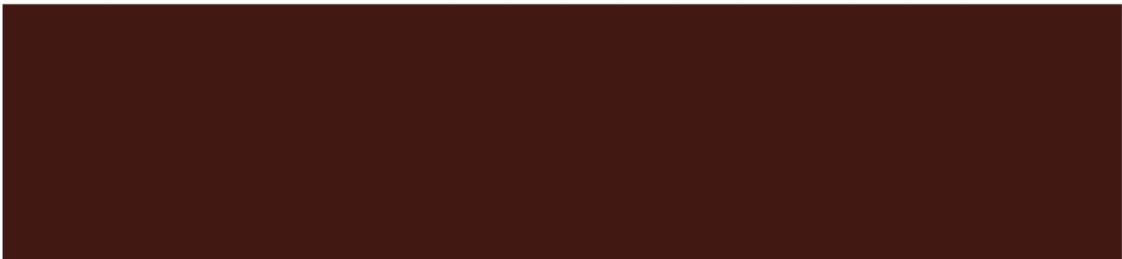


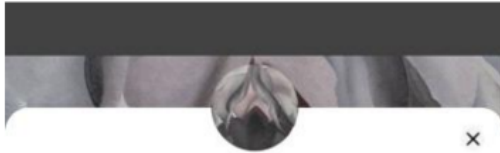


violet-psychofluid 154d



I also got all three Gardasil shots when I was in high school and still got a high risk HPV strain.





r/Healthyhooaha

u/bopeep_24 · 154d ·

Vaccinated for HPV as a kid - Still got a high risk strain?

Almost a year ago, I had a pap smear completed while doing a round of tests to figure out pain I was experiencing. Results came back - you have HPV!

Wait, what? I was vaccinated when I was 13. (2012ish)

'The vaccine protects against xxx that are high risk ones, but there are xxxxx others you can get!'

Okay... Cool. But my result specifically stated that one of the xxxxx high risk strains was detected.

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Can anyone explain this? I badgered my doc for a couple weeks at the time, but never got a response so I kind of dropped it. (My fault. Learning how to advocate for myself still). But nothing online explains this. It all talks about how it'll protect you from the big bag ones. (But not in my case?)

And now I'm just over here realizing I'm coming up on a year which will mean another uncomfortable pap smear and potentially a biopsy if the same type of cells show up as last time. And then I'll still need to do pap smears until I have three normal ones before I don't have to do them every year and frankly - I'm a bit pissed.

exhaustedstudent 12 13h3m

I had Gardasil and still ended up with CINIII high grade precancerous lesions that I had removed in 2016, and after I got over the confusion and self blame (I must've done something wrong, how could this happen!) I found out that it's not that uncommon a scenario. I'm always pressing women to stay on top of their smears and pay attention to any changes in your body/follow up with your dr/gynae, because the best action for prevention at this time is still smear screenings! I do worry about the generations coming up thinking they will be fine and not taking their smears seriously, especially since they stupidly marketed the vaccine as being a "cervical cancer vaccine" which it is not, and people are quite unaware of the nature of the virus it provides some protection against. Just as we have seen many other STD rates increase amongst young adults with the sense of security that birth control provides (I cannot believe how many people have sex outside relationships without condoms!) we need to keep pressing the importance of gynaecological screeners and check ups.

Congratulations on beating cervical cancer, OPI! It's such an awkward medical situation as well, not easy to talk about publicly and can feel very isolating. You did good! 🍀

Female Stuff:

Irregular periods that last a week but I only get a tiny bit, blood with clumps, very brown. LEEP Surgery for CIN-II even though I had Gardasil 3x.



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RE: Anxiously Awaiting the Cone Biopsy
by [helenize](#) on Mon Feb 02, 2009 12:00 AM

I'm sorry you are going through this. I honestly think you need to get a second opinion before you have a cone biopsy because the results seem so mixed. I have some questions for you, though, and the answers to these questions might help you have a better idea of what has been happening.

1. Have you seen any of the lab reports? If not, please call the office and tell them to fax them to you or have a copy of them ready for you to pick up. It will be your first step in educating yourself.
2. Did the doctor do an ECC? If not, insist on it. Or when you see a different doctor, have it done, then. You may want to consider another doctor, altogether. Between looking at the lab reports, making sure all steps were taken to diagnose you, and getting the second opinion, you'll be able to determine if you really need a cone biopsy. If you don't, you'll have spared yourself a lot of anger and grief. If you do need the cone biopsy, you'll have more confidence about it.
3. When did you have the **Gardasil** shots? **You are the third woman who had Gardasil and then developed dysplasia.** This is not to frighten or upset you because I know you are already feeling that way. But if there is a juxtaposition, then we need to get more answers.

In the meantime, is there anybody in your family you can talk to? It helps so much to have a shoulder to cry on. Sometimes our families may want to help us but don't know how. So, we have to tell them exactly what would help. And if you do need a cone biopsy, please don't hesitate to have somebody go with you to at least hold your hand and to help you arrange child care, that day. It makes all the difference in the world to have somebody there.

Anxiously Awaiting the Cone Biopsy
by [Jelay](#) on Sat Jan 31, 2009 12:00 AM

I have been diagnosed with HPV when one of my Pap Smears came back abnormal. The nurse had informed me that the abnormal results are either mild, moderate, or severe. She emphasized that my results were severe and scheduled a biopsy. I had the biopsy done and the results that came back from that 2 weeks after the procedure, did not match the Pap Smear. My Dr. was a bit worried about this since he feels like he is missing something. So now, I have a cone biopsy scheduled in March. I had done research on HPV and cervical cancer as soon as I had gotten my abnormal results and from reading about the cone biopsy, it was the one procedure that I did not want to go through. Of course, I was hoping that the biopsy would show no signs of what the Pap showed, and maybe find out that those Pap results were actually not mine or were completely wrong. Of course, that was my fantasy. I have read that some forms of HPV can go away on its own as long as the immune system is strong enough to fight it off. Since then, I am drinking DanActive to help boost my immune and have started taking vitamins. Because the biopsy did not reflect the same result as the Pap, I am scared that when I go for my cone biopsy, that the Dr. may actually find cancer and have to remove my entire cervix or worse; my uterus. From the biopsy results, he did not show cancer, but then again, he feels like he is missing something. What if what he is missing is cancer? I am a young single mom and would like to one day have more kids. I am so scared that I won't be able to. As for the HPV, I just got the first **Gardasil** shot as the Dr. still recommended that I get it even though it won't cure my type of HPV, it will prevent it from becoming another type. The Dr. explained to me that he is going to perform the cone biopsy different than a woman going through menopause because his words, "you still have babies to make". I have one daughter and she is the greatest joy of my life and I feel a bit selfish being worried that I won't be able to have more kids. I am lucky enough to have one! I just have so many things going through my mind and I am trying to stay strong through it all, but at times, I can't help but to think of the what ifs. Has anyone gone through a cone biopsy and after had children? How was the procedure? Painful? Has your HPV gone away? Any info would be much appreciated.

- [jessie reese](#) at 4:10 AM
- [Life_Nobility](#) posted Tuesday at 11:00 AM
- [PE_Shrout](#) Cervical D posted Tuesday at 11:00 AM
- [EaslerLinda](#) posted Sunday at 10:15 AM
- [PE_Annouced](#) posted Sunday at 9:00 AM

CIN III Cured - No LEEP/Cone
by [xyy12](#) on Mon Apr 29, 2013 01:27 AM

Hi everyone, I'm not the kind of person to post messages on blogs, but I hope that my story can bring hope to people who have been/are going through what I went through. With that being said, I am not a doctor and am not attempting to say that the LEEP is not an appropriate treatment for cervical dysplasia. I just made the personal choice that it wasn't for me and found a nonsurgical treatment that turned out to be successful.

For background, I'm 26 years old and in a monogamous relationship. I went to my gyno every year and never had a history of abnormal pap smears. **I also had the full three rounds of the Gardasil vaccine.**

Last January I went in for my annual and my gyno called me back saying my pap was abnormal and I needed to come back in for a colposcopy. When she did the colposcopy she said that it wasn't looking good and there were four suspicious areas. She took biopsies and called me back three days later to tell me that **I had CIN III!** She was concerned not only because it was CIN III, but because **I went from normal to CIN III in a year's time.** She recommended I have the LEEP immediately. She did explain that CIN III was only pre-cancer, and not full-blown cancer, but that it was not something to be messed with.

My experience with the LEEP procedure

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My experience with the LEEP procedure
by [SookieS](#) on Fri May 27, 2011 12:35 AM

Hi,

I want to give a really honest account of my experience with LEEP. I had a LEEP procedure done two days ago, with a local anaesthetic. **I had a CIN II, and a high-risk HPV.**

To give you a bit of background, I'm 27 and I've had regular pap smears since I was 19. I've been with the same guy for 5 years. **I've also had a full dose of the gardasil HPV vaccine.**

Comment from: LeLe89, 19-24 Female (Patient) Published: August 28

I am 23 years old and six months ago during my annual pap smear I tested positive for HPV and mild dysplasia. I was devastated and I didn't understand what it all meant. I was extra discouraged because when at 18 I was vaccinated for some of the HPV strains. I have just visited my OBGYN again for my six month follow up to make sure everything was going fine but my results came back abnormal. Although still mild I am worried about the future in dealing with this. I'm very hopeful that my immune system will battle the abnormal cell since there is really no treatment for my mild dysplasia but to wait it out. My Mom, two aunts, and grandmother have all had hysterectomies so I'm terrified that I will in the future. HPV is so unfortunate and very scary but I'm very thankful that it's mild.

Comment from: Heartbroken, 25-34 Female (Patient) Published: February 01

After having an abnormal pap smear last year, I began to wonder if HPV was a possible cause because one of my close friends had experienced the same abnormal pap and was then diagnosed with HPV. My follow up 6 month pap came back normal. Now this year's annual pap came back abnormal as well, but this time I am under the care of a new OBGYN due to the passing of my other. My new OBGYN tested my abnormal pap for HPV and found it to be positive. WHY was that not done last year, especially when the severity of the abnormality was the same?! Last week I underwent a colposcopy which returned results with a high grade dysplasia of the cervix. I have been crying all day since I have gotten the results. When I was younger I received all of the Gardasil shots but somehow have still contracted a harmful strain of HPV. Next week I will be having a laser ablation procedure and am SCARED to death. I really hope that my life is not going to be forever affected. My main point: understand WHY your doctor does what he does (or doesn't do in my case) and don't rely on shots or any other preventative method against HPV.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a life long Washingtonian, mother and registered nurse. I am writing today to express my staunch opposition to adding the HPV vaccine to the required school schedule. HPV is not a disease that should be communicable in a classroom setting. If the state cannot guarantee my child is safe from contracting an STD while learning in a classroom, then we have more than 1 problem to address. Activities outside of the classroom that may put my child at risk are my responsibility as a parent to address and prevent.

The HPV vaccine is one that is not by any means necessary for children but rather should be a carefully contemplated decision made by parents and care providers without any influence of the education system or state health board.

Personally, my experience with the vaccine was horrific. I developed cardiac arrhythmias as well as had my first and only abnormal Pap smear after vaccination. For me, the vaccine was an abysmal failure and one I would never subject my children to. For this reason, no parent should be pressured or coerced into this vaccine by attaching it to access to education. While Washington still has exemptions, it is no secret the agenda of some within the SBOH and the legislature is to eliminate them. If, god forbid, that ever be the case, the HPV vaccine should never be on a list of obligatory vaccinations.

Please reject this proposal.

Sincerely,



avenged7x01 - January 18

every since i got the shot when i was 16 i have been positive for hpv and then i lost my virginity when i was almost 18 and we used protection and when i went for my first pap to go on birthcontrol i have come up positive ever since can the shot actually make you come up positive bc i havent ever had an symptoms of hpv and im almost 23



Aster •
Junior Member



02-03-2008, 03:17 PM

Positive for hpv after gardasil

I've recently had a similar experience. All of my paps have tested negative for hpv. My dr. decided that gardasil was a good route for me because I am a germophobe. Two months after the last injection, a growth appeared in my groin. They are claiming that gardasil could not have caused it. But I have an autoimmune disorder and have not been sexually active in over a year and a half. Which means if I had hpv it hid for three years, even while being on immosuppressive therapy. I am starting to believe that the gardasil (while they claim it is not possible) gave me genital warts. I am going in for testing in march to find out what strain I contacted. Pumpkin... I'd love to be contacted by you to discuss what happened. Maybe we can figure this whole thing out.



PUMPKIN4 •
Junior Member



Positive For Hpv After Gardasil Shots!!

11-01-2007, 11:01 AM

I am 23 and finished the last Gardasil shot about 2 1/2 months ago. I had a pap 2 weeks ago and it came back abnormal with HPV. I know the shot only covers 4 strains, so it must be one of the other 90 somethings. I had an abnormal pap last december and also a colposcopy w/ biopsy. The test came back and all they told me was that **I was high-risk** and since then I've come back every 3 months for follow-up paps. I've been okay until now. I am very stressed and upset about the fact that I have to have another colp. & biopsy, it was traumatic and extremely stressful. You have no idea of the things running through my mind. Is there anyone out there who has had a experience like mine?? If so, please tell me what happened.
I will also welcome any input from medical professionals. Thank you.



10-08-2010, 08:52 PM

Positive...

I had normal paps until after I had my 3rd shot. Now I've gone from mild dysplasia to moderate dysplasia to having a colposcopy, 3 different biopsys, and cryo surgery ((where they use Nitrogen I think it is to freeze the cervix)). I go back in for a follow up pap, and it still came back abnormal. I'm now going to have to go back in AGAIN for cryo surgery. My doctor said the next step if this doesn't work is a Cone Biopsy which is an invasive surgery, you're put out and everything from my understanding.

Several of my friends who have had normal paps until they got the shot are now facing HPV.

I talked to my mother today and told her to NEVER get this for my little sister.



01-06-2011, 11:46 AM

I have had all my Gardasil shots BUT I got my first Pap and it cam back abnormal with HPV ... Any Help?

What is my percentage of having Cervic Cancer??



mdm25 •
Junior Member

08-15-2010, 11:40 PM

ABNORMAL PAP AFTER GARDISAL SHOT

I have had normal paps since I was 17. I am now 26 and just finished getting my 3rd Gardisal Shot 3 months ago. I went for my yearly pap smear and the doctor called me and told me I have an abnormal pap. I have been with the same person for 8 years, I am going to get the coloscopy in a week if I have HPV or something wrong with me it is from the Gardisal Shot!! I notice this is happening to many people, and we need to do something about this!



lujimar •
Junior Member

06-21-2010, 06:10 PM

Hello everyone, I am 32 and I had my gardasil shots because my gyno said that since I had my first sex at age 24 and didnt change many partners, then Im a good candidate. I always normal pap results and never had infections. My gynos always say that I am completely clean and normal. Right after my first shot, I started to develop REALLY WEIRD sensation around my vaginal lips.

