WIAAP Works to Improve HPV Vaccination Rates

Wisconsin and Illinois Chapters to Partner on MOC IV Project
AAP Grant to Fund Quality Improvement Credit for HPV Vaccination in 2018

The Wisconsin and Illinois chapters will collaborate to provide free Maintenance of Certification Part IV and CME to participants a quality improvement activity around improved HPV vaccination rates in 2018. This innovative project is funded through a Quality Improvement grant from the AAP.

Watch for enrollment details in the coming months!

2017 HPV Vaccine Summits
WIAAP, Partners Reprise Popular Events in Green Bay and Eau Claire

More than 130 people gathered in October in Green Bay and Eau Claire for the Wisconsin HPV Vaccine Summits to learn how to increase HPV vaccination rates across Wisconsin, following previous events in 2014 and 2016.

HPV can cause head and neck, cervical, vaginal, vulvar, anal, and penile cancers. But in Wisconsin only 38 percent of boys and less than 54 percent of girls ages 13-17 have completed full two-dose HPV vaccination series.

The Summits included education about vaccine safety and efficacy data, the link between HPV and cancer risks, inspiring survivor testimonials, strategies for improving immunization rates and success stories from state and local partners.

"Engaging HPV vaccine champions across Wisconsin is critical to increasing HPV immunization rates," said speaker Dr. Raj Naik, pediatrician at Gundersen Health in La Crosse.

Did you miss the Summits? You can view the presentations and other useful resources shared with Summit attendees: http://bit.ly/2AMR5fr.

The HPV Vaccine Summits were made possible by a dedicated team of organizers, sponsors, and speakers, and were presented by the WIAAP, WI Dept. of Public Health’s Immunization Program, the Scenic Rivers Area Health Education Center, and the WI Comprehensive Cancer Control Program.

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Talking to Parents about HPV Vaccine

Recommend HPV vaccination in the **same way** and on the **same day** as all adolescent vaccines. You can say, *"Now that your son is 11, he is due for vaccinations today to help protect him from meningitis, HPV cancers, and pertussis."* Remind parents of the follow-up shots their child will need and ask them to make appointments before they leave.

- **Why does my child need HPV vaccine?**
  - HPV vaccine is important because it prevents infections that can cause cancer. That’s why we need to start the shot series today.

- **What diseases are caused by HPV?**
  - Some HPV infections can cause cancer—like cancer of the cervix or in the back of the throat—but we can protect your child from these cancers in the future by getting the first HPV shot today.

- **Is my child really at risk for HPV?**
  - HPV is a very common infection in women and men that can cause cancer. Starting the vaccine series today will help protect your child from the cancers and diseases caused by HPV.

- **How do you know the vaccine works?**
  - Studies continue to prove HPV vaccination works extremely well, decreasing the number of infections and HPV precancers in young people since it has been available.

- **Why do they need HPV vaccine at such a young age?**
  - Like all vaccines, we want to give HPV vaccine earlier rather than later. If you wait, your child may need three shots instead of two.

- **I’m worried about the safety of HPV vaccine. Do you think it’s safe?**
  - Yes, HPV vaccination is very safe. Like any medication, vaccines can cause side effects, including pain, swelling, or redness where the shot was given. That’s normal for HPV vaccine too and should go away in a day or two. Sometimes kids faint after they get shots and they could be injured if they fall from fainting. We’ll protect your child by having them stay seated after the shot.

- **I’m worried my child will think that getting this vaccine makes it OK to have sex.**
  - Studies tell us that getting HPV vaccine doesn’t make kids more likely to start having sex. I recommend we give your child her first HPV shot today.

- **Why do boys need HPV vaccine?**
  - HPV vaccination can help prevent future infection that can lead to cancers of the penis, anus, and back of the throat in men.

- **Can HPV vaccine cause infertility in my child?**
  - There is no known link between HPV vaccination and the inability to have children in the future. However, women who develop an HPV precancer or cancer could require treatment that would limit their ability to have children.

- **What vaccines are actually required?**
  - I strongly recommend each of these vaccines and so do experts at the CDC and major medical organizations. School entry requirements are developed for public health and safety, but don’t always reflect the most current medical recommendations for your child’s health.

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