

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**  
**Cervical Cancer Prevention**

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<b>Intro with music</b>	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
<b>Andrew Good, M.D.</b> <b>Track (7:14)</b>	"I THINK EVERYBODY IS SAYING THIS IS A GOOD IDEA."
	WHAT MAYO CLINIC DR. ANDREW GOOD IS TALKING ABOUT IS THE HPV VACCINE. HPV, THE HUMAN PAPPILLOMA VIRUS IS VERY COMMON. IT'S ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF CERVICAL CANCER. WHILE MOST WOMEN CAN FIGHT OFF THE INFECTION ON THEIR OWN, SOME DON'T.
<b>Dr. Good</b> <b>Track 2 (3:20)</b>	"AND GIVEN ENOUGH TIME—IT TAKES ABOUT 15 YEARS—THAT CAN TURN INTO CANCER,

	CERVICAL CANCER.”
	HPV CAN BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH SEXUAL CONTACT. THAT’S WHY ONCE A WOMAN BECOMES SEXUALLY ACTIVE, REGULAR CERVICAL SCREENING—A PAP SMEAR—IS RECOMMENDED, EVEN FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE HPV VACCINE. NOW, NOT ALL HPV INFECTIONS LEAD TO CANCER. IN FACT, MOST PROBABLY WON’T. BUT WHY TAKE THE CHANCE? CERVICAL CANCER IS TYPICALLY VERY SLOW GROWING, SO REGULAR PAP SMEARS CAN CATCH THE PROBLEM WHILE IT’S STILL CURABLE.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT <a href="http://MAYOCLINIC.ORG">MAYOCLINIC.ORG</a> . I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.