Like itching and burning. The pain was hard to describe, almost like a there were needles inside my skin (the interior lips). My doc said maybe I got some urinary infection etc. since meanwhile I also had the feeling as if I would like to pee most of the time. I started to take immunex and it went away. After a while, maybe after the second shot, I am not sure, I started to feel itching and burning sensation. This time there was no needles under the skin. However, the itching part was the same place where I had the painful needles sensation before. When I touched there, I felt small bumps, not like herpes but maybe small warts?? im not



04-08-2010, 07:07 AM

abnormal paps after gardasil

I am 23 and had always had normal pap smears. The day I went to receive my 3rd series of Gardasil and my annual pap, the results came back abnormal, saying I had dysplasia. I had a colposcopy and a biopsy done. My doctor also froze some of the abnormal cells. I continued to have abnormal pap smears to this day. I just found out that I tested positive for HPV after the shot and my doctor did not inform me of this ! I am so frustrated as I have had to continue to go every four months to monitor these abnormal pap smears. When are they going to end? I regret getting Gardasil as I feel I should have waited since the vaccine was new and there was limited research on the effects after the shot.



beauty_2007_1986 •

Junior Member



03-09-2010, 04:48 PM

I'm only 24 and I just got the call today that I was positive for HPV.. I finished up the shots last year and had never been positive before.. I'm both scared and annoyed, because I'm not sure what this will turn into and what it will mean for my future... I'm also annoyed because I did go through the shots, but luckily my insurance paid for them. I am going for my colposcopy next month and I have no idea what I'm in for... Glad I'm not alone here, but sad that it's happening to others too...

Positive HPV after gardisil shots

I just found out today that I have an abnormal pap smear and I tested positive for HPV.. How is this possible????.. I've had normal pap smears since I was 17, and I am 25 now. Also, I've tested negative for HPV for years and I have not changed my partner. Last year, after my last pap smear, which came back neg for HPV and it was normal, I decided to get the Gardisil shots. Now, my recent pap smear this year is abnormal and possible. Something is wrong. I also have the strains that cause cervical cancer.. This makes no sense to me.. I have to do my coloscopy in two weeks. I am very upset.



butrfly •
Junior Member

10-22-2009, 04:54 PM

also positive HPV after Gardasil!!

Im surprised to hear that more women are having abnormal paps after Gardasil. I am 26 and have been having normal yearly paps for 10 years. I also have had the same partner for over 4 years, and last year my GYN encouraged me to get the vaccine since my insurance covers it, so I did, and the next years pap came back with abnormal cell changes. She says I could have had HPV for years and it never showed itself. I have had 1 colposcopy and 1 repeat pap. The biopsies showed minor changes and the next pap was normal. I cant help thinking that it has something to do with the vaccine!!! Hopefully there will be more research and we will find out!



Diz09 •
Junior Member

10-13-2009, 11:47 AM

Normal pap, gardasil, normal pap, ABNORMAL!!!!

I'm 23, I had all normal paps, at the age of 20 I decided to get the Gardasil shots. I was the first person my doctors office gave the shot to, I received all THREE shots. My pap was normal for either 1 or 2 times after finishing the shot, but this past Oct (2008) my pap was abnormal. They did a colposcopy, found nothing, next pap was abnormal again but they decided to give it another 6 months, well it is abnormal again as of Sept (2009) and in a few weeks I'll be having my SECOND colposcopy. I don't understand how I had normal paps before, got the shots, was normal for a while after, and now all of a sudden it pops up. My partner and I were only with each other, so I wasn't exposed to anyone else. What is also very interesting is that two of my friends are going through the SAME THING! Normal paps, gardasil, normal paps, and then a year or two later stuff is abnormal! I really think the shot did ..



MariaKatarina84 •
Junior Member



02-03-2009, 12:07 PM

testing positive for HPV 2 weeks after
first Gardasil shot

Hey all.

I'm 24 years old. I recently became sexually active this past September (yes I was a bit of a late bloomer.) I also recently went on the Gardasil shots. I got the prescription filled on 10/16/08. Two weeks to the day after getting the shot, I had been having some uncomfortable symptoms and went to go get a pap smear and a general exam done. (Turns out I had bacterial vaginosis, but that's another issue and was cleared up with some Flagyl). I tested positive for HPV in that pap smear and had to go get a colposcopy. I was at the lowest abnormal stage and I had cervical warts but they were too small to biopsy. The doc said they would likely clear up on their own.

I'm going back in March for a retest to make sure I'm okay.



Harper1 •
Junior Member

08-18-2009, 01:52 PM

I have a question, I know it might sound stupid, but I took all the shots for Gardasil and my paps always came back normal before the vaccine but after the shot the pap came back abnormal. I have a coloscopy in a couple of days. could it be possible that after the shots, this might've of made the pap to made it positive or abnormal. Please if someone knows would you let me know. Thank you




tray_sea83 •
Junior Member



05-28-2008, 10:28 AM

Gradasil gave me HPV!

Hi everyone,
I'm new to this and I was wanting to hear other women's stories about their reactions to the Gardasil shot. I am 24 and **I got my Gardasil vaccination** last year, at which point I was still a virgin and had NEVER participated in ANY form of sexual activity. After my shot I did become sexually active and have only had one partner. 3 months after receiving my shot I returned to my Dr. and she discovered that I had HPV. It has been 1 year since and I recently returned for my yearly pap and my results came back abnormal and they told me that I had contracted the **HIGH RISK strain of HPV**. But I thought that I was supposed to be protected against those 4 high risk strains because I had the vaccination? I just had my colposcopy and am waiting for my results. I told my gyno that I feel that Gardasil gave me HPV and she brushed it off but I am very upset about this... Please help!

 **badluckme123** · 7y

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I [25m] took my gf [24f]'s virginity. She just tested positive for HPV.

Relationships

Hi everyone. This is kind of a weird topic.

My girlfriend [24f] and I had been dating for a year. She was a virgin, which I was fine with. We talked about having sex (mostly from her part), and we finally did, 8 months into the relationship. It was awesome, and we've had a great relationship through it.

She just had her first pap, and it came back as "abnormal." She spoke to the nurse and the nurse said that she was positive for HPV.

I then did a ton of research, and found that a pap smear doesn't test for HPV, but it tests for abnormal tissue. I also found that it's not all that sensitive, thus, she has to go in for further testing. Also, **my gf actually had her Gardasil shots a year before we had any contact.**

Regardless, she has another appointment coming up in a month. Until then, however, she's feeling...a bit guilty...angry...worried...anxious. She blames me a little and is angry with me, understandably so.

I'm trying to educate her on the topic, as much as I can, but I was hoping if someone can help allay her fears? It seems her doctor and nurses aren't doing a very good job, because all they're saying is, "You had sex, now you have hpv."

TL;DR - **virgin gf. had gardasil. we had sex. abnormal pap.**

Emily S asked in Health > Women's Health - 1 decade ago

Cervical dysplasia after Gardasil?

Has anyone began having abnormal pap smears AFTER getting the Gardasil vaccine? I am 24 and for 9 years had normal paps, no STDs, etc. After my last annual exam I started the Gardasil vaccines. I finished a few months ago and went for my annual again last week. In addition to developing an estrogen intolerance this year (can no longer take birth control containing estrogen) the result from my pap smear was 'highly abnormal' and indicative of high grade cervical dysplasia. I have to go for a colposcopy with biopsy and was told most likely will need to undergo the LEEP procedure to have part of my cervix removed. I have also been with the same partner for over 2 years so I have not had any exposure to anything sexually since the vaccine either. I have a friend who also had her first abnormal pap after completing the Gardasil injections. Anyone else have anything similar???



WBLreddit · 54d

Anyone have a similar situation or any insight/advice into my situation? Any comments are appreciated.

QUESTION

So to start, I got the full course of the Gardasil vaccine when I was like 15.. years before I was sexually active. I was first diagnosed with HPV when I was around 23, so in 2014.

My timeline is kinda weird because I've been bad about follow ups or just ignoring the problem and not making an appointment when I was supposed to. Anyway...

2014 - We monitored the abnormal cells for a year. 2 pap smears, each 6 months apart. When nothing changed I had a biopsy and colposcopy, it came back as ASCH HPV high risk types. I had cervical cryotherapy and the follow up pap came back normal.

2015/2016 - Another abnormal pap (ASCUS HPV high risk). 3 months later, another abnormal pap with the same results as before. Since the results were just showing ASCUS, we decided to just monitor the situation.

Megan asked in [Health](#) > [Women's Health](#) · 8 years ago

Low Grade Cervical Dysplasia?

I got a call from my gynecologist today, to tell me that the results of my pap smear came back abnormal, and it appears that **I have low grade cervical dysplasia**, and said that it meant I had most likely been infected with a strain of HPV. A few years ago, **I did the whole course of the Gardasil vaccine**, by the way. I was just wondering if anyone could tell me what this all means, whether I should be worried, etc. Any information would be helpful.

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I'm Leonie, one of Stephanie's close friends. She's like my sister. She's fighting a battle that most of us can only imagine. Cancer. Here's her story:

"My story started when I was 18. I received the Gardasil vaccine. Then I tested positive for HPV. I was first diagnosed with cervical cancer Stage 2 when I was 25. Fought a short fight & was in remission. It came back 5 months later Stage 3b. I fought long and hard with this one. Was diagnosed with Stage 1a breast cancer when I was 29. I fought and won. I had a pap to make sure I was still in remission when I was 31. A tumor was found. We scheduled a time to have it removed. My body decided it wanted it out on its own time. I had an emergency surgery to have it removed. This is when I had a PET scan. The pet scan showed 3 spots on my bones (pelvis, ankle, and right hip bone). We did a bone biopsy. Those spots came back with cervical cells. I was diagnosed with Stage 4B cervical cancer.

6. How has your life changed since you contracted an STD/STI?

Well, **Pap smears carry more weight for me now; I have had two since I came into contact with HPV** – one was the diagnosing Pap smear, and the other was a 6 month follow-up.

I received the Gardasil vaccine and falsely thought it protected me from contracting any HPV. When diagnosed, I was educated that there are more strains than the [4] cancer and wart-causing ones the vaccine was made for.

I did have a colposcopy, and it came back abnormal but not too abnormal...I guess. My physician let me know it was common, and the body typically fights off HPV on its own. My 6 month follow-up showed that I have not yet cleared HPV from my body. It worries me, but I know that I can only be good to my body and a good patient from here on out – hoping for the best on my next Pap smear!

CERVICAL CANCER TWO YEARS AFTER GARDASIL



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Nov 22/08

Posted by Leslie Carol Botha

VAERS report #219136-1:

I was diagnosis with Cervical Cancer in April 2008. I have gotten a routine thin pap test each year for the last 8 years. February 2008 was my first abnormal pap smear in my lifetime.

I received the GARDASIL shot in June of 2006 after hearing and reading about its approval by the FDA. I was the first patient my doctor ever gave the HPV vaccination to. I received all three of the shots and completed the HPV vaccination in November of 2006; each given by my doctor. I had my annual pap smear in February of 2007, and like each pap smear before, it came back negative. When my February 2008 pap smear came back positive my doctor then did a biopsy which came back with high-grade cells and warranted a LEEP procedure. The LEEP was performed at a local hospital on March 14, 2008. The pathology results from the LEEP came back and showed that within a year of my last normal pap smear and 15 months from the completion of the GARDASIL HPV vaccination, I had full blown cervical cancer.

On May 6th of 2008 I had my second surgery, a Cone Biopsy of my cervix by Dr., an oncologist at Cancer Center. My second surgery was performed at another hospital. I will now have to see my Oncologist every three months and wait to see, not **'if'**, but **'when'**, my cervical cancer returns.

My oncologist would like to do a hysterectomy at this time, but as a 26-year-old who has always wanted children, I have chosen to wait as long as possible before removing my reproductive organs.

As a very health conscious and responsible person, I have always researched health care issues and been good to my body. Thinking it was in my best interest of my health and well being, I received the GARDASIL shot in June 2006.

It was discovered in March of 2008, followed by my first abnormal pap smear, that I have two of the four HPV strains, 16 and 18, that the shot is suppose to prevent, as well as prevent the onset of HPV symptoms.

I now have cervical cancer and I am left wondering what role the GARDASIL HPV vaccination played in the hasty onset of my onset. According to the FDA documents women who have been exposed to HPV prior to vaccination have a 44.6% increase in getting cervical cancer for Gardasil and 32% for Cervarix.

Testing for HPV prevalence should be required prior to vaccination.

So for those girls who say they did not have any reactions to the vaccine – the drama may yet still unfold. Make sure you follow up with regular pap testing.

Educate before you vaccinate.



Alou123

1 posts since 29 Jul 2020

Abnormal smear test results

29 Jul 2020 15:53

Hi I'm 25 and recently attended for my smear and have now received the results. I received the hpv vaccine when I was in school, and my results have come back hpv positive with borderline changes. I'm being referred for a colposcopy but I'm incredibly worried. I've been back and forth to my GP now for about a year, with abnormal bleeding (I recently bled for a month very heavily) heavy discharge, back pain, bleeding after sex and feeling incredibly fatigued etc. I have PCOS so I think they'd just dismissed my symptoms and related it to that, but I've never had symptoms like this before. If I go for my colposcopy, can it still be found I have CIN2 or CIN3, I'm worried I'll need my cervix removed because then I'll absolutely never have children and it's highly unlikely I will anyway. Any help would be appreciated, I haven't phoned my GP to speak to them as they're always rude and have no time for me. Thank you

And Now Cervical Cancer

The biggest shock occurred in March 2011 when I went for my regular pap smear and was diagnosed and treated for cervical adenocarcinoma in situ (AIS). This was 17 months after my previously normal Pap smear, and three years after the first Gardasil shot. All of my previous pap smears had been clean.

I went for my regular Pap smear with Dr P early March 2011. A week later he rang me to say the report was showing glandular-cell abnormalities and I was to come in the following Tuesday for an assessment. [There are two main types of cervical cancer: the more common squamous-cell abnormalities and cancer (squamous carcinoma); and the rare but more aggressive glandular-cell abnormalities and cancer (adenocarcinoma)].

The following Friday I was in surgery and had a cold knife cone biopsy. The results came through the following Wednesday that the margins of the cone biopsy were clear.

I am very aware that I was fortunate – having my screening with a specialist Colposcopist and having the surgical procedure within 10 days of the results being received. As a result of this, the cancer was detected early, at the *in situ* stage.

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Why was my pap smear abnormal if I had the HPV vaccine over five years ago? My very first pap smear was last year and it was normal. This year it came out abnormal. I am really confused and stressed.



No Answers Yet



NewmomTay24

Posted 06/18/2020

I am a registered nurse and pro vaccine.. I am against this vaccine though as it only prevents a small percentage of strains of HPV. Cervical cancer rates have not gone down since the vaccine has been available, so it seems unnecessary. There is also evidence of this particular vaccine causing autoimmune diseases.



Magg5788 80d



Several weeks after I'd had my routine pap I still hadn't heard back from the doctor, so I called to get the results. The nurse said, "Oh, yeah, we found abnormal cells. We need you to come in," If I hadn't called, I don't think they would have notified me.

