

## **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)**

In June 2006, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended the first vaccine developed to prevent cervical cancer and other diseases in females caused by certain types of genital human papillomavirus (HPV). The vaccine, Gardasil, protects against four HPV types, which together cause 70% of cervical cancers and 90% of genital warts.

The HPV vaccine is routinely recommended for girls starting at 11-12 years of age. It may be given to girls as young as 9 years. The vaccine is also recommended for 13-26 year-old girls/women who have not yet received or completed the series. The vaccine is given through a series of three shots over a six-month period.

Ask your clinician for more information at your next visit or call [South Lake Pediatrics at 952-401-8300](tel:952-401-8300).