

## VACCINE REPORT

Focus on Gardasil™: the cervical cancer vaccine

**MYTH:** Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is dangerous.

**FACT:** HPV is usually harmless.

Nearly all adults carry HPV in their bodies and in almost all instances HPV is harmless. It causes no symptoms and is naturally eliminated from the body. No treatment is needed (i.e., it is self-limiting).

For example, out of 200 women with HPV, 199 will be unaffected – their bodies will clear the virus with no symptoms. That 200<sup>th</sup> woman will develop cervical cancer in a few decades but only if other factors are involved such as malnutrition, repeated exposure to toxins, extended use of oral contraceptives, smoking, exposure to harmful chemicals and multiple sex partners. Christiane Northrup, M.D. emphasizes this: “Remember, it is not HPV per se that causes the cancer. It’s the immune system’s inability to fight the virus that is the issue. The rapid, widespread, and unquestioning acceptance of the HPV vaccine as “the answer” to cervical cancer prevention speaks volumes about our cultural misunderstanding of the root causes of health and disease.”

[[www.ghchealth.com/forum/viewtopic.php?p=2956&sid=4d0011c7833b2ab04facfer23fd6b4db](http://www.ghchealth.com/forum/viewtopic.php?p=2956&sid=4d0011c7833b2ab04facfer23fd6b4db)]

Although it is true that a woman with cervical cancer may also have an HPV infection, there is no proof HPV caused her cancer. Cancer cells are more susceptible to infection than normal cells and the HPV could merely be an indicator (rather than the cause) of abnormal cell growth.

[Duesberg PH and Schwartz JR. Latent viruses and mutated oncogenes: no evidence for pathogenicity. *Progress in Nucleic Acid Research and Molecular Biology*. 1992;43:135-204.]

**MYTH:** Gardasil™ is a cervical cancer vaccine.

**FACT:** Gardasil™ was developed to prevent a limited number of HPV infections.

Gardasil™ was developed to prevent 4 out of 127 types of HP (Human Papillomavirus) virus (HPV) infections yet it is advertised as an anti-cervical cancer vaccine.

[[www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/news/2006/new01385.html](http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/news/2006/new01385.html)]

**MYTH:** HPV causes cervical cancer.

**FACT:** There is no proof that HPV causes cervical cancer.

Although the shot is given to “prevent” cervical cancer caused by HPV, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) clearly states that there is no proof HPV is the cause of cervical cancer.

[Most [HPV] infections are short-lived and not associated with cervical cancer... *FDA News*. P03-26, March 31, 2003.]

**MYTH:** Cervical cancer rates are on the rise, affecting many women.

**FACT:** Cervical cancer has been in decline for years with no vaccine.

Cervical cancer declined by 74% from 1955 to 1992 without any vaccine. Cervical cancer is in fact relatively rare in the U.S., accounting for 0.7% of cancer diagnoses and death. Additionally, according to the American Cancer Society, cervical cancer declined an additional 17% between 1998 and 2002.

**MYTH:** Gardasil™ is an effective vaccine against cervical cancer.

**FACT:** Gardasil™ is ineffective in preventing cervical cancer and may actually cause cervical cancer.

The uselessness of this vaccine was reported in a study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, “No significant evidence of a vaccine therapeutic effect was observed ... it is unlikely that vaccination could have a significant beneficial impact on rate of lesion progression. There is little, if any, therapeutic benefit from the vaccine in the population we studied.”

[Hildesheim A, Herrero R, Wacholder S. Effect of Human Papillomavirus 16/18 L1 virus-like particle vaccine among young women with preexisting infection. *JAMA*. 2007;298(7):743-753.]

While there is no evidence that Gardasil™ prevents cervical cancer, the FDA reports that there is evidence that the vaccine can cause a harmless HPV infection to become precancerous, increasing the chances of developing precancerous lesions by 44.6%!

[FDA VRBPAC Background Document: Gardasil™HPV Quadrivalent Vaccine. May 18, 2006. [www.fda.gov/ohrt/dockets/ac/06/briefing/2006-4222B3.pdf](http://www.fda.gov/ohrt/dockets/ac/06/briefing/2006-4222B3.pdf)]

**MYTH: Gardasil™ is thoroughly tested for safety.**

**FACT: Gardasil™ has not been thoroughly tested for safety.**

Merck's package insert (page 8) says: "Gardasil™ has not been evaluated for the potential to cause carcinogenicity (cancer) or genotoxicity (gene mutation)." In addition, Gardasil™ has not been tested for its ability to cause sterility.