I went in and the doctor said, "You have HPV." I said, "I got the vaccine!" He shrugged his shoulders and said, "You also got the virus." He referred me to a specialist because it looked to be the strain that causes cancer.

Thankfully the specialist had MUCH better bedside manner than my GP. I needed to get a LEEP procedure. Luckily we were able to schedule all these appointments within a few weeks of each other. I was admitted to the hospital, went under general anesthesia, and they burned away part of my cervix. I was given pain pills, but I didn't need them. It only hurt the first time I peed after the procedure (I'm an anomaly in this regard).

I needed to go back for paps every 6 months for 2 years until they all came back normal. This was almost 9 years ago. I haven't had an irregular pap since.



alldababies

Posted 06/15/2020

alldababies said:



Pro vaccine as well, but also not getting it for my boys. I say read up and d...

Also, 3 of my sisters got the vaccine and still ended up with HPV anyway.



boysraisingme3



Jan 31, 2020 at 12:56 PM

I got the shots AND I got HPV. Had to have cells frozen off my cervix about 8 years ago but haven't had any issues since.



RendiLeigh



Jan 31, 2020 at 12:39 PM

I had the vaccine when I was 21ish. At 34 I tested positive for hpv.



lalainnyc



Jan 30, 2020 at 10:00 PM

Me. I got vaccinated and still got HPV. Got a LEEP last year.

 phantombiscuit

Jan 30, 2020 at 5:53 PM

I got the vaccine shortly after it came out, I was 15 years old. I had an abnormal Pap smear at 23 years old and tested positive for HPV 16 (cancerous kind) I had precancerous cells removed from my cervix a few years ago. I had one abnormal pap during my pregnancy, so I'm getting a repeat one in March. Hoping all goes well 🙌

 mrsdrama0715

Jan 30, 2020 at 1:28 PM

I got the series of shots and also ended up with HPV. Precancerous cells. I had to have a colposcopy done and every 6 mos for paps.



LMB123



Jan 30, 2020 at 1:23 PM

I got the shots and still ended up getting HPV



Allie

July 29, 2018

Gardasil 9 (human papillomavirus vaccine) for Human Papillomavirus Prophylaxis: "I received the shots of a course over a year when I was 14. I still ended up getting HPV actually one of the strains it's supposed to prevent. I had a pre cancerous cell frozen off my cervix at 18. I've heard nothing but bad things about this. Luckily being young my HPV went away on its on. I'm pro vax but this is one vaccine i will not let my kids get. People do your research and by research I mean look at multiple sources and reviews."



ballerinablond3 27 TTC#1 2y



Doesn't protect against all of the strands. I got guardasil in high school and still got HPV. So did a lot (at least 6) of my friends who were also vaccinated.



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Reply



Posted at Mon, May 25 2020

You need to have actual HPV testing done to know if you have it or not, as well as a Pap smear to test cervix for cell changes. HPV doesn't show up in a normal std test. Its very common and most get HPV at some point in their lives. It usually clears up on its own with a year or two. It can cause other issue like cervical cancer, etc.



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Sandra • May 24

Absolutely not. I also had the vaccine at that age and I still got HPV and I was diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2014

I had the vaccine I still got hpv then in December 2015 I was diagnosed with early stage cervical cancer. Had it removed January 2016 now I'm pregnant w my 2nd baby. Please ladies get your paps! That is what saves !

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Q&A

Winston-salem, NC | 08/27/16



My daughter got the Gardasil shot and still got HPV. Can I sue?

My daughter received the Gardasil shot made by Merck. She recently found out that she had gotten HPV 16. This is the strain that causes most cervical cancer cases. It is also the strain it was supposed to prevent her from getting. Her doctor fears that it may now be cervical cancer. Is it possible to sue anybody for the vaccine not working? If so, who and how.

r/AskDocs



throwawayacct88 • This user has... • 1d



Tested positive for HPV 16 and 18 after 3rd dose of Gardasil

Age 34 Sex F Height 5'5 Weight 170 Race W Duration of complaint Just found out Location (Geographic and on body) Vagina Any existing relevant medical issues (if any) I have hashimotos disease and am on levothyroxin 100 mcg daily and norethindron .35 daily

So here is some medical history. I have tried to talk to my dr about these issues, and he didn't really answer my questions and said he would research.

In March I had a pap result of ASCUS with canadia pap smear result with no HPV.

Many years ago around 2007-2008 I had received 2 doses of the Gardasil vaccine. I would have been 20-21.



In June I went to PCP that suggested I finish the last dose of Gardasil.

In September I got another pap and the result was (ASC-US) and now I tested positive for HPV 16 & 18 the ones covered by the Gardasil shot. I did have sexual activity after I received the last dose I think around 3 weeks.

How could it be cancer when I went every year for exams, and had been vaccinated?! The biopsy was sent to 3 different hospitals to all confirm. I met my oncologist and she said "the cell type you have is very aggressive I recommend a radical hysterectomy" of course I needed mri and pet ct scan first which thankfully showed only cancer in the cervix. Everything happened so fast. I never had my eggs frozen. I went in on dec 7th (one month later) for my radical hysterectomy which I also had them take tubes and ovaries since the cancer developed so quickly I didn't trust leaving anything. I'm still recovering now but got news from pathology that it's "all clear" I want women to know I was going to cancel my Pap smear appt I had no symptoms of anything. Even after everything I still feel blessed to have caught it early. Ladies please go for your exams 10 mins can save you a life of hassle or even your life.



CCRI - Caribbean Cancer Research Initiative

  A VERY IMPORTANT CERVICAL CANCER STORY
reshared from @tealsthedeal. Please read to the end.

"Nov 1, 2018 I was scheduled for a colposcopy after an abnormal routine Pap smear and surprisingly **tested positive for high risk hpv (I received the vaccine** when it came out) during the colposcopy the vinegar solution applied to me showed a few questionable areas, they took biopsy's of 3 places. I didn't hear back for a week so I figured it wasn't much of anything. I was in work when they called on Nov 7th with the news that it was in fact cancer.



r/HPV



yzmathegoat • 3d



Got gardasil vaccine set but still got multiple stains of HPV. Feeling depressed, discouraged, disgusted.

RANT

Let me begin by saying I know there's over 100 strains of HPV. I know I can't be protected from them all. But at this point, I'm just frustrated and I feel my world is crashing down on me. I've gotten hand warts since age 12. I got foot warts from about age 16. I found out I have multiple high risk strains of HPV when I had my first PAP, and now I just started developing genital warts. I feel so betrayed by my body and I feel gross. I don't know what to do. I just keep crying because more and more warts keep surfacing and I feel like a freak. I'm trying not to stress myself out because I know wart outbreaks and stress go hand in hand, but it's just so hard. I really just needed to vent a little because I don't have anyone else to talk to.



BabyBlueMoons 1d



I got the vaccine, got HPV from a cheating boyfriend. A rare strain. Got cancer. And had to have a hysterectomy. All before 30 years old. Shit doesn't work. :(



Barnaclebay 1d



All I know is I got the HPV vaccine when it was first developed and I still got high risk hpv and had to have surgery to prevent cancer. It only protects against the most common strains, not all of them. And it doesn't protect against stds.



r/Healthyhooha

u/comprehensivem96 - 7h -

I've just been **diagnosed with HPV.** help..

Ugh. Today has been one of those days. **I got my HPV vaccines as a kid.** Never thought I'd get it. I've gotten regular paps and other swabs done within the last year, because I was with other people before my current boyfriend. They didn't catch the HPV until recently. I'm really confused, upset, not sure what to think. I've been with my boyfriend for 8 months. I thought I was "clean" when I started dating him. But I think I had it before I got with him, but I've never showed any symptoms. He has no symptoms either. I go to my gynecologist next week for another pap. I got my original pap done at my PCP's office. I don't know what type I have.

Is it still safe to have sex with my boyfriend if I've already been having sex with him for the past 8 months?

Can someone please give me pointers on how to handle this? Does he need to get tested if we are both showing no symptoms and/or dealing with anything noticeable from it? I'm distraught. I have to break the news to him tonight & I'm not sure how he will take it.

r/STD



vat5dw93 · 1y



My story with high risk HPV, colposcopy, punch biopsy, CIN2, LEEP procedure

25 years old female. Received Gardasil vaccine at age 14.

Started with abnormal pap. Never had an abnormal one in my life.

Turns out I had ASCUS (unidentifiable cervical cell changes)

They did a reflex HPV test and I tested positive for a high risk strain of HPV. One that's not covered by the vaccine.

They recommended that I go in for a colposcopy and punch biopsy to extract a small sample of these abnormal cells for testing. I felt a couple tight pinches, some light cramping, and then it was over.

Wasn't great, but not torturous. Had some light bleeding and discharge for a full week. I didn't have sex for a week.

They sent the biopsy to the lab and turns out my cervix lit up light a Xmas tree with CIN 2 - high grade cervical cell changes that would turn into cervical cancer if not treated.

I was recommended for a LEEP procedure where they basically burn and cut off the affected pieces of your cervix. Now, THIS actually hurt. Felt like I was getting stabbed in the cervix, lots of cramping, legs were shaking, could smell my cervix burning.



r/HPV



GeminEyeGlasses • 341d



Newly diagnosed

Found out yesterday that I (24F) tested positive for type 16 HPV. 16 and 18 are most closely related to cervical cancer. They'd also found abnormal cellular growth during a PAP culture test. I may soon find out whether I have cancer. Most of the time I'm feeling okay, but randomly throughout the day a rush of bad feelings sweeps over me. I'm embarrassed to have an STD, never thought it would happen because I was careful. I am angry because I'd gotten the Gardasil shots when I was a pre-teen, way before sexual activity. I think of my promiscuous past related to uncontrolled mania (I have bipolar 2). Any advice on feeling like a normal person after diagnosis?



r/HPV




krylishstarseed • 281d



Still Ended Up High Risk

I still ended up with high risk HPV after getting all 3 rounds of Gardasil when I was younger (12 I think for first dose.)

Doctors still won't release the info about what strains I have. I'm going to schedule a visit with a different gyno than my usual one soon to figure out what is going on. Does anyone have any similar experiences? I'm feeling really down about it all...

 kaytee0707 · 116d

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Has anyone's period completely stopped after CIN3 surgery?

Stumbled upon this thread and hoping someone may have the same experience as me!

Back when I was 23 I was given the Gardasil vaccine series. At 28 my pap came back for low grade abnormalities, but an error was made and my doctor never got the paperwork. A year went by and suddenly they realized they never received my test results and low and behold I got a call to come in immediately. Those results now came back HSIL.

Went for round 1 biopsy using LEEP and CIN3 was detected.

They attempted round 2 with the LEEP but later found they missed the margins.

Round 3 was done via surgery and cone biopsy.



whateverusername999

This user has not y...

81d



NAD, but **had CIN III (and also got guardasil)**

Sometimes you'll see it termed "stage 0 cancer", but really it's "pre-cancer" meaning if left untreated, the irregular cells will travel deeper up your cervix and could become cancer and spread. They will check how deep the precancerous cells go into the cervix with the colposcopy and biopsy. So if it is CIN 3, they will probably do an in-office procedure called LEEP, or cauterize the area to remove the cells and the tissue surrounding the area with abnormal cells. I had a chunk of my cervix removed BUT the cervix grows back! ...and sometimes you just have to keep getting chunks removed and grow it back because HPV is an asshole.

If it's less than CIN 3 or it hasn't spread very far, they may just wait and have you come back in to test in a few months. There are so so many strains of HPV. The vaccine only protects a few.

Also pro tip: if you get the LEEP, bring peppermint oil or something strong smelling to put under your nose during the procedure. It burns the tissue (you don't feel it) and it smokes and smells terrible. Have something strong smelling to block out the smell!



r/AskDocs



makennaf44 • This user has not... • 81d

Abnormal Pap Smear & HPV Positive

Physician Responded

Hello,

I am 25F and had my most routine Pap smears done in 2016, 2019 and this year. My result in 2016 was normal, my result in 2019 was ASC-US with no HPV testing done, and my result in 2020 was ASC-US, fungus present, with a positive result for high risk HPV. There is a note that **i have risk for CIN3+ on the test results**. I have a Colposcopy and biopsy scheduled for next Friday and am just curious if a doctor could further explain my results to me? My doctor did not talk these results through with me and I am curious what this means. Does it mean I have cancer? Does it mean I have a chance of developing cancer? What is the chance? I do have pain during sex and lower back pain as the only possible symptoms of cancer but I contribute my back pain to being highly overweight and having poor posture/a desk job. Any info would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

EDIT: **I also got the Gardasil shot when I was younger** - Can you explain how I can be positive for high risk HPV even after being vaccinated?



r/HPV



a_seeking_advice • 20d



What now?

I just received a letter (on my cake day no less) following a colposcopy that has confirmed the presence of HPV as well as cellular changes called cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN-3).

Obviously I'm distraught and feel like a pariah. I don't know what to do. I am having an excision of these cells in the next wee while, but in the meantime I don't know whether I should tell the people I've been with. I've already let my ex-partner know, who I was with for years, and he responded by screenshotting my message. I really can't cope with the thought of everyone knowing which seems inevitable.

Any advice around disclosure would be hugely appreciated. I had the Gardasil vaccines a couple of years ago so I don't know whether that means I was carrying beforehand or not, and if so, who I should tell.



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Brocktreee · 1y



Received the Gardasil/HPV Qaudrivalent vaccine, but recently diagnosed with HPV. Now what?

Specifically, one of the HPV strains identified is HPV-16, which is of course known to cause oropharyngeal cancer.

Stats: 25 years old. Male. 6'1", 340#. Duration of complaint: Several months long. Location: Inside my mouth, on roof of.

Mikayla asked in [Health](#) > [Women's Health](#) - 6 years ago

High risk HPV, ASCUS pap smear?

Hi, I'm 23 years old and a few month ago I got a pap smear that revealed ASCUS due to high risk HPV. When I ask my gyn if I would need a colpo, she said that the guidelines changed and since I was so young that I wouldn't need it because the cell changes were so mild.

My concern is that I've heard of cases of women getting an ASCUS result even though they had glandular cell changes, which are more aggressive. What are the odds of this happening? I'm just trying to follow my ob gyn's orders to do a watch and wait approach and do a repeat pap in a year. Should I have faith in her?

I'm nervous. Btw, I got the Gardasil hpv prevention vaccine years ago.

Thanks.

Anonymous asked in [Health](#) > [Diseases & Conditions](#) > [STDs - 1](#)
decade ago

Got Gardasil vaccine and STILL got HIGH RISK HPV!?

