

# Demystifying the human papillomavirus vaccine

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Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted infection, with an 84.6% lifetime risk among women with at least 1 opposite sex partner and 91.3% for men (1). HPV transmission occurs through direct skin-to-skin contact during sexual activity. Most HPV infections clear up on their own, but some persist leading to a chronic infection that can cause cancer, especially cervical cancer, but also head and neck squamous



In some countries such as Australia, Brazil, Colombia, Denmark and Japan, episodes of

