

TOOLKIT GUIDE

Patient Materials



Preventing Cancer at the Dentist! Poster

Our Preventing Cancer posters provide general information on HPV-related cancers and the HPV vaccine. The Toolkit includes posters of 2 different sizes for use in high traffic patient areas such as the waiting room, or in patient bathrooms or operatories.

QR Code

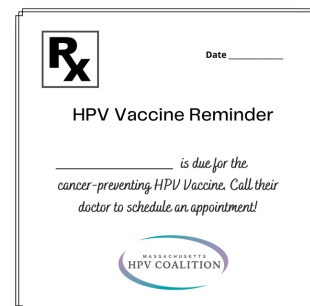
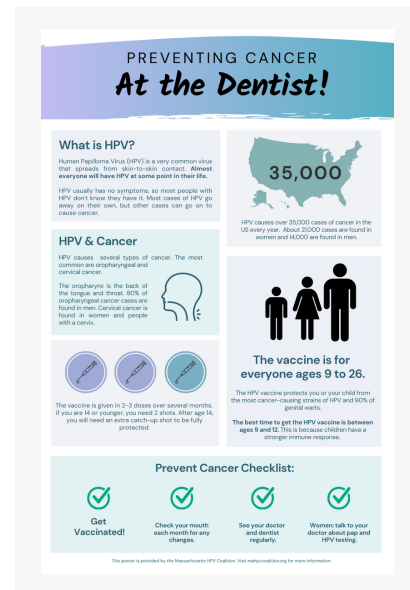
The Preventing Cancer poster uses a QR code to link to an interactive HPV education page on our website. This offers a hands-free and paper-free option for both patients and providers. To use the code, patients simply open the camera app on their smart phone and hover over the black square. Their phone will automatically bring them to the HPV education quiz on our website.

Vaccine "Prescription" Reminder Card

Providers or receptionists should provide this reminder card to all parents of patients between the age of 9 and 14. This card works best when paired with a conversation with the provider, and/or our Preventing Cancer at the Dentist! Brochure. You may also provide the card and brochure to patients who are not fully vaccinated.

Preventing Cancer at the Dentist! Brochure

This brochure provides general HPV vaccine and oropharyngeal cancer information for adults, parents, and teens. Our Oral HPV Task Force revised the brochure from our 2016 Dental Toolkit to reflect the most recent facts, figures, and recommendations. We recommend handing this brochure directly to parents and patients with the vaccine prescription card, or including the brochure with the end-of-visit goodie bags. We also suggest leaving brochures in the waiting room for patients and parents to read.



Provider Materials



Talking Tips

Our Talking Tips pages review frequently asked questions you may hear from parents and patients. We have also broken the content down by audience age. If you aren't sure how to answer a question, tell patients to talk to their doctor. Starting the discussion and referring them to their doctor is a huge first step in preventing cancer!

Background Research

We have included the following publications on the HPV vaccine for your reference. Please feel free to review and share with coworkers, patients, and others who may have detailed questions about HPV vaccine research, safety, and effectiveness.

- Policy on Human Papilloma Virus Vaccinations (American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, 2020).
- Summary of the evidence on the safety, efficacy, and effectiveness of human papillomavirus vaccines (Journal of the American Dental Association, 2020).
- Near Real-Time Surveillance to Assess the Safety of the 9-Valent Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (American Academy of Pediatrics, 2019).

Want to get involved?

Join the Massachusetts HPV Coalition!

The MA HPV Coalition was founded in 2015 to collaborate on education, outreach, and other HPV-related cancer prevention activities. Membership is free and open to any person, organization, non-profit, or institution interested in HPV--you don't have to be in Massachusetts to join. To learn more, visit mahpvcoalition.org or email us at hpvcoalition@gmail.com.

In Connecticut, visit the CT Cancer Partnership at CTcancerpartnership.org or email Lucinda H. Hogarty, MPH, Executive Director, Connecticut Cancer Partnership at hogartylhccp@gmail.com