So I had the vaccine 3 years ago, and my pap test results came back with low grade hpv this past week, and I'm in the high risk category (No warts present, but high potential to turn into cervical cancer). I've been sexually active for 8 years, and I've had four partners! Four. I had unprotected sex with my recent ex back in December, it was New Years Eve....what can I say. EVERY other time with EVERY other partner I've had....I always made them wear a condom even during foreplay. I feel very picked on right now. The night I had unprotected sex didn't last but a minute or two. That minute or two...has ruined my life. I'm furious because I've always been so conservative, and there are women I know who have one night stands left and right and don't get anything like this. I just want to make sure I'm not alone: WHO ELSE HAS HAD THE GARASIL VACCINE AND STILL GOT THIS BULLSHIT VIRUS?



kay

6 years ago

I received the vaccine at 15 years of age. Was still a virgin, hadn't even kissed a boy. Six years later I'm married to my high school sweetheart I started dating when I turned 16. On my 21 birthday my dr called to tell me I had cervical cancer. My husband left me during chemotherapy and the chemo wasn't enough. They had to cut out part of my cervix. For three years now I've been with someone new. We have been trying to have a baby but no luck. I'm 24 a will probably never have kids. I wasn't even sexually active until I turned 17 and by bf and I took each other's virginities



r/HPV



ellejaygeee · 2y



HPV 18 positive but vaccinated 10 years ago

I had the vaccine at 23 but have tested positive for HPV 18. I am very worried because this means I have had it for at least ten years. Have any women had this happen, had a normal smear, gotten further testing then they've found something?



r/HPV



staringspace • 3y

Just found out I'm HPV positive (high risk) - could do with some reassurance and support.

Hi there,

So, I went to my NHS screening for cervical cancer a couple weeks ago, and I've now found out I'm HPV positive (high risk). I guess the most important thing is that there are no abnormal cells present, but nevertheless, I'm still feeling a bit bummed out about it. I've never had any symptoms and I've always tried to be careful with my sexual health (going for regular checkups), so this is news to me - especially since I had a HPV vaccination at 17 (I know this doesn't cover all strains). I'm trying to read up on all the information but it's hard to take it all in.

My main two questions are:

1. How can I stop freaking out about this?
2. I'm currently in the dating pool - what does this mean for potential dates and relationships?

Any reassurance and help would be really appreciated.



r/HPV



WBLreddit • 101d

I received the Gardasil vaccine before I was sexually active and still got HPV...

I received the vaccine before I ever even thought about having sex. Still got HPV strains 16 and 18, just my luck. I have to get a pap every 6 months. This has been for the past 7 years or so, always same results. Even after LEEP and cervical cryotherapy, I still test positive for HPV and abnormal cervical cells. I've never had warts but I do have multiple cysts on my cervix, 13 last time I got an internal ultrasound

Anyone else get the vaccine and still got HPV?

the women who had Gardasil were infected with one of the four strains, compared to 20 percent of the unvaccinated ladies." Has anyone seen info suggesting this elsewhere? I occasionally find contradicting information and it's keeping me from truly understanding what is even possible here. I've seen people post stating specifically what strain they have, but I've also read plenty of articles stating that it's impossible to know which strain you've tested positive for. Of course, I'll be asking my obgyn all my questions when I go in for the colposcopy but that won't be for another three weeks (due to another insurance change -_-) It would be nice if anyone with experience or maybe has already asked their obgyn these questions could shed a little light. Much appreciated, thanks.

TL;DR Not sure what to trust. Been told it's impossible to tell if the HPV is back from ten years ago after being dormant, or I now have a different high risk strain entirely. The HPV vaccine only makes it less likely to receive certain strains/doesn't actually make you immune? Is it new that people can actually tell what specific strain they have? Or is this all just ridiculous misinformation? Thanks.



r/HPV



hayyygurlhay · 2y

High risk again after a decade. What information can I even believe?

I received the HPV vaccine before I ever had any sexual encounter. About 10 years ago, after my first partner I was diagnosed with low risk (genital warts) and high risk (abnormal pap) HPV. My obgyn cleared up the low risk and had me return in a few months for a repeat pap that showed normal, so I returned to the standard yearly and had regular paps from then on. A couple weeks ago I established with a new obgyn and had a pap done since I remembered my last one was maybe 1 1/2 to 2 years ago max since I've been going through some health insurance changes. A week ago the nurse called to tell me it was "slightly abnormal" and the sample tested positive for high risk HPV, and said the obgyn is recommending a colposcopy. I called my previous obgyn to confirm the date of my last pap and it turns out it was back in '14, so just about 4 years ago instead of what I thought was 2 years ago max. I'm not panicking. I'm waiting to have my colposcopy done before I start to worry, but I'm still doing as much reading as I can about it without delving deep into horror stories and rare cases and all. I read this in an article from womenshealthmag: "Those that had Gardasil were less likely to be infected with one of the four strains (6, 11, 16, or 18) that the vaccine protects against: 11 percent of the women who had Gardasil were infected with one of the



iocane-powder 42d



I also had the gardasil shots as a teen. Have been in a committed relationship since 2016, got married in 2018. Had my first abnormal pap in April 2019, ASCUS, and tested positive for HPV. I had another abnormal pap in October 2019, LSIL. A colposcopy in Jan 2020, high risk HPV and LSIL. Had another pap in April 2020, and tested negative for HPV. It's all confusing, but most of the time is nothing to worry about



muistan7 42d



Hi! So, I also had the vaccine which was a 3 shot series. I was recently diagnosed with CIN 2/3, had LEEP, all clear now. My last normal PAP was within 3 years prior... so I was confused. Come to find out, the vaccine I got covered 4 strains compared to the 9 that is offered now. Definitely scary and confusing because I don't feel like I was completely aware/didn't think it'd happen to me, etc. But considering my sexual history, I guess I am not surprised given how common it is. Now I guess I see it as my body saying, "Hey! Time to take better care of me!" You will be okay. Think positively and try not to dwell too much on the what ifs.



r/HPV



junegavebirthtome • 42d



LSIL and High Risk HPV but vaccinated

QUESTION

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beef1020 37d



The vaccine is basically 100% effective, far more likely that you have a non-covered type.

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Sir_Integra 37d



Source?

I had the gardasil vaccination before being sexually active as a young teen and tested positive for HPV 16 and 18, and not 16/18 (so multiple strains) earlier this year.



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ro_cutie777 · 37d

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PickinWhoopsieDasies • 1y

Should I be worrying?

I'm a 21 year old female. I had my first pap in September 2017 and everything was perfectly normal. In August of 2018 I had another and it came up as ASCUS HPV+ high risk. My doctor said it should go away on its own and to come back in six months. Last week I had my follow-up appointment, it came back positive again so we scheduled a colposcopy. I had that done yesterday, my doctor said she saw two lesions that were oozing and that they looked like mosaic pieces. She took three biopsies. I'm just really nervous, does needing a biopsy automatically mean the cells are precancerous or cancerous? Has anyone had this happen to them and then been fine/been cleared?

I had the gardasil 4 series when I was 14, my boyfriend has never had the HPV vaccine. My doctor said it's likely I got it from him because he's the only person I've slept with since getting the first positive result, but that there's no way to know for sure.

I've been reading through this sub obsessively since I found out in September but wasn't worried because I thought it would have gone away by now.



r/HPV



Isabella091993 · 55d



High risk HPV positive despite Gardasil

Hello,

I got diagnosed with Cin1 (high risk HPV) despite having received HPV vaccines as a child. My current partner gave me HPV and now I'm waiting on my colposcopy results. If my body gets rid of the HPV, can my partner reinfect me? I haven't seen this question anywhere. Thanks in advance.



hpvlurker · 1y



Me. I got vaccinated before having any sexual contact with men, using the Gardasil 4 strain vaccine, back in 2011 or so.

Now four months ago I got warts, from my ex who I dated earlier this year. Stupidly I thought the vaccine would protect me, plus we always used condoms. I also have the high-risk HPV, also acquired post-vaccine.

Every day I regret sleeping with him, and being stupid enough to have thought the vaccine would do anything useful. I know it protects against some strains of HPV but it's disappointment that it hasn't protected me from either high or low risk.



QwertyWoman1 1y



I got the vaccine years ago when I was in college but still ended up with hpv 18(one of the high risks). I'm still going to get the updated shot. My doctor actually told me the old shot was good for 5 years which means I was somewhat not protected for a few years post. Other doctors say it's good enough for 10-15 years .



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^^ Did you get the shot before or after becoming sexually active (if you don't mind me asking)



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QwertyWoman1 1y



I got the shot years ago when it initially came out , I can't remember which year but I think 2007 ish? I became sexually active about a year after. Every single year I had a pap done and it turned out negative. Until early this year, positive with high risk 18 and another high risk unknown number. When I first had the shot u was told that it covers for 15 years and have been told that from a number of doctors. Until I spoke to some new drs and someone from a research company which said otherwise. And now I'm basically stuck with this my entire life until my body can clear it and if it even does .



r/WomensHealth



throwitawaay789 · 2d



Abnormal pap smear result. Do I have HPV even with vaccine?

Question

My pap smear came back abnormal last year. The doctor called me to let me know but told me we will do another one this year cause it is very common. I believed her and didnt think much until speaking to a different professional about it. They told me abnormal pap smears can mean cervix cancer which comes from HPV.

I'm definitely worried now. **I got my 3 HPV gardisal shots** a year before I slept with someone. Does it seem likely that I have HPV?? I don't think I have any warts or anything..

Also I did sleep with someone with HPV (he definitely had it a few years ago, but wasn't sure if it went away yet or not) but we used protection.



Ash A(15)

Posted %1 month(s) ago

Hi,

I was wondering if anyone could give me some advice or just their own experiences please?

Recently had my first smear and the results have come back as HPV positive and cell changes so been invited in for a colposcopy.

I know basically nothing about HPV except that I had a vaccination when I was about 18.

Since having these results back I've been worried sick can't sleep or eat. Cried myself to sleep most nights with worry.

HPV has made me feel so dirty even though I've never been promiscuous and always practised safe sex. I have always been tested after new partners so I'm baffled how I've got HPV

I'm also super worried about the cell changes as they've said 'high-grade'

18+

sweethoneybuns 4d

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Same thing happened to me. I got the vaccine and recently got diagnosed with HPV 16. Kind of ironic considering HPV was the std I worried about the least because of the vaccine and it's the one I ended up getting. Tbh it makes me want to publicize it to warn other women about the risk of still contracting HPV even after the vaccine but it's also not something I want to be telling everyone. Oh well. We'll get through this 🤔



r/HPV



verypupper95 • 5d



HPV 16 despite gardasil

Yalll I have been as careful as possible. I've known for a year that I had high risk HPV but I figured it wasn't 16 or 18 since I got gardasil before ever having sex. Turns out it IS 16 or 18. Honestly, I think its hilariously ironic. That's how I'm dealing w it. But wondering if anyone else has this experience so we can vent about it/laugh at ourselves together haaaa



r/HPV



reddit914638399201 · 40d



New to diagnosis LGSIL

Hi all- I am new to reddit and am excited to join this subreddit! **I received the Gardasil vaccines** in 2008. In 2018 I had a pap and then a colposcopy. My doctor told me I most likely had LGSIL due to a strain of HPV (I don't know how testing specifically works for HPV but it sounds like she just made an educated guess based on my colposcopy results). She informed me that most strains of HPV clear within 2 years. Early July I had another pap. Results came back with abnormal cells and I had a colposcopy earlier this week with these results: Diagnosis A. Endocervical curettings: Fragment of squamous mucosa with parakeratosis and atypia suggestive of LGSIL, Low-Grade Squamous Intraepithelial Lesion, mild dysplasia

Microscopic Description Sections show a small strip of squamous epithelium with atypical parakeratosis and random nuclear atypia suggestive of LGSIL. No high-grade dysplasia identified. Benign strips of endocervical glandular mucosa is present without dysplasia. HEA:mm

Specimen Received A: ECC



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masterchef417 · 25d



Very worried and very scared and stressed

In spite of having gotten the HPV vaccine, I was diagnosed with HPV back in late 2016 (later found out that I'd actually had it for a year before that, left that doctor over a year ago). I've had 3 colposcopies and one LEEP procedure. I have tested negative since the LEEP, but I've still been getting abnormal Pap tests. Recently, I've noticed some small bumps on my right labia minora (this part of my labia on that side sticks out beyond the outer labia a bit so I thought it might just be irritation from rubbing against my underwear and such). Until the other day they didn't hurt at all. After using some less than quality toilet paper while camping, I noticed that they were a bit tender and one or two were bleeding just a tiny amount. They don't hurt today, two days since they were painful on the camping trip. I don't know if they are from the HPV (warts) or something else. I've tried calling my OB/GYN office, but no one is answering. I'm worried and scared because I don't want the HPV to be back. I've been fighting this shit since 2015 and it's taking a toll on me. I picked up this virus from an ex who sexually assaulted me, and the longer this virus sticks around, the longer I have to relive the trauma and be reminded of it. I need advice. Please help, I'm kinda freaking out. 🙄



r/HPV



a_seeking_advice • 15d



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r/HPV



sweethoneybuns • 12d



Abnormal Pap smear after LEEP. Has this happened to anybody else?

QUESTION

I got an abnormal pap in Dec 2019. I'd had the HPV vaccine when I was younger so I wasn't too worried, right? After getting a colposcopy my results showed CIN-2 & CIN-3 from HPV-16. Wow. Ok. So following that my doctor performed a LEEP. The LEEP biopsy showed clear margins and doc assured me I'd be fine.

Well, I recently got a 6-month follow up Pap smear and it came back abnormal. Now my doctor wants me to go in for a 2nd colposcopy.

I'm trying to remain positive but it's becoming increasingly hard. Every time someone tells me "not to worry, I'll be fine" I get worse news. I guess I'm just trying to hold on to any glimmer of hope but my mind can't help but to go to dark places.

If the LEEP didn't clear it, I'm thinking eventual cancer/hysterectomy/infertility. I feel so low.



r/AskDocs



maniaki3 •

This user has not yet ... • 5d



Moderate to severe cervical dysplasia

26 F, height 1,65, weight 55kg, smoker, lives in Eastern Europe no underlying health condition but having the most important exam of my life coming up and I'm in a lot of stress. Had a Pap smear after 1,5 years. I'm hpv vaccinated and I thought I was always kind of covered in that topics It came out with moderate to severe dysplasia. My ob gyn suggested we perform a colposcopy for further investigation and if needed a leep excision. This kind of surgery can cause permanent damage to your cervix and makes you prone to miscarriages.

The things is I am medical profession myself so I investigated it further and found a regression rate of about 40%. Anyone us any similar experience? Should I wait? I already made some lifestyle changes like quitting smoking and trying to reduce the stress but don't know if that's enough.

Thank you in advance!



r/HPV



nonyabusiness7080 • 7d



Need opinions please ❤️

QUESTION

Some back ground. At 13 & 14 I reviced all 3 Gardasil vaccinations. At 20 I was pregnant and got a pap. Doc said it came back abnormal, but not to worry he would test again after giving birth. 6 weeks postpartum, still abnormal. He then did where they hole punch your cervix. Came back HPV positive high risk but not the two that are most come (I believe 16 & 18?). So he did a pap following year, still abnormal results. He skipped last years and I'm going this year for another. I noticed what may be a GW on my labia, but not entirely sure. How likely is this? I've only had one partner the last 4 years. Never said I was infected with the low risk and I looked back over all the results online and confirmed high risk.

