

For pupils and parents/guardians

Time for vaccination to prevent cervical cancer (HPV-vaccine)

As part of the Norwegian Childhood Immunisation Programme, year 7 girls are offered vaccination against human papilloma virus (HPV). HPV is highly infectious during sexual contact, and most people become infected at some point in their lives. Chronic infection with HPV may lead to pre-stages of cervical cancer.

About the vaccine

The HPV vaccine protects against HPV types 16 and 18. When the vaccine is given to non-HPV infected women, the vaccine provides more than 90-per cent protection against development of severe pre-stages of cervical cancer. The vaccine is given in the upper arm and is administered as two doses with an interval of at least six months. The vaccine used is called Cervarix. It consists of proteins and resembles parts of the surface of HPV 16 and 18.

The Norwegian Medicines Agency has approved the vaccine following a thorough evaluation of its efficacy and side effects. As with all medicines, the HPV vaccine has been approved by international and national drug authorities, prior to its being used. The most common side effects of the HPV vaccine are swelling and redness at the injection site. Transient fever, headache, tiredness, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea and stomach pain have also been reported. For more information about possible side effects following Cervarix, please see relevant pages on the website of the Norwegian Medicines Agency. www.legemiddelsok.no

All vaccinations in the Norwegian Childhood Immunisation Programme are voluntary. The girls have the right to be given adapted information about the vaccine, and parents should take their wishes into account. Read more about the vaccine in the brochure About the HPV vaccine in the Norwegian Childhood Vaccination Programme, issued by the Norwegian Institute of Public Health, or on the website: www.fhi.no/sv/vaksine/barnevaksinasjonsprogrammet/

Remember to tell the nurse

Tell them if your daughter has any allergies or other health problems.

Vaccination with the first dose of HPV vaccine is planned for:

Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

Nurse: _____ Telephone number: _____

The second dose is usually given at least six months after the first dose. The nurse will let you know the dates for the second dose.

Tear off here

I/We would like my/our daughter : to be vaccinated with the HPV vaccine
 not to be vaccinated with the HPV vaccine

Pupil's name: _____ Date of birth: _____ Class: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Telephone number: _____

Information for the nurse: