

SELECTIVE VACCINATION AGAINST THE HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV)



The human papillomavirus (HPV) is spread very easily. Infection with HPV generally causes no symptoms and the virus disappears. If the infection lasts, however, it may cause genital warts and some of its variants can give rise to some types of cancer both in men and in women. Fortunately, there are vaccines that protect against these variants. In Spain the vaccine is included in the vaccination schedules for girls of up to 12 years old and is free. For boys, the vaccination is authorised but is not included in the vaccination schedule. Vaccination for boys is therefore currently not free.

SELECTIVE VACCINATION

In Spain, ten Autonomous Communities currently opt to recommend this vaccination for adults who show specific factors of vulnerability. This means that if the criteria are met, the vaccine is free in these Communities. In the other Autonomous Communities, selective vaccination of adults is not financed by the Public Health System.

A list of these Autonomous Communities and the main cities in each appears below:

ASTURIAS

- **Women** with HIV (up to 26 years old)
- **Women** with other immunity system problems who are receiving immunosuppressive therapy or who have received a solid organ or haematopoietic stem cell transplant (up to 26 years old)
- **Womens** who have undergone cervical conisation* (no age limit)
- Gay, bisexual and other **men** who have sex with men (no age limit)
- **Sex workers** (no age limit)

ARAGÓN

- **Women** who have undergone cervical conisation* up to one year after intervention
- **Women** with HIV (up to 26 years old)
- **Women** sex workers (no age limit)

CATALONIA

- **Women** who have undergone cervical conisation* up to one year after intervention
- **Men** and women with HIV (up to 26 years old)
- Gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (no age limit)
- **Sex workers** (up to 26 years old)
- **People** who have suffered sexual abuse (up to 26 years old)

BALEARIC ISLANDS

- **Women** who have undergone cervical conisation* (no age limit)



CANARY ISLANDS

- **Women** who have undergone cervical conisation* (25 to 45 years old)
- **Women** with inflammatory bowel disease (18 to 65 years old)

LA RIOJA

- **Women** with HIV (up to 26 years old)
- **Women** who are receiving immunosuppressive therapy or who have received a haematopoietic transplant (up to 26 years old)
- **Women** who have undergone cervical conisation* (up to 50 years old)

MADRID

- **Women** who have undergone cervical conisation* (up to 45 years old)

MURCIA

- **Women** who have undergone cervical conisation* (from 20 to 45 years old)

NAVARRA

- Previously unvaccinated **women** (up to 26 years old)
- **Women** with HIV (no age limit)
- **Women** who have undergone cervical conisation*, with immunodeficiency for any cause and who require or may require immunosuppressive therapy or who have received a solid organ or haematopoietic stem cell transplant (no age limit)

PAÍS VASCO

- **Women** who have undergone cervical conisation * up to one year after intervention

Note: This table has been drawn up with information updated in 2018 yet it may change in the future. You should consult your general practitioner if you are in any doubt and particularly if you have HIV or have previously had any HPV-related disorders.

* **Conisation:** surgical procedure for women who have been diagnosed with either moderate or a more advanced degree of cervical intraepithelial neoplasia or with endocervical adenocarcinoma in situ.

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