Reviewer: 25-34 Female on Treatment for 2 to less than 5 years (Patient)

Effectiveness	★☆☆☆☆
Ease of Use	★★★☆☆
Satisfaction	★☆☆☆☆

Comment:

Hi, I am a 29 year old woman from Australia. **At age 26 I had the Gardasil vaccine.** A few days after the first shot, I became nauseous and weak to the point I could not even pick up a magazine or hair-dryer. My vision became blurry and I started experiencing a skip in my heartbeat. My doctor said I had a heart condition and it was not related to Gardasil. So I had the second vaccination. My conditions persisted so I refused the third vaccine (even though my doctor insisted that it was not the cause). I did not have a heart condition (as confirmed by a heart surgeon). Therefore, the doctor put my symptoms down to a disease of the heart..but he never really knew what it was. Shortly afterwards a cyst grew on my ovary. **Within a year after the two Gardasil vaccinations, I got a condition called ovarian fibromatosis** (basically a very big ovarian cyst). My doctor thought it was ovarian cancer so I had an emergency operation to remove it. It was not cancer thank goodness and thankfully I did not lose any ovaries (they originally told me I may need a hysterectomy if it was cancer). My doctor doesn't know what caused the cyst, he doesn't know what it was exactly and he doesn't know how to prevent it (I had the best gynecologist surgeon in Australia). It's now 2010. I still feel very tired and I still get very dizzy and experience blurred vision. I'm going back to the doctor shortly to see if the cyst has returned. I don't know if my symptoms were a result of having the Gardasil vaccine, but I was a very fit, happy, healthy, and switched on woman before the vaccine. A week after the vaccine, it all changed... Belinda (Jan 2010)

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Reviewer: RJBURLESON, 19-24 Female on Treatment for 2 to less than 5 years (Patient)

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Comment:
I received my first shot a month before I left for college. My arm was sore, but no major side effects. Then I had my annual pap smear which the last ones I had came back normal, **but this one came back abnormal.** I was shocked. I got my second shot 3 months later and did fine with it. I then went back to my gyno who then redid my pap smear and it still came back abnormal. I'm on my way to get cervical cancer. Needless to say but I did not get the last shot. I believe this shot makes your chances of getting cancer higher not lower. I would not recomend this shot to ANYONE!!!

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Multiple strains of HPV cause cancer, but the prevalence of high-risk strains not covered by current vaccines is unclear. To address this question, Giorgio Bogani, MD, presented a retrospective analysis of a clinical trial with 15,138 patients. Of the 6,373 participants positive for at least one high risk strain, 4,159 (76.5 percent) were positive for strains covered by the nonavalent HPV vaccine, Gardasil 9. HPV strains not covered by Gardasil 9 were found in 2,214 (34.6 percent) of participants; percentages add to over 100 percent, because some participants had multiple HPV infections. Over the course of the 20-year study, strains not covered by vaccines increased in prevalence from 4 percent of the total population to 16 percent. These findings suggest that further development of HPV vaccines to cover additional strains may be necessary to provide protection from HPV-related cancers.

Increase of non-vaccine human papillomavirus types in a group of HPV-vaccinated Mexican women. Evidence of Pathogenic Strain Replacement

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Abstract

High risk HPV infection is the etiological factor of Cervical Cancer (CC) and other types of cancer of epithelial origin. HPV 16 and 18 infections are associated with 70% of CC worldwide. At the present time, there is a vaccine that prevents this infections. In Mexico, the HPV vaccine was introduced in 2009. Even if the current vaccine is effective, some models indicate a possible scenario of Vaccine-induced Pathogen Strain Replacement (VPSR). In this report, we performed the molecular detection of HPV in a group of HPV-vaccinated Mexican women to explore a putative scenario of VPSR. We used biological samples from women who went for their routine Pap. The study included eighteen women older than 18 years of age and HPV-vaccinated. As the number of cases analyzed is relatively small, we supplemented the study with an agent-based direct computer simulation. The outcome of the numerical experiments and the analyzed cases complement each other and show that in three different scenarios, there is an increase in HPV cases approx 10 years after vaccination of the first cohort of women. The prevalence of non-vaccine HPV types increases when compared to prevalence of vaccine HPV types. This result could be interpreted as the phenomenon of Vaccine-induced Pathogenic Strain Replacement.

Keywords: vaccine HPV, non-vaccine HPV, Vaccine-induced Pathogen Strain Replacement, SIR model



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u/SunflowerGoddess95 • 351d

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High risk HPV

So today I got a letter in the mail from my Gyno saying I had an abnormal pap and I'm high risk HPV. Y'all I don't know anything about this except that I got the Gardasil shot when I was 13. They didn't leave any information nothing about another doctors appointment nothing. And I'm kinda pissed about how insensitive they were with this information. I've been crying my eyes out and trying to make sense of all of this. I've looked online and it just made me even more confused. I don't understand what's going on. If I can give it to my boyfriend. What I need to do or anything. Can somebody help me?



r/HPV
u/ancd6543 · 1y

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Had the GARDASIL 4 Vaccine when I was 12 yet I still got genital warts

Hi so I've been in a lot of pain the past 6 months. It all started when I had unprotected sex with my boyfriend for the first time ever (he is also the only guy I've ever been with). I initially got diagnosed with BV but even after getting treated the burn was still there. I got tested for every single STD in the book and everything came back negative. A couple months later I noticed bumps in my vagina so I went to my normal gynecologist and she said they were just normal bumps. However today (a month later) I went to another gynecologist and she diagnosed me with genital warts. She was confused however why the vaccine didn't work on me. Should I get another opinion?? Do I wait for the lab results to make sure it's HPV (does it even come up labs?)?? I'm so upset and sad I don't know what to do.





QwertyWoman1 264d



Same here , I got it as well before I even became sexual active and now I have two high risk strains.

This happened to several ppl I know . I'm still getting the gardasil 9 shot but only to protect myself from other strains but what guarantee do I have that it'll protect me again since it didn't before



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<https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gardasil>

I got the shots when i was 14 and a virgin. I'm now 26 and have a high risk strain of hpv. I wish i had not gotten the vaccine at all due to the risks associated with it, and the fact that it did nothing to protect me in the end.

My gyno told me that unless you're a virgin marrying a virgin, you will probably get HPV in your life. So nbd lol but thought I'd share this little known info

Sat, 06/04/2019 - 08:46

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kebeth80

I received the Gardasil vaccine 14 years ago. Normal Pap smears for a short time after that. Then abnormal smears started with HPV-16 positive. All follow up colposcopy failed to turn up anything. Most recent smear showed Endocervical cell abnormalities. Colposcopy and endometrial biopsy (AWFUL!!) did not show anything. Another abnormal smear HPV-16 positive and followed by a top hat LEEP. LEEP showed ENDOCERVICAL ADENOCARCINOMA IN SITU. Next up I'm going in for a cone biopsy. Ugh.

"Sounds like you did everything you could to protect yourself, but..."

August 14, 2013 6:39 PM [Subscribe](#)

Looking for information after receiving positive HPV screening result, several years after Gardasil vaccine.

I recently received the results from my annual exam and was told that while my pap smear was normal, I tested positive for HPV (either strain 16 or 18 -- "it wasn't clear, but we can test again, if you want"). The clinic's recommendation was to get another test in 12 months, which is fine with me, and please note that my access to health care is limited and that seeking out a second opinion is not really possible for me.

Now, in 2007, I received the Gardasil vaccine, after being tested for "high-risk" HPV and coming up negative. At first, I felt angry, because I spent all that money (\$575 out of pocket!) getting those incredibly painful shots, apparently all for nothing. Then I read [this](#), which mentioned that false positives are a point of contention with HPV screening recommendations, and that rate range from 5 to 15%. I have been in a long term relationship for a few years now with a (male) partner who, like me, has had no (known) history with STDs, up to this point.

"My story started when I was 18. I received the Gardasil vaccine. Then I tested positive for HPV. I was first diagnosed with cervical cancer Stage 2 when I was 25. Fought a short fight & was in remission. It came back 5 months later Stage 3b. I fought long and hard with this one. Was diagnosed with Stage 1a breast cancer when I was 29. I fought and won. I had a pap to make sure I was still in remission when I was 31. A tumor was found. We scheduled a time to have it removed. My body decided it wanted it out on its own time. I had an emergency surgery to have it removed. This is when I had a PET scan. The pet scan showed 3 spots on my bones (pelvis, ankle, and right hip bone). We did a bone biopsy. Those spots came back with cervical cells. I was diagnosed with Stage 4B cervical cancer.

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Colposcopy Questions...? - @NikkiG9388 - Cervical cancer and HPV - 20190423



NikkiG9388

April 23, 2019 at 12:03 pm • 2 Replies

Okay, so this may be long and I apologize...

I had my pap smear last week Monday, got a call the next day saying that I have BV (Bacterial Vaginosis) and got put on a vaginal antibiotic for 5 days. On Thursday, I got a call from the nurse saying that my pap results were "Atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance (ASC-US) Shift in flora suggestive of bacterial vaginosis" and tested positive/abnormal for HPV High Risk MRNA. I had Gardasil 4 back in like, 2009/2010 before I turned 18, but after I was already sexually active. I have a colposcopy tomorrow at 1pm and I am so nervous.

I'm not sure what questions to ask the doctor doing my colposcopy tomorrow. It isn't my regular doctor as she doesn't do colposcopies and biopsies.

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Eliminated HPV31, HPV16 persists with normal colposcopies - Cervical cancer and HPV



galatea777

March 6, 2017 at 2:32 pm • 3 Replies

Hi all,

I have been reading posts in this site for a while, and thought about posting my own story in order to get more specific feedback.

I first got an abnormal smear test about 3 years ago, showing ASCUS. Following this result I had a colposcopy and pap and resulted low grade epithelial dysplasia (L-SIL) and positive for HPV31 and 16. Very surprised, because I am vaccinated with GARDASIL (although seems like I was already contaminated when I got the vaccine). Following my doctors advice, we decided to keep an expectant approach, as this kind of dysplasia is generally reversed by the own body, and didnt want to

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mes1992

October 17, 2016 at 8:42 am

• In Reply To [7411870](#) By [100900](#)

You are a star. Thank you.

Definitely helped me calm down a little. I've tried to do some googling but only just today stumbled across this side.

Just one last question:

- Do you know how long hpv high risk has to be in your body before it starts to develop abnormal cells in cervix?

I'm sorry if you have to repeat yourself - I'm just a bit stressed out as I have been vaccinated and was expecting it to come back all clear. I know gardasil only "covers" 4 stains, but was still a bit of a shock.

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Recurring LGSIL/CIN I over a period of 6 years - @test0915 - Cervical cancer and HPV - 20150125



test0915

January 25, 2015 at 1:05 pm • 10 Replies

Hello everyone,

I had my first abnormal pap LGSIL in 2009 with corresponding CIN I from colposcopy, HR HPV negative. I was vaccinated with Gardasil. In 2012, my pap was ASCUS, then 6 months later the same year negative. In 2013, pap was ASCUS with benign colposcopy. Last year, in 2014, pap was LGSIL with hrHPV negative and with corresponding CIN I from colposcopy and negative ECC. My doctor mentioned I could do treatment with cryo or LEEP. I decided to wait and redo the pap in 6 months. I plan to take AHCC for three months before retesting. I am married so I have not changed partners over this time period.

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ago, I found out I had chlamydia from one of his dalliances, which was cured with an antibiotic.

Fast forward to now. My husband (again, same partner as I had at the age of 22) has HPV positive throat cancer. They did not tell us the strain but told us to assume it was 16. He has had surgery, and is undergoing the standard chemo/radation treatments. He is about to start week 5.

The country we live in is not very proactive about screening, etc. Due to this, I recently went to the UK to a private clinic to get myself tested for HPV in the cervix, anus and throat. Unfortunately, the tests came back positive for HPV 58 in the cervix and anus, and HPV 67 in the cervix. These strains are not covered by the Gardasil vaccine. I had anal and cervical paps and they both came back normal, thankfully. The throat swab was also negative for HPV (although they only really swabbed my mouth and tongue).

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HPV 58 and 67 in cervix and anus, husband has throat cancer - Cervical cancer and HPV



Worried_and_scared

February 25, 2018 at 3:07 pm • 4 Replies

Hi all,

I am a 52 year old woman. At the age of 22, I was diagnosed with CIN3 and had a cone biopsy. They didn't tell me what HPV strain I had. I had had only one sexual partner, which was my boyfriend at the time, now my husband, so I got the HPV from him. Ever since then I have had normal Pap smears but I have not had any regular HPV testing so I do not know if I ever had active HPV infections. I did have one HPV test about 6 years ago, which came back negative, and at that time, given I was in a (supposedly) long-term monogamous relationship, I was recommend to get the Gardasil vaccine as a precautionary measure, which I did. Unfortunately, there was some infidelity on my husband's part within the last 3-4 years (that I know of), and 2 years ago, I found out I had chlamydia from one of his

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HPV DIAGNOSIS - Cervical cancer and HPV



nagrom11

September 18, 2018 at 1:25 am • 2 Replies

About a month ago, I noticed a small bump on the outside of my vagina and me being me, I made an appointment for the very next day. My doctor examined the bump and told me that it was genital warts. I couldn't explain to you what sadness I felt. My chest felt like there was a knot the size of a baseball. I was so confused because at the age of 12, I got my Gardasil vaccines, which is supposed to prevent 90% of genital warts (I'm 21 now). Guess I'm that unlucky 10%. Awesome. I was also confused because I've been with the same person for about 9 months now and I was reading that genital warts typically show up within 1-3 months, although I know they can appear later. My doctor prescribed me Aldara, which after doing some research, I was a little nervous about. I've been using it since August 1st and the initial bump is gone, but I've gotten about 4 new ones. Feeling a little discouraged. Took



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FantasticCress4911 · 1h



Girlfriend tested positive for high-risk HPV, any advice?

Hi there. My girlfriend of two years just turned 21 and had her first pap smear. Her HPV-PCR test came back positive for one of the high-risk strains that is not 16/18, and she was already at risk for cervical cancer previous to these results. **She was definitely vaccinated,** and I think I was.



Caz17

2 posts since 3 Jul 2020

Cervical ectropion

3 Jul 2020 13:30 in response to **Casey123**

Hello,

I just wanted to share my experience. When I was 25 (now 27) I went for my first smear which came back HPV positive and severe abnormal cells. (I had the HPV vaccine at college which I thought was strange?). I was referred to colposcopy and had the LLETZ procedure there and then as I had CIN3. This was a really scary time for me as it happened after my first ever smear and I had no idea anything was wrong. 6 months later I went back for a check up and it came back saying no HPV and low grade cells which should go away on their own so I would go back to smears every 3 years.

