



STAY PROTECTED FROM CERVICAL CANCER

1) What is Cervical Cancer?

- Cervical cancer arises from abnormal growth of cells that starts in the cervix. (Cervix is the lower part of uterus that connects to the vagina / Birth canal).
- Prolonged Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) infection is known to cause Cervical Cancer.
- Cervical cancer is one such unique condition which can be prevented by vaccination against HPV.



2) Is Cervical Cancer Preventable?

- Absolutely Yes. Cervical cancer is highly preventable and even highly curable if detected early.
- Nearly all cervical cancers can be prevented by vaccination against Human Papilloma virus (HPV).

3) Do I need to get a Pap Smear?

- Pap smear test is performed to look for cancer cells in cervix even before a person notices any symptoms / discomfort.
- It thus helps in early detection of cancer.
- Sexually active women are at a risk for contacting HPV infection.
- It is recommended for all sexually active women from time of first intercourse to 65 years age to get tested for Pap smear once in 3 years.

4) Where can I get a Pap smear test?

- A Gynecologist usually examines the patient and obtains the sample for Pap smear testing.
- It can be easily done in an outpatient clinic.

5) What is cervical cancer Vaccine? / HPV Vaccine?

- Human papilloma virus (HPV) types 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, 58 can cause cancer.
- A vaccine that protects against all these viruses is HPV Vaccine.

6) Who should get a HPV vaccine?

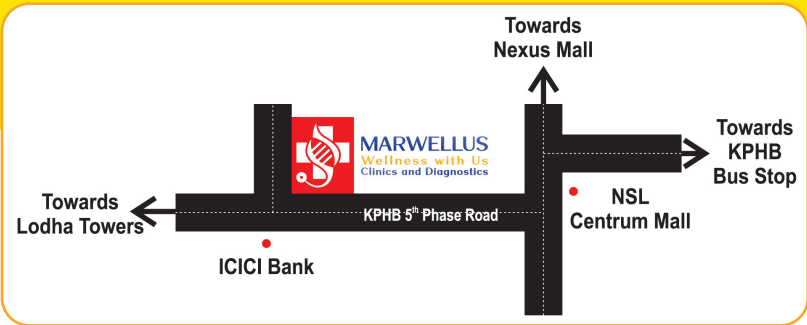
- All girls 9 - 14 years- 2 doses 6 months apart
- 15-45 years girls and women- 3 doses at 0, 2 and 6 months.
- 9-14 years boys- 2 doses 6 months apart.

7) Do boys also need to get a HPV Vaccine?

- Yes, The current HPV vaccine holds a promise for boys (9-14 years) in prevention of HPV virus related genital warts.

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