Did you know that the incidence of cervical cancer in White County, Arkansas is almost double the national average? Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a sexually transmitted virus that can lead to cervical cancer and genital warts. According to the National Cancer Institute, HPV is now the most common sexually transmitted infection in the United States, frequently carried by asymptomatic men who do not know they have the virus.

The good news is that there is a vaccine that protects against HPV. Originally, HPV vaccination was intended only for females. However, in 2011 the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, a division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, recommended that males get vaccinated against HPV. The HPV vaccination is now approved and recommended for children and adults aged 9 to 26.

Currently, there are two vaccines on the market for HPV-related disease protection including Cervarix® and Gardasil®. Females can be vaccinated with either product, but Gardasil® is the product that should be used for males. These vaccines help prevent the spread of HPV and decrease the risk of developing genital warts, cervical cancer, and other HPV-related diseases.

To learn more about HPV and how you can prevent HPV-related disease, talk to your pharmacist or healthcare provider and encourage your friends and loved ones to do the same.
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