This was in October 2018 and ever since I have been back to the GP twice with bleeding after sex. When I went back following LLETZ it was painful and she said my cervix bleeds on contact. I worry myself a lot thinking the worst but

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exhaustedstudent 12 13h3m

I had Gardasil and still ended up with CINIII high grade precancerous lesions that I had removed in 2016, and after I got over the confusion and self blame (I must've done something wrong, how could this happen!) I found out that it's not that uncommon a scenario. I'm always pressing women to stay on top of their smears and pay attention to any changes in your body/follow up with your dr/gynae, because the best action for prevention at this time is still smear screenings! I do worry about the generations coming up thinking they will be fine and not taking their smears seriously, especially since they stupidly marketed the vaccine as being a "cervical cancer vaccine" which it is not, and people are quite unaware of the nature of the virus it provides some protection against. Just as we have seen many other STD rates increase amongst young adults with the sense of security that birth control provides (I cannot believe how many people have sex outside relationships without condoms!) we need to keep pressing the importance of gynaecological screeners and check ups.

Congratulations on beating cervical cancer, OP! It's such an awkward medical situation as well, not easy to talk about publicly and can feel very isolating. You did good! 🍷



r/WomensHealth
u/mangogirl3 • 4d

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HPV vaccine

Hello I need some advice and if anyone has had a similar experience. I recently had a pap smear and the results came back that **I had abnormal with atypical squamous cells**. My doctor told me this is normal and could either be from HPV I have had in the past or from the yeast infection I had at the time. She recommended I get the HPV vaccine. **I already got the HPV3 3 part vaccine when I was 10.** They recommended I get Gardasil. I'm wondering if I need to get the Gardasil 9 if I already got the other HPV vaccine when I was younger? Also has anyone also had their test results come back abnormal? Is this something I should be worried about? What are the next steps? Thank you



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u/lentilsoup95 • 7h

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Is it possible for hpv vaccine not to work?

I was diagnosed with hr hpv at 24. I had the vaccine when it was first rolled out in schools in 2008, long before I became sexually active.

Is there any possibility that the vaccine could have just not worked in my body? I'm in the uk so I have no clue what strain I have or if it's 16/18.

My nurse, before I got surgery for cin3, actually said this to me, but I'm not sure if she said this because it is a genuine possibility or if she was trying to communicate that it's near impossible for me to have 16/18.



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crayshesay5d



Had HPV Vaccine, but still got HPV---

I had the gardasil HPV vaccine when I was 25(now 35.)

I just got a call from doc and she said I have high risk HPV & an abnormal pap(High-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion)

Would appreciate any insight, stories, thoughts, or advice..

My fiancée and I started talking about having babies, and this is slightly terrifying



andanotherone



Jan 31, 2020 at 9:09 PM

As a teenager my best friend got the shots. I refused them because of all the unknowns. She just found out she has hpv.



Posted by u/CharacterAdeptness34 2 days ago



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Just got results



Hi! I'm 21 years old and just found out I have LSIL and am HPV positive for non 16/18. I have the Gardasil 9 vaccine and have no symptoms besides the abnormal Pap smear. But I am a college student and tend to be quite sexually active. What does this mean for future sex partners and past ones? Does this mean I have to stop having sex all together and do I need to disclose. Before I got my results I had a drunken one night stand with a guy and now I'm feeling incredibly guilty about it- do I tell him or is it normal for sexually actively college students to go through this kind of thing. I routinely get tested for all other STDs and am always negative but this was not something I knew I had to look out for until my pap. Just looking for some reassurance and advice. Thank you advance

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Posted by u/THROWRAhambingbong Not a Verified Medical Professional 14 days ago



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HPV positive pap, Gardasil as a tween. F24



Other

This morning I got my results back from my Pap smear and it was positive for HPV. I'm not sure what type, or if they could even determine that from the Pap smear. I was vaccinated around age 12 with Gardasil, should I still be worried about getting cervical cancer? Where do I go from here? What is the treatment for HPV? I'm feeling very anxious and scared about this and any help is appreciated

Posted by u/LeaintheNight 15 days ago



HPV Positive and Nervous

Hi, all! I just found this subreddit and want to introduce myself a bit.

I (29F) have had Pap smears for a while now, and every one came back normal. This time was different. Not only did I have the ASC-US diagnosis, the doctor also found HPV in them. **I am negative for 16 and 18 but positive for the other high risk strains.** From what I was told, the prognosis of this should be fine after my colposcopy. However, I'm still nervous about it all. I have looked into this a bit. I'm afraid that researching it more will hype up my nerves and anxiety.

Thank you for reading this, and I hope to have a support system here as well.

I am aware that most infections clear themselves within a year or two, but still anxious about it all.

Edit: I want to add that **I was vaccinated for HPV as a teenager.**

Posted by u/throwRA131313131313 22 days ago



Just tested positive for HPV and I don't know how to proceed, any advice would be appreciated

I [F31] just received news that during my annual Pap smear they also tested for HPV, and unfortunately I tested positive for a high risk strain. I was vaccinated so it's one of the high risk strains that the vaccine doesn't cover. I didn't even know that was a thing.

The plan moving forward is I get tested again in a year and if it's negative then great, my immune system beat it! But if it's still there, I have to start getting screened for cervical cancer every 6 months. I have an eating disorder so my immune system isn't as strong as it should be so I'm terrified.

Now this year was the year I really wanted to start focusing on dating seriously. But now I feel like that's all crashing down because sleeping with me means I could pass on a virus that CAUSES CANCER. I obviously can't just lie and not tell anyone. Is my dating life completely over? I regret my casual phase so much, even if I used condoms it obviously didn't fucking work.

And do I tell my past partners? Apparently there is no test for men, so there would be no way for them to confirm, what would be the point except to worry them? But is that wrong? I have no idea.

I feel like my life, or the life I wanted, is over.

I know the eating disorder has to STOP and I need to build my immune system so it doesn't develop into cancer.

Does anyone have any experience with HPV? I need help. Please.

Edit: my doctor also didn't tell me what strain it was, she said it wasn't important what strain but that it was high risk. Is it true that it's not important? Thank you.

Edit2: this was the first time I was ever tested for HPV, even though I requested a full STI panel last year. Is that common? My doctor told me that they only test for HPV in women after 30 if there have been no symptoms. It just bothers me that I can't know WHEN I was infected even though I was trying my best to cover my bases by getting STI panels done.

Posted by u/StreamlinedBolo 1 month ago



Need to get this off my chest...

Hi. I'm a 23M and I was diagnosed with HPV this year (there are tests for men in my country). Funny enough, I didn't even know that such a virus exists before I've engaged in sexual contacts with my ex (first time). It turned out that she had HR HPV and had to have a LEEP some time into our relationship. She wasn't aware which type of HPV that was.

I've refrained from sex after we split, because I wasn't in a mood for it. After 8 months, I've discovered that I have small genital warts. I went to a doctor and got tested. **I have HR HPV 53** and two less common low risk strains -- all **not covered by the Gardasil-9 vaccine.**

Honestly, I feel a bit like a biological bomb. I can't really imagine having sex in this state, especially that I haven't planned to enter a long term relationship any time soon. I'm not planning on covering this up, so right now I packing myself full of supplements that are supposed to boost the immune system according to some publications. Also planning on taking the vaccine, because a doctor told me that there is research showing that it can help with existing infections, even with the strains that are not covered.

Just hope I will get rid of this shit, because I don't think any girl would be willing to hook up with me, and definitely not for something short term.

Posted by u/Lil_oso_ 1 month ago



vaccinee I

Took the vaccine as a teen and still warts what's the essence of taking a vaccine if you can still get infected by this piece of shit disease

FUCK HPV !!!!!



[deleted] · 1 mo. ago

look **i had gardasil and i still have HPV** but not the strains that cause warts. so in my mind, gardasil is trash as **I still have HPV 16 and 18**

Posted by u/AffectionateTouch711 26 days ago



Hpv high risk positive after one partner

I had 3 gardasil doses when I was 11 years old. Had only one partner, always used condom and I have hpv high risk positive.. Feel miserable since I tried my best to be careful all the time. What should I do first? Should my partner get gardasil now?

Posted by u/rattlesnakefrog 2 months ago



Tested E6/E7 positive despite Gardasil 4 vaccine

I don't understand why I just tested positive for strand 6 when the Gardasil 4 vaccine I recieved as a teen covers 6, 11, 16, and 18?

I've scheduled a Colposcopy for early next year, hopefully that can tell them something.

Posted by u/pepperscikiz 3 months ago



22F Diagnosed with high-risk HPV

Hi everyone, just got diagnosed with Type 33 HPV. My doctor talked me through the steps and told me she will schedule a colposcopy. I read that it isn't advised to test women under 25. I suppose because it is common and it usually clears on its own? The reason I got tested at all was that I had bleeds happening after sex, turns out they weren't related at all. I also was vaccinated against 4 types of HPV, received my last shot of Gardasil 4 this April. I am worried and just trying to understand if it isn't recommended to test women under 25, why am I getting a colposcopy? My smear test was clear as I was told. I guess it is better to know but I am also getting really worried.

HPV positive/advice needed

Cervical screening results



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Hi!

Im coming here for some advice, ive had my forst smear im 27 and its come back positive for HPV and to go back in 12 months.

Now I'm just confused how i can settle my mind for the next year that everything will be okay? I had my hpv vaccination and dont understand why ive got it, im stressed ive got to deal with the un known for a year is there any other tests i can request sooner than that, perhpas in 6 months? Im a single parent of a 5 and 3 year old and just want to know some answers as im alone with them and cant help but sit and think tbe worst now... Thankyou, sorry for the long post, just stressing 😞



Hpv positive but no sexual contact for years

Cervical screening results

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Mv123456

Oct '22

Im nearly 28 and finally went for my cervical screening (very late i know) i want expecting anything but i got back a positive for HPV with no abnormalities. How is this even possible when i have had no kind of sexual contact since i was 18. There has been no long term contact of any kind. No holding hands no kissing no hugging (im not a lover of physical contact) i know it can stay dormant for a while but that seems abit of a long dormancy and surely it would have caused some damage if it was a longterm infection? Is there any other way i could have contacted it? Everything i have read says its sexual contact or long term skin to skin only and im driving myself wild (anxiety disorder) i cannot think about anything ither then how i have contracted HPV i was vaccinated when i was in school so thought that should have offered at least some protection aswell.

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telling my ex partner about HPV pre-cancer

Cervical screening results

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Elly9

Aug '22

I have been diagnosed with HPV and abnormal cells change, severe dyskaryosis pre-cancer in late May 2022.

I had no clue I had HPV, as my last routine smear test was 3 years ago and came back normal.

In this 3 years' period I have only had sex with 2 people, which means I was very unlucky, but hey, that's life, right?

The first person is my (now) ex-boyfriend, with whom I broke up in 2020 after finding out he had been cheating on me for ages with several people. He did give me e-coli at that time, but I did not check myself for HPV (I only did the STI home test) and just waited for the NHS routine smear test which happened 3 years after that, mostly **because I have the HPV vaccine so I thought I would be safe.**

The second person I had sex with (I'll call him Jake for the sake of privacy), which I have been seeing from July 2021 until March 2022. So yes, we broke up a few months before I found out about my HPV situation.

The thing is, for the whole time we have been seeing each others, Jake was in a relationship with somebody else. They have been together for many years and they are still together. They are not an open couple, so she has no clue he was seeing someone else.

I know there is no cure for HPV in general but... **I know I have HPV 16-18** which causes cervical cancer. The NHS didn't really explain to me if this strain is easier to transmit than others, or if it's less likely that your body can easily get rid of it. **I got it despite having the vaccine,** and Jake and I sometimes were not using condoms during sex.

I am wondering, if I warn her now, and she doesn't wait years to get her routine smear test like I did, if she gets it diagnosed at an earlier stage when the HPV is still low / medium, is there any way for her to prevent it from reaching a pre-cancer stage?

Am I worrying too much? Jake and I are actually very close friends, and I have been wrestling about telling him or not about this. I care about him but I also don't want to invade his privacy, or making him worry for something if not strictly necessary.

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Tinkerbelle29

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Hi @Ely9

I'm also one of the unlucky ones that had the vaccine and still caught HPV16 lol may i just ask, were you a virgin at the time of your smear 3 years ago? If no, having a negative smear doesnt mean you didnt have HPV at that time it just means it could be dormant so a test wouldnt pick it up and you can still catch it even if condoms are used it can be spread just by sexual contact, we dont actually know who we got the virus from (even if we have been cheated on) unless we have only had sex/sexual contact with one person then thats usually a given lol but its assumed that we catch it within the first year of being sexually active thats why the vaccines are offered to school kids before we start to explore lol

HPV isnt an STD that you need to tell people about its a personal choice, 80% of the population has or has had the virus at some point and theres 100s of strains with around 19+ being linked to CC so its alot more likely they both already have it despite your positive test... the only difference between the strains that have been known to cause it, they arnt more contagious, less likely to 'clear' or thats its more cancerous, its just that when they tested thousands of CC tumours a particular strain was found to be the cause, 16&18 being found in most of them which is why theyre at the top of the list

If there was a way that you can stop the HPV from potentially causing a precancer stage we would all be doing it haha its no guarentee but we just try to boost our immune systems the best we can to try to make the virus dormant again, HPV doesnt really come in a low medium then high stage its either active or it isnt... not everyone who has HPV will definitely get a cancer diagnosis in their lifetime alot of us can live with it without it doing any harm, its still a big unanswered question in the medical community as to why some get cancer from it where as some dont, there just isnt anything that stands out

Its really your personal choice if you tell him but you dont have to, he cant get tested as there is no test for men and if her smear isnt due anytime soon she would have to go private as even if she could convince her GP to do one the lab will likely reject the sample when its not due...

Hope this helps x

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Tinkerbelle29

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Yeah i had a similar situation on my end, friends heard of my situation and flocked to their GPs lol 08 vaccines at school my first jul17 smear normal, 3 year later, HPV borderline changes kick in the teeth since i hadnt had sex since before the clear smear total disbelief lol 12 month later bam CIN3 possible invasion which was another kick in the teeth lol luckily just precancer was confirmed so the screening program is definitely one of the best preventative measures, but its surprising how many dont keep up with it or how many have never been, i think its the lack of widespread info out there on HPV and CC, im 29 so i can remember the jade goody effect which still kind of influenced me to go even though i thought i was safe with the vaccine

That may be the best approach, to contact him so he can atleast maybe push her to go for her routine smear but other than that i dont think theres much else, theres nothing much she can do since its a eeny meeny miny mo kind of game lol it can be delicate though, its not the most comfortable convos to have to begin with lol but there is still a stigma around HPV since they slot it in the STD category plus the lack of info out there lol x

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CIN3 25 years old

Treatment for cell changes (abnormal cells)

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S257

Jul '22

Hi, looking for some support or advice from anyone who can relate or has been through something similar.

long story short I had my first smear in March (I'm 25) which came back HPV low grade changes. Colposcopy was done they said looked very mild so thought nothing of it. Was told not to worry. **Came back CIN3.** Was told to wait 6 months for repeat colposcopy to see if it regresses. Got 2nd opinion privately he agreed with the approach given my age and risk of pregnancy complications (he said 10% increase in risk of late miscarriage or prem birth rising to 20% if repeat treatment needed). Was told not to worry. I really want nothing more than to have children in the next couple of years and the thought of this being potentially affected or causing me anxiety throughout pregnancy is heartbreaking. Im so scared the results could come back after the lletz as even worse and actual cervical cancer and worried what that would mean for my health & fertility. I am a wreck.

