#### ATTENTION SPOILER!

Some cancers can be prevented with a vaccine.

NO PAPILLOMAVIRUS FOR OUR TEENS

Crips Île-de-France

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## **PAPILLOMAVIRUSES,** what are they?

HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) or papillomas are very common viral infections that can cause cervical, vulvar, penile, anal and throat cancers.

Each year in France, **6,400 cancers** linked to papillomas and 100,000 condylomas (genital warts) are diagnosed **in men and women.** 

These serious diseases can be prevented with the **HPV vaccine**, recommended and reimbursed for teens, both **girls and boys between the ages of 11 and 19 years old.** 

To be fully immunized, 2 doses are necessary between the ages of 11 and 14 years old or 3 doses between the ages of 15 and 19 years old.



#### VACCINATING YOUR TEENS AGAINST THE PAPILLOMAVIRUS, means protecting them and others.

## The national **VACCINATION CAMPAIGN**

So that youths are protected from papillomas and the fight against the progression of certain cancers is effective, **the ministries of Health and National Education launched a widespread HPV vaccination strategy in all middle schools in France.** 



This national campaign concerns 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, as of the beginning of the 2023 school year. For more information, you can talk to your school's academic directors or nurse.



If your child is of vaccination age, but is not eligible for the vaccination program in middle schools, **you can consult** with your general physician or pharmacist.

## **THE HPV VACCINATION** is it safe and effective?

The HPV vaccination has proved its worth in other countries like **Portugal and Australia**, where it has been mandatory since 2007 (for girls) and 2013 (for boys).

Among the generation of vaccinated youths, **cervical cancer has almost been eliminated**, while the other cancers (specifically masculine) are in clear decline.

Today we know that **the HPV vaccine** is safe and has no side effects.

In France, HPV vaccination coverage is low: 45.8% of girls and 6% of boys. **Crips is here** to fight against the progression of cancers linked to papillomas!

# What are some **PREVENTION METHODS**?

For youths between the ages of 11 and 19 years old, both girls and boys, the HPV vaccine.

For all women as of the age of 25 years old, a smear test every 3 years.

For all women as of the age of 30 years old, an HPV test every 5 years.

Currently, there are no recommended screenings for men.

Talk to your general physician for more information!



#### TODAY, A VACCINE AGAINST CERTAIN CANCERS EXISTS. Think about that!

