Protect Yourself: Preventing HPV

Tuesday, February 13 • 5:30 p.m.

Allan Hancock College
800 South College Drive, Room G106 (Student Center), Santa Maria

Reservations required; please call Mission Hope Cancer Center to register: 805.219.HOPE (4673).

Myths vs. Facts
1. Cervical cancer can be prevented.
2. A regular Pap test is enough to protect women against cervical cancer.
3. If a woman gets the HPV vaccine, she no longer needs the Pap or HPV test.
4. Women with HPV will experience warning symptoms.
5. Only women who have many sexual partners or whose partners are unfaithful need to be tested for HPV.

Which Cancers are Caused by HPV?
• Cervical cancer: Virtually all cases of cervical cancer are caused by HPV
• Anal cancer: About 95% of anal cancers are caused by HPV
• Oropharyngeal cancers (cancers of the middle part of the throat, including the soft palate, the base of the tongue, and the tonsils): About 70% of oropharyngeal cancers are caused by HPV
• Rarer cancers: HPV causes about 65% of vaginal cancers, 50% of vulvar cancers, and 35% of penile cancers

Get the facts about strategies for prevention for yourself and those you love.

We are here to help!
For information on cervical cancer screening or the vaccination program for young people to inoculate them against the different types of HPV that cause most cervical cancers, please contact Kim Neace, RN, OCN, at 805.346.3469.

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