Monday I got a call from NHS colposcopy clinic bookings team saying to come in for treatment - no other info as to why. I said I was advised to wait. I have done a lot of research and the treatment doesn't sound pleasant, and given the side effects relating to pregnancy, fertility, loss of sexual sensation etc (I've seen a few stories about people even having permanent mood & creativity changes if the nerves are severed) every single time I think about having the treatment and the thought of the big chunk of me being removed I break down into tears.

I was hoping to avoid it if I can and attempt to live healthy in the hope of regression in 6 months. I am at a complete loss feel totally ill informed. Essentially impossible to speak to a doctor or nurse at NHS colposcopy clinic. I have another appointment on the phone with my private doc next week. The letter the NHS have finally sent re treatment said to refer to the enclosed leaflet which they failed to include in the envelope! It feels like a joke.

to make matters worse I've got 2 groin lumps which I noticed around 2 years ago which never went. Saw GP was told probably from shaving (even though they're really deep and movable like glands) so now convinced myself it's not CIN3 it's cervical cancer that's spread to my lymph nodes. I haven't even been sexually active for 10 years so not sure how it's got so severe so soon. **And I did have the HPV vaccine age 13.** Basically losing my mind any advice would be really appreciated. This is my 2nd cancer health scare in less than a year the other was a bad bowel polyp which again I'm super young to have so I'm starting to fear there's something wrong with my body and things like this will just keep on happening.



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louise28

Jul '22

Hello, I am also 25 years old, and **had the HPV vaccine at high school. I was found to have high grade changes in my smear.** I went to my colposcopy and had biopsys, she sat me down at the start and said she would only have a look that day and take biopsys because of my age she didn't want to do treatment if she didn't have to.

After having a look she said I would most likely need treatment and my biopsy confirmed CIN 3. I have just had my LLETZ today.

There are percentages on this site <https://www.jostrust.org.uk/information/abnormal-cells/about-cell-change> that there is a 32-47% chance it would regress and a 32-40% chance it would progress. For me I didn't want to take any chances and decided to have the treatment and I didn't think they even monitored for CIN 3.

For me possible side effects around pregnancy were not worth the risk of cancer.

With the lumps as with all lumps you find definitely get them checked out by the doctor.

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HPV 18 positive but vaccinated 10 years ago- normal smear

Cervical screening (smear test)



lfg

Apr '18

I had the vaccine at 23 but have tested positive for HPV 18. I am very worried because this means I have had it for at least ten years. Have any women had this happen, had a normal smear, gotten further testing then they've found something?



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SAAB10

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Pea sized lump on inner labia

2 Feb 2021 22:49 in response to CRUK Nurse Martin

Hi, I know this is an old post.

But just to say that I had the HPV vaccine as a teenager, then at my first smear at age 24, I had severe abnormal cells on my cervix, and needed them removed.

So just because you've had the vaccine, don't think you can't have cervical changes.

Thanks

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Caz17

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Cervical ectropion

3 Jul 2020 13:30 in response to [Casey123](#)

Hello,

I just wanted to share my experience. When I was 25 (now 27) I went for my first smear which came back HPV positive and severe abnormal cells. (I had the HPV vaccine at college which I thought was strange?). I was referred to colposcopy and had the LLETZ procedure there and then as I had CIN3. This was a really scary time for me as it happened after my first ever smear and I had no idea anything was wrong. 6 months later I went back for a check up and it came back saying no HPV and low grade cells which should go away on their own so I would go back to smears every 3 years.

This was in October 2018 and ever since I have been back to the GP twice with bleeding after sex. When I went back following LLETZ it was painful and she said my cervix bleeds on contact. I worry myself a lot thinking the worst but then I'm sure things can't progress that quickly if I had treatment? If anyone has any advice I'd really appreciate it as I don't have anyone to talk to about this

thank you x



Lab09

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Referred for colposcopy and painful sex

9 May 2021 01:55

Hey, I'm new to this here and just wondering if anyone has been a similar situation to me. I'm 24 and was diagnosed with endometriosis in 2019 due to bleeding after sex and painful sex. Most was removed and it isn't as extreme as most people, however I still have painful sex. Despite explaining my issues to the gynaecologist, they just don't seem interested.

I have recently just had my first smear test and the results have come back as HPV positive and abnormal cells, so I have been referred for a colposcopy. I'm really concerned that this could be cervical cancer and would explain the painful sex.

I had the HPV vaccine at school so really concerned how it's come back positive. My auntie also had cervical cancer at a young age, is it hereditary?

Any help would be greatly appreciated!

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Gardasil 9 & still got HR HPV



Milo-Em

May 13, 2022 • 8:03 AM (edited May 13)



Hi Everyone,

First off, I want to say that I am finding some kind of relief from finding this platform and reading all your stories.

The insomnia has been eating away at me for a couple of days now. I am still trying to get over the initial shock of my ASCUS Pap smear + HR HPV (non 16/18/11/6).

So I got vaccinated (Gardasil 9) 5 years ago when I was 30 years old after an initial scare with HPV that turned out to be a false alarm. I had received a negative HR HPV test before getting the shot (which I spent \$1K for in Canada).

So like an idiot, I thought I was safe from contracting a high risk type of the virus, hearing how effective it is against cervical cell changes caused by HPV. But no one warns you that you can still get infected with other high risk types, not covered by the vaccine. Turns out those types are almost as common as the others!!

I am already on the supplement path, and have only been diagnosed a week ago. Also cutting down on alcohol and vaping. I feel like I am losing my mind & taking all this stuff:



Lisa_cat

Jan 25, 2022 • 5:00 PM (edited Jan 26)



HPV16 Diagnosis

Hi,

I'm a 36yr old woman, ex athlete, fit & healthy. I've been in a monogynous relationship for 14yrs. 14months ago I was diagnosed with HPV16 with no evidence of lesions but endocervical component was present. I had no symptoms, my periods are like clockwork. I had not had a cervical screening for 15 years before that. The Australian Gov introduced free vaccination in 2007 for women under 25 to have the HPV Gardasil vaccine which protects against HPV 16&18 and two other types of HPV. I went and had the HPV vaccination in 2007. I thought I was protected. So you can imagine my surprise/shock when I found out my results late 2020. My Gp referred me to a Gyno/Oncologist to perform a colposcopy & biopsy. The procedure took about 10 minutes. Lucky for me it didnt hurt during the procedure, but I did have mild soreness, cramps a couple of days after. The Gyno/Oncologist said she would call and email me my results of the biopsy. The biopsy came back clear no malignancy. She told me to get screened again in a years time.

I had a follow up cervical screening 2weeks ago, my results showed HPV16 still present and possible HSIL(High grade squamous Intraepithelial Lesion present). The Gp has referred me to the Gyno/Oncologist for a second colposcopy & biopsy. I am scared if I have to have treatment to remove the abnormal cells that it may hinder my ability to conceive naturally and I was hoping to start a family this year. So this has been a big blow to me.



sdawn22

Jun 14, 2021 • 12:02 PM



I had the vaccine in my teens before I was sexually active and still got a high risk hpv, not 16 or 18 thankfully but still a high risk that's not gone away and has developed into a high grade dysplasia.

She could be one of the lucky ones and not get it but it is always better to be safe than sorry ya know? You obviously love and care about her, just have her schedule a Pap smear and get checked out to be on the safe side! No harm is getting checked!

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I was tested positive for HPV, but I got the Gardasil vaccine in high school

32F, So I just got a call from my OBGYN today giving me the results from my PAP smear I had a few weeks ago. She said the strain is non cancerous at this time even though certain ones can cause cervical cancer. The 16/18 high risk was the one that was detected. That was surprising to me. She didn't seemed concerned and just told me to practice healthy living and make sure I get my yearly annual exam and Pap next year. That is a relief, but I just think it is odd because I received all three doses of the Gardasil vaccine in high school. Maybe I am misunderstanding the indication of the vaccine and it is just to protect against the cancerous strains....has this happened to anyone else? Im just confused and slightly nervous.

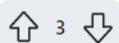


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Hpv positive with cell changes

Hi I've had a smear and been told I'm hpv positive with small cell changes and so will have to have a colposcopy im very worried and thinking all sorts as you can imagine... anyone that has had these before what the procedure is? I am based in the UK and I had all my HPV jabs as well?? I'm worried it could be cancer



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I got the gardasil 9 vaccine and I still tested positive for high risk HPV

Does that mean the strain I have is different than the 9 covered by the vaccine, or is it still possible I have hpv 16 or 18 or one of the other strains covered by the vaccine? I'm most worried about 16 and 18, so if it's most likely I don't have those strains it would ease my mind a lot.



HPV positive but had Vaccines

I had my "cervical cancer" HPV jabs done when I was at high school . I left when I was 16. Now turned 25 I have had my smear test completed which has returned high risk HPV and abnormal cells...

Has anyone else had this and been okay?

My letter from the NHS states that 6/10 people will be found to need treatment to remove abnormal cells to reduce the risk of cervical cancer in the future. Will this have any affect on my fertility?

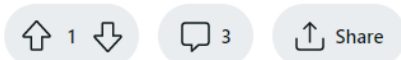
I'm wondering if I couldn't bare child due to HPV....as I had a miscarriage 4 years ago and am not sure when I've contracted HPV

Any advice or reassurance welcomed!



HPV Positive

I am 24 years old and have had my first smear test. The results came through yesterday positive HPV. I have been with the same partner for the last 7 years and have had no symptoms. I had my HPV vaccination 5 months prior to having the smear, could this have an effect on the results?



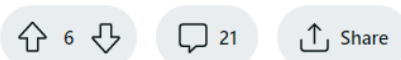
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High risk HPV positive despite Gardasil

Hello,

I got diagnosed with Cin1 (high risk HPV) despite having received HPV vaccines as a child. My current partner gave me HPV and now I'm waiting on my colposcopy results. If my body gets rid of the HPV, can my partner reinfect me? I haven't seen this question anywhere. Thanks in advance.



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Tested positive for HPV 16 and 18 after 3rd dose of Gardasil

So here is some medical history. I have tried to talk to my dr about these issues, and he didn't really answer my questions and said he would research it or something.

In March I had an ASCUS with canadia pap smear result with no HPV.

Many years ago around 2007 I had received 2 doses of the Gardasil vaccine, I would have been 20-21.

In June i went to PCP that suggested I finish the last dose of Garadasil.

In September I got another pap and the result was (ASC-US) and now I tested positive for HPV 16 & 18 the ones covered by the Gardasil shot. I did have sexual activity after I received the last dose I think around 3 weeks.

My question is how could I have HPV 16 & 18 with the shot? Is it from the shot? The whole thing just seems weird to me. Of course I googled this and it says its impossible. But I know that when you get a vaccine they do inject you with a portion of the virus.

Does anyone have experience with this or heard of this before? I know you arent fully immune until you get the last shot, but wouldn't I have some protection against those strands?

Thank you.

Hpv but have gardasil shot?



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wallettime • 1 yr. ago

Yes, I have HPV 16 and 18 and have been vaccinated with all three HPV vaccines



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Acceptable_Shop2709 • 1 yr. ago

A lot of my friends have HPV and we all have the gardasil shot... anyone else ?



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HPV 16 despite gardasil

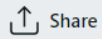
Yalll I have been as careful as possible. I've known for a year that I had high risk HPV but I figured it wasn't 16 or 18 since I got gardasil before ever having sex. Turns out it IS 16 or 18. Honestly, I think its hilariously ironic. That's how I'm dealing w it. But wondering if anyone else has this experience so we can vent about it/laugh at ourselves together haaaa



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sweethoneybuns • 3 yr. ago

Same thing happened to me. **I got the vaccine and recently got diagnosed with HPV 16.** Kind of ironic considering HPV was the std I worried about the least because of the vaccine and it's the one I ended up getting. Tbh it makes me want to publicize it to warn other women about the risk of still contracting HPV even after the vaccine but it's also not something I want to be telling everyone. Oh well. We'll get through this



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yzmathegoat • 3 yr. ago

I'm going through a very similar situation. **I got the vaccine but got hand warts, foot warts, multiple high risk strains and now genital warts.** Screw that vaccine



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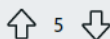
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I received the Gardasil vaccine before I was sexually active and still got HPV...

I received the vaccine before I ever even thought about having sex. **Still got HPV strains 16 and 18,** just my luck. I have to get a pap every 6 months. This has been for the past 7 years or so, always same results. Even after LEEP and cervical cryotherapy, I still test positive for HPV and abnormal cervical cells. I've never had warts but I do have multiple cysts on my cervix, 13 last time I got an internal ultrasound

Anyone else get the vaccine and still got HPV?



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For those looking for hope like I was



K krooney1 Sep 15, 2021 at 12:29 PM

*****1.5 years post lletz update:*****

I had another follow up colposcopy and Pap smear. No hpv and no abnormal cells found. I will have another Pap smear in one year just for some extra peace of mind.

*****6 months post lletz update: *****

I had a colposcopy and Pap smear to make sure the cells haven't returned and to see if I am still hpv positive. The cells have not returned and I tested negative! I go back in 1 year to re-test. If I don't have hpv and no abnormal cells, I don't need to test again for 5 years.

Just thought I'd share my story as I know I spent many hours looking for advice online during my pregnancy in hope to relieve my anxiety regarding HPV.

In November 2019 I had an abnormal Pap smear, positive for HPV but no CIN, I was told to come back in one year for re testing. November 2020, I had a Pap smear, followed by a colposcopy as I still had HPV, but also CIN 3 this time. I went from no CIN, to CIN 3 in one year. I was booked in for a LEEP procedure a week later. At the hospital I was getting set up to have the procedure done and found out I was 6 weeks pregnant, they couldn't go ahead with the procedure as it's not safe during pregnancy.

I had the perfect pregnancy, only positive symptoms, so HPV only caused me anxiety, nothing else. At 20 weeks my gynaecologist wanted to do a colposcopy with no biopsy this time to make sure the CIN 3 hadn't progressed further, it didn't as it's a very slow growing disease. I gave birth at 41 weeks to a very healthy baby boy. For those wondering, HPV does not affect the baby during delivery, only very rarely when the mother may have genital warts and the baby passes through the birth canal. Again, rare. HPV also doesn't affect mothers during birth and any blood loss you experience post partum is not related to HPV.

6 weeks post partum, I finally had the leep procedure done, which was last week. I only had local anaesthetic, the procedure itself wasn't bad at all, but keep in mind I gave birth 6 weeks ago, had a very quick and intense 7 hour labour with 3rd degree tearing, so not much will hurt after that 😊

Come today, the biopsy results from my leep show clear margins and no sign of cancer. I now go back in 6 months for a follow up Pap smear.

For those wondering, there is no found cure for HPV, it's something our immune system fights off. HPV can lie dormant for years, it can also disappear and then return. To give you an idea, I've only had sex with my husband (he has had previous sexual partners), I live a very healthy lifestyle, I'm plant based and very active, I also had the HPV vaccines in high school, and still got CIN 3, so it's not preventable unless you just never have sex once in your life 🙄 That being said, I strongly believe that maintaining a healthy lifestyle will support your body to fight infections and maintain a healthy immune system, I do think although not proven in this case, food can be your medicine.


