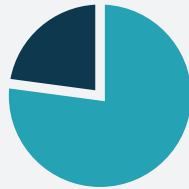


Most Undergraduate Women Have Received the HPV Vaccine: Have You?

SICCAN asked university students in Canada about the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. Here is what 822 undergraduate women told us:

How many women have been vaccinated?

77% said they **HAD** received the HPV vaccine
23% said they had **NOT** received the HPV vaccine



Vaccinated Women's Top Reasons for Getting the HPV Vaccine:



81%
The HPV vaccine was offered at my school



28%
To reduce my risk of certain types of cancer



34%
My parents wanted me to

Unvaccinated Women's Top Reasons for Not Getting the HPV Vaccine:



24%
I'm not currently sexually active



22%
I'm in a steady relationship



14%
The HPV vaccine isn't necessary for me



14%
My parents did not want me to

Did You Know?



HPV is the **most common** sexually transmitted infection.



The HPV vaccine will protect you against the most common types of HPV that cause cancer and genital warts.



It is recommended that **all girls and women** aged 9-26 years get the HPV vaccine. Women older than 26 can also benefit from the HPV vaccine³.



HPV causes **91%** of cervical cancers¹. It can also cause vaginal, throat, vulvar, and anal cancers, as well as genital warts.



Cervical cancer rates among young women have **DECLINED** since the introduction of the HPV vaccine².



Most cases of HPV have no symptoms. People in "steady" relationships may have active HPV infections acquired **BEFORE** entering their current relationship. HPV can be passed from one person to another even when the person with the infection has no symptoms.

Talk to your doctor, pharmacist, or nurse about how to get the HPV vaccine.

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