Barbara Loe Fisher of the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) asks: "How many girls will develop fertility or reproductive problems, cancer or damage to their genes, all of which Merck admits in its product insert that it has not studied at all? We just don't know enough to be mandating Gardasil™ for anyone, much less vulnerable 11 to 12-year-old girls entering puberty." [www.nvic.org]

This view is echoed by none other than Diane M. Harper, M.D., a chief developer of the Gardasil™ vaccine. She calls mandating the vaccine for 11-year-old girls "a great big public health experiment." [www.kpcnews.com/articles2007/03/14/online\_features/hpv\_vaccine/hpv01.txt]

She also said, "The vaccine has not been out long enough for us to ... understand what all of the potential side effects are going to be."

[FWdailynews.com]

**MYTH: Gardasil™ is safe.**

**FACT: Gardasil™ is dangerous.**

Gardasil™ is touted as being safe despite the fact that 102 serious adverse events including 17 deaths were reported in the clinical trials. Researchers dismissed most of these events as "unrelated" to the vaccine. However, since the vaccine was released many adverse reactions have been reported:

- Approximately 9,700 adverse events were reported as of July 22, 2008.
- While most were not life-threatening, they included genital warts, paralysis, blood clots, Bell's Palsy, Guillain-Barre Syndrome and seizures as well as 20 deaths. Of the 20 deaths, 11 occurred within a week after vaccination and 7 occurred within two days. Blood clotting was the cause in one-fourth of all deaths. One girl died from inflammation of the heart, one from arrhythmia and one from meningitis. An 11-year-old died from anaphylactic reaction and a 17-year-old girl died the very day she was vaccinated.

[www.whale.to/vaccine/yaers\_gardasil.html]

[www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSN2231596120080722?feedType=RSS&feedName=healthNews&sp=true]

Reports from the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) include:

- 14-year-old female. Received vaccine, took 6 steps, fell to the ground, 60 sec grand mal seizure. Foaming at mouth. ID: 305259-1
- Female vaccinated with Gardasil. Experienced coma and is now paralyzed. Outcome unknown. ID: 303188-1
- 20-year-old female. 01-APR-2008 vaccinated with Gardasil....Died four days later. ID: 310262-1

And:

- A 12-year-old girl lost all feeling in her leg and collapsed two weeks after receiving Gardasil. She needs braces and a walker to get around. She was diagnosed with Acute Demyelinating Encephalomyelitis (ADEM), a condition characterized by inflammation of the brain and associated with the vaccination.

[www.firstcoastnews.com/news/local/news-article.aspx?storyid=95517]

### Other adverse reactions

Other reported reactions include pain and swelling at injection site, fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle pain, gastroenteritis, appendicitis, pelvic inflammatory disease, asthma, bronchospasm, juvenile arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and lupus.

Also, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, myalgia/paresthesia, loss of consciousness, sudden collapse, chest pain, heart irregularities, kidney failure, eye disorders, fainting, paralysis, Bell's Palsy, (facial paralysis), seizures, convulsion, joint pain, rashes, itching, hives, depression, fatigue, menstrual irregularities, reproductive

system complications, HPV, genital warts, vaginal lesions and many other serious health problems have been reported after Gardasil™ vaccination.

The National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) Health Policy Analyst, Vicky Debold, R.N., Ph.D., reports: "Young girls are experiencing severe headaches, dizziness, temporary loss of vision, slurred speech, fainting, seizures, muscle weakness, tingling and numbness in the hands and feet and joint pain. Some of the girls have lost consciousness during what appears to be seizures."

Diane M. Harper, M.D. told *Medscape Oncology*, "Serious neurologic, thromboembolic, and autoimmune complications have been reported in patients who received human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines.... The side effects that have been reported are real and they cannot be brushed aside."

[[www.medscape.com/viewarticle/578110](http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/578110) Medscape (July 26, 2008).]

Gardasil may be one of the most dangerous vaccines in general use today. A February 2009 report, by the U.S. government's Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System, states that Gardasil had at least 15 times as many stroke reports and up to 30 times more health problems when compared with Menactra (meningococcal) vaccine.

[NVIC Vaccine Risk Report. February 9, 2009.]

### **Spontaneous abortion and fetal abnormalities after Gardasil™ vaccination**

Thirty-three out of seventy-seven pregnant women who received the vaccine experienced side effects that included spontaneous abortion and fetal abnormalities. The Gardasil™ package insert states that, "If you are pregnant or planning to get pregnant, you should not receive this vaccine."

[Gardasil adverse events include deaths, seizures, judicial watch says. *FDAnews Drug Daily Bulletin*. Oct. 11, 2007;4(200). [vaclib.org/news/2006/Judicial-Watch-Report.htm](http://vaclib.org/news/2006/Judicial-Watch-Report.htm)]

**MYTH: Medical doctors always report vaccine injuries.**

**FACT: Medical doctors rarely report vaccine injuries.**

Underreporting is estimated at between 90-99%. This means that for every 100 people who are hurt by a vaccine, only one to ten are reported to the government

agency collecting this information (even though it is required by law). The real number of vaccine injuries from Gardasil™ (and other vaccines) is surely many, many times the number reported (9,700 Gardasil™ adverse reactions as of July 22, 2008).