For those reading this anxiously looking for answers, you're not alone. It's devastating for anyone dealing with HPV because it's a silent virus with no symptoms. I spent the last 10 months extremely worried that during my pregnancy it would progress, in some ways I didn't enjoy my pregnancy to the fullest because of this. I am so grateful for my son, he changed my life for the better and every day is a privilege with him.

I wish you all good health and I hope we all continue to get through this ❤️



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Normal pap hpv positive 16,18

 nsgelg22 Apr 6, 2022 at 1:35 PM

My first pap was 2019 (I'm a slacker) everything was negative. I had one a couple weeks ago and the dr called saying the pap was normal but **I am positive for hpv 16 and 18.** I am just in shock and disbelief I have been with only one partner and for 15 years. He was only with one other girl right before me. **I also had the vaccine as a teenager.** I can't stop crying. I don't think he was unfaithful, I just don't see when he would have had time. Any thoughts would be appreciated.



high risk hpv

New discussion



kmelton811
member
December 2016

I was informed by my Doctor today that **I have high risk HPV.** I have to go in next week for a colposcopy to rule out cancer. Has anyone else experienced this while being pregnant? **I'm 28 years old and have never had an abnormal pap plus I got the gardasil vaccine when I was 17.** So I was very shocked by this. Thanks in advance!

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Lardidar
Feb 28, 2021


lozzapalozza said: 

Thank you! I hope so too. Question: if you had a HPV vaccine in school does that mean you won't get it?

I had all three vaccines in school and still got HPV. Discovered on my latest smear, but not my first smear weirdly.



Jessica12xx
Mar 1, 2021

lozzapalozza said: 

Thank you! I hope so too. Question: if you had a HPV vaccine in school does that mean you won't get it?

No **I had my hpv vaccines in school and I'm currently awaiting biopsy results as I was hpv positive and abnormal cells,** I did think...but I had the jabs!?!

HPV

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Twospaniels · 15/12/2019 16:15

Daughter was one of the first batch of schoolgirls to get the HPV vaccination. Now she's 25 she's just had her first smear test and it's come back with positive for HPV and some other cell changes. She has to go for a colposcopy at the hospital and is very worried.

Two other women she knows her age have come back with HPV positive but have to have the smear done again in a few months time. Not called for a colposcopy. One of them said her nurse said they have a lot of first time smears come back with HPV in women who had the vaccination.

Anyone know why this would be?

Daughter is worried, but we read the leaflets and I think all should be ok, but obviously it's good to get it checked out.

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To ask how I got HPV? 25 replies

AitchPeeVee · 28/03/2023 09:00

NC'd

I recently got my smear results and I'm HPV positive and have abnormal cells. This has thrown me for a bit of a loop because I'm fully vaccinated against HPV and have only been having sex with DH. I just don't know how I've managed to contract HPV.

Google says, other than sex, HPV can be contracted through "intimate skin-to-skin contact". Does anyone know what this actually means? I haven't had what I would consider "intimate" contact. I've briefly touched people like my mother, sister etc but not for more than a couple of seconds and no where other than the face/hands/arms. Could I have contracted HPV this way? I don't think I've touched anyone who isn't in a long term, monogamous relationship.

The only contact I'd think is "intimate" is having DD last year - but presumably I couldn't have contracted HPV from there.

Could anyone clarify?

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mollyoppy · 28/03/2023 09:48

Last time I had a smear, the nurse commented she was seeing lots of HPV positives in vaccinated women.

Although it's blasphemy to question the efficacy or safety of any vaccine...

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27-06-21, 14:50 #1

AnxietySufferer
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HPV positive and low grade abnormal cells

Hi.

I recently had a smear test come back as HPV high risk positive and low grade abnormal cells. This was my first smear test and I was vaccinated in school so it was a bit of a shock 😞

My letter says that I will get a referral for a hospital appointment (Coloscopy). My health anxiety keeps making me freak out that the smear test was wrong and that the abnormal cells are actually high grade, or that they have progressed to high grade in the 2 months since my smear (silly i know they are slow growing). But I feel I wont be able to relax until I have been checked over which can take up to 8 weeks.

My mum actually had high grade cells removed when she was just 21, she then also had a 2nd lot removed. So, it is freaking me out a bit that this hasn't been picked up until I am 25. Feeling angry that I have been told not to worry because I have been vaccinated and that is why the age was made higher, yet I have still got a high risk strain that has caused abnormal cells.

I know this is common and cervical cancer is the most preventable cancer. But I don't know how to stop convincing myself its a death sentence. Also because I am such an anxious person I know this is not good for the immune system. I am gonna give up alcohol and keen taking my vitamins but I don't know how to stop freaking out about it.

Any advice much appreciated.

Also as a health anxiety sufferer... cannot help freaking out about other HPV related cancers. Anal, throat, vulva etc even tho i know these are very rare in my age group and cervical cancer is the most common HPV related cancer, I always convince myself i will be the exception to 'most'.

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I got the vaccine, but still am high risk like you. I had a colposcopy that came back highly abnormal, but I have to wait till after the birth to do anything. I'm worried... hoping my results will be positive like yours. Good luck.

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Confused hpv 16

yogirl Aug 10, 2013

Hi! I'll try to make my story short. I am a 24 yo female who got Gardasil in 2007 before I became sexually active. In 2010 I was fingered roughly by a guy and since then I have been experiencing vaginal irritation. Shortly after that I suffered from depression and lost my virginity in the process. I know there's really no point in trying to know who gave hpv to whom, but I was wondering if you think it's possible to get it from being fingered since the symptoms started to show up after that encounter. I got checked by a lot of doctors and all kind of stis tests and after more than two years I finally found a gyn who noticed a small warty rash around my vaginal entrance, he took a biopsy and the results came back positive for hpv 16. I'm now going to get another pap to see if my cervix is still ok.

My other questions are:

1. Since the vaccine hasn't protected me from getting infected, can it help me clear the infection faster?
 2. I now have a boyfriend who is a virgin, but has performed oral sex in me. We've been together for a while, haven't had intercourse yet and he is aware of my situation. Should I tell him to see a doctor to check if he has any signs of hpv?
 3. If treated and with regular paps what are the odds of getting cancer from this?
 4. Also, am I going to be able to have babies? I really want to have kids and I'm scared that because of this they'll get something from me if I don't have a c-section.
 5. My doctor also told me that since I used to swim every day until I was 15 I could have gotten it from a pool or some humid surface. Is there any study that can prove this? Guilt is getting the worst out of me.
- Please help me.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

I got the HPV shot and still got cervical cancer from HPV. I was told so much false information but was young and didnt know any better. I was told I would never have kids, underwent surgeries and treatments. Now I have 2 amazing boys who I was told will never happen.



got the vaccine and still got HPV now I get to have a biopsy 😞

4:40 PM · Mar 16, 2021



r/AskDocs
u/simple862 · 2h

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23F - LSIL Abnormal Pap

gender: female height: 5'8 weight: 130 non smoker / no current medical issues / not taking any medications, just vitamins

Hello. I got my first Pap smear in 2021 and it was flagged for **abnormal cells** relating to LSIL (encompassing HPV). I got a follow up PAP in 2022 and it was normal. I just got my yearly pap done last week and got a call from my doctor saying it was flagged for LSIL (again). I didn't realize it could come and go, and now I'm freaking out. My doctor assured me it was common/fine, and because I'm under 25 they will just continue to monitor each year.

Of course when you look this up online the word "cancer" is everywhere. **I know I got the HPV vaccine**, I wear condoms if I'm sexually active and I'm not a smoker. Is there anything else I can do to fight off this LSIL? Or any helpful data to give me peace of mind about this abnormality? My mind is spiraling right now and seeing as I can't do anything until I get another pap in a year.



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ImaniJane
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I still got HPV with both vaccines.... Not downplaying COVID at all... Both my sisters and my ma got it at one point

7:43 AM - 19 Dec 2021





r/HPV

by Obvious-Bear2584 • 6 hr. ago



HR HPV but normal pap, cervical lesions

Hi there. I'm 32, and my last three paps have been normal but tested positive for HR HPV (not 16 or 18). I was vaccinated with gard. Since this is my third year testing positive for HPV, I was referred for a colposcopy. I've had the same partner for nearly 8 years, so I know I've had HPV for at least that long. my clinic doesn't test for it until you're 30.

Since my paps had always been normal, I wasn't too nervous about my colposcopy- which was done one week ago. To my surprise, the obgyn had to biopsy three different areas. All the worry has flooded in. I'm still waiting for results and am feeling quite anxious. I already deal with health anxiety (ever since I was a kid), and had a run of health issues over the last few years that has left me especially prone to jump back into this anxious state. It's debilitating at times. (And of course my therapist is out on vacation this week :|) I have pcos/hormonal imbalances and some blood sugar issues, so I'm concerned my immune system is not fully equipped to handle this HPV before things take an ugly turn.

Have others experienced a similar situation? I'm trying to find hope in the fact that my paps have always been "normal," but knowing I've had HR HPV for at least 8 years + finding some lesions is starting to mess with me.

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u/katvonnd May 04 '22

I had type 16 for 2 years before it cleared. It really isn't something to stress over. Most people will be clear it in time. At one stage mine got to CIN 3 and 6 months later it was gone. Don't beat yourself up. I got all of the vaccinations when I was 15 and didn't have sex until I was 19, and I still got hpv.



Kimberly

2 March, 2023

Call me crazy but when I was a teenager this vaccine was fairly new and since then infertility is becoming sadly more and more common.

I got the shot back then because my pediatrician bullied me to and the 3rd shot made me so sick that I had to pull over to throw up. and had a migraine for days. My pediatrician wouldn't admit it was a side effect from the shot. Years later, got HPV and it was the variant it was suppose to "protect me" for. That being said, no one should ever be forced to put something into their body they don't feel comfortable with. No shot is guarantee. And no I'm not an anti vaxxer. I'm an anti don't tell me what I should put into my body or into my children's body.

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Dave

1 March, 2023

stay away from that stuff, my sister still got HPV. its just as useless as the covid shot

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r/HPV
u/keko515 · 1h

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Tested positive despite vaccination.

I'm in my 30s and my OBGYN called me today to let me know I tested positive for High risk strains 16 and 18. I had the vaccine in high school before I was sexually active. So much for the vaccine preventing infection. It has a high percentage of preventing infection but clearly I just suck. Now I get to have a colposcopy next month. I was negative back in 2017 when I was last tested and I've had the same partner for the last 6 years (met partner after the negative test). Oh and today is our wedding anniversary so that was fun telling my husband I have an STD and that he probably has it too. Yay.

"Just in our friend group alone there's four girls that didn't know and one girl actually has cancer as well as me. So two HPV and two cancers out of four girls that are in the 24-26 age range is scary. When we all think about getting the HPV vaccine in Grade 8 and that's supposed to cover us," said Brantnall.

Every year, about 750 women in Ontario will get cervical cancer and 160 people will die from it. Lakeridge Health says getting screened regularly is vital because it can detect abnormal cells that could become cancerous.



u/mementox

January 4 2013, 01:38:08 UTC

I had the vaccine but I still got HPV and had grade 3 cervical dysplasia that had to be removed with the LEEP procedure. Lemme tell you, watching smoke come out of your vag... that's an experience.

Moral of the story, suck it up and get annual Pap smears!

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kelle017
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 PrimRoseMama:

I am so sorry you are dealing with HPV. I don't have personal experience with it, but I understand that it can clear up on its own (certain strains). Have you had repeat testing to see if it is still present?

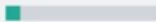
I had an abnormal pap in April 2010, had the colposcopy right after that and it was positive for HPV. Because it was so early on (another reason to get regular paps) and my doctor said it could clear up on its own they weren't worried. I had a pap done at the end of that year that was normal, and another last year that was normal so it can clear it's self up.

If your still nervous have another pap done, but if your doctor isn't worried I wouldn't be.

ETA: I did have the vaccination in HS. DH has been the only person I have had sex with and we didn't start that until I was 22. And I still got HPV.

Allie · July 29, 2018

For Human Papillomavirus Prophylaxis "I received the shots of a course over a year when I was 14. I still ended up getting HPV actually one of the strains it's supposed to prevent. I had a pre cancerous cell frozen off my cervix at 18. I've heard nothing but bad things about this. Luckily being young my HPV went away on its on. I'm pro vax but this is one vaccine i will not let my kids get. People do your research and by research I mean look at multiple sources and reviews."

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Ohbotherpiglet · 03/02/2022 13:35

Last time I had one it really hurt and I had blood in my underwear afterwards. I didn't tell her it hurt at the time because I wanted to get it over with but as a sexual assault survivor I found it really upsetting.

I have wondered about the usefulness of a smear like @poshme says. I have had the same partner for a decade now and had 3 smear tests in that time all hpv negative. I understand that HPV can be dormant but can it really be dormant so long? I asked the nurse last time if it would be worth me paying to get vaccinated against hpv (just old enough to have not got it in school). And she told me she'd seen lots of women who had been vaccinated but still got HPV so she didn't see the point in the vaccine which was a bit concerning coming from a nurse!

For those asking, my understanding is that if you test positive for HPV then they will do additional tests on your sample for abnormal cells. So if you get a smear rather than home tests that's the difference. We used to test for abnormal cells in every sample but it gave to many false positives.

I didn't know you could test for HPV at home though. I might just do that going forward and then book a smear if I ever test positive

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[↑](#) [↓](#) I took the vaccine at 14/15 years old and now I'm 22 (7/8 years ago) and the hybrid capture test detected high-risk HPV. However, I don't have any lesions.


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For Human Papillomavirus Prophylaxis **"I got this vaccine at age 12 and had all 3.** I'm now in my early 20's. **I unfortunately still ended up contracting the virus and it was one of the strains it was meant to prevent.** I have experienced several issues with frequent UTI's, yeast infections and vaginal dryness. I was put on hormone replacement medication as doctors believe I was experiencing peri-menopause at age 20. I have had all vaccines you could possibly get as a child, never missed one. However, this particular vaccine I wish I had got more education and understanding of the side effects before they injected me. If I knew what I know now, I wouldn't have ever got this vaccine. I also have chronic back pain which was formally diagnosed at 14. At age 18 I was on arthritis medication. The cause is still "unknown". I'm frustrated. A person young and healthy in their 20's should not have this many health problems."

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 **I got all three gardasil when I was a 19 year old virgin. I just was tested for HPV for the first time at 30 and also just had my first abnormal pap. Results are high risk HPV (not sure which type) and CIN 3 or severe cervical dysplasia. I am going in on Friday to be put to sleep and have part of my cervix removed and biopsied to check for cancer. I do not feel that the vaccine protected me at all and I actually developed POTS right after finishing the set of three vaccines. If I could go back and undo getting the shots I would in a heartbeat. My sister developed POTS after getting the vaccine too and she also regrets it.** My other sisters who did not get the vaccine did not develop POTS.

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