[Statement of the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC), Hearing of the House Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, "Compensating Vaccine Injuries: Are Reforms Needed?" September 28, 1999.]

[Kessler DA. Introducing MEDWatch: a new approach to reporting medication and device adverse effects and product problems. *Journal of the American Medical Association*. 2 June 1993;269(21):2765-2768.]

**MYTH: The ingredients in Gardasil™ are safe.**

**FACT: The ingredients in Gardasil™ are dangerous and life-threatening.**

In addition to viri, Gardasil™ contains 225 mcg of aluminum, a neurotoxin (kills nerve cells) that can enter the brain. It can cause inflammation at the injection site leading to chronic joint and muscle pain and fatigue. Aluminum has also been associated with Alzheimer's and cancer. Gardasil™ also contains L-histidine, polysorbate 80 (linked to infertility in mice) and sodium borate – boric acid – an insecticide and anti-fungal banned in the U.S. as a food additive and toxic to all cells.

[[Tuberoze.com](http://Tuberoze.com)]

[[vaclib.org/links/a.htm#alum](http://vaclib.org/links/a.htm#alum)]

[[www.nvic.org/doctors\\_corner/lawrence\\_palevsky\\_aluminum\\_and\\_vaccine\\_ingredients.htm](http://www.nvic.org/doctors_corner/lawrence_palevsky_aluminum_and_vaccine_ingredients.htm)]

[[www.vran.org/vaccines/polio/vaccine-pol.htm](http://www.vran.org/vaccines/polio/vaccine-pol.htm)]

[*Food Chem Toxicol*. 1993;31(3):183-190. Institute of Preventive and Clinical Medicine, Limbova, Bratislava.]

**MYTH: The HPV will not mutate or change as a result of Gardasil™.**

**FACT: The HPV may mutate or change as a result of Gardasil™.**

By attacking only 4 out of 127 viri in a family we may create an ecological niche that causes other subtypes to flourish.

This has already occurred with the Prevnar™ and HiB (meningitis) vaccines, which are given to children. The number of infections from all members of those families of microorganisms is unchanged or may have actually increased.

We are already seeing this with Gardasil™. In one study a relatively large number of women who did

not develop precancerous lesions from the viri strain in the Gardasil™ vaccine developed precancerous lesions from other HPV strains not associated with the vaccine.

In 78 separate cases of girls vaccinated with Gardasil™, patients experienced an outbreak of warts in the groin and genital area, even among girls who tested negative for HPV. Other outbreaks of warts were found on the face, hands and feet and were all caused by strains of the papilloma virus.

[[www.injuryboard.com/national-news/fda-adverse-reports-on-gardasil-made-public.aspx?googleid=.](http://www.injuryboard.com/national-news/fda-adverse-reports-on-gardasil-made-public.aspx?googleid=)]

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In *Medscape Oncology*, Sharmila Makhija, M.D., who investigates vaccines for Merck and GlaxoSmithKline, commented that the emphasis on just 2 types of HPV – 16 and 18 – could result in the emergence of more virulent cancer-causing strains.

[[www.medscape.com/viewarticle/578110](http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/578110)]

**MYTH: Cervical cancer is a young woman's disease.**

**FACT: Deaths from cervical cancer occur primarily among older women.**

Peak mortality for white women is between the ages of 45 and 70 years, and peak mortality for African American women is in their 70's.

[<http://www.son.wisc.edu/ce/programs/asynch/bccd/Cervical1/4-1-incidence.htm>]

Why mandate the shot for pre-teenage girls if deaths from cervical cancer occur primarily among older women?

*The HPV vaccine is routinely recommended for girls 11 and 12 years of age and is given in a series of three injections over a six-month period...also recommended for girls and women 13 through 26 years of age who did not receive it when they were younger.*

[<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/hpv/default.htm>]

No one knows the cumulative effects of these injections.

According to Cosette Wheeler of the University of New Mexico, who conducted clinical trials of Gardasil™, "Unless you force people to get it, penetration is low."

Gardasil™ "could become the best-selling vaccine in history" as Merck "prepares to expand its use to men."

Merck made \$1.4 billion in Gardasil™ sales in the drug's first year on the market.

[<http://www.gnhealth.com/gardasil.htm>]

For more information go to <http://www.vaclib.org/news/2006/gardasil.htm>

Gardasil™ product insert: <http://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/ApprovedProducts/UCM094042>

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