The truth is...

Fact or Myth?

1. Condoms prevent HPV. **FALSE**

2. HPV causes genital warts which appear as a small bump or group of bumps. Men can get HPV. **TRUE**

3. HPV is spread by having vaginal, anal, or oral sex. **TRUE**

4. If I allow my son to get this vaccine, he will think it's ok to have sex. **FALSE**

Each year, about 38,793 new HPV infections are found in the United States. HPV is the most common sexually transmitted disease in both males and females in the United States. **FALSE**

The vaccine is not fully protective for HPV. **FALSE**

HPV is a very common disease that infects about 30,700 people. HPV is often found in the United States. **FALSE**

The HPV vaccine is very safe and effective at preventing HPV. **TRUE**

The vaccine prevents cancer in the future. **FALSE**

Vaccinating against HPV will prevent him from oropharyngeal and anal and penile cancer in the future. **FALSE**

Preventing HPV is a certainty, he does not need the vaccination. **FALSE**

Since my son doesn't have symptoms of HPV, he does not need the vaccination. **FALSE**

HPV can cause genital warts when an infected person has no symptoms. **TRUE**

HPV can be passed even when an infection is not present. **FALSE**

Headache, fatigue, flu-like illness, in the anogenital area around pubic bone or scrotum, and joint pain are not symptoms of HPV. **FALSE**

Nausea, muscle or joint pain, sore throat, and fever were present in the arm where the vaccine was given but not in the arm where it wasn't. **FALSE**

Common side effects of HPV vaccination include:
- Pain
- Redness
- Swelling

Pain, nausea, muscle or joint pain, headache, fatigue, sore throat, fever, and swelling in the arm.
The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends males to begin vaccination series between 9 to 11 years of age.

The HPV vaccine protects against type 16, 18, 6, 11, 31, 33, 45, 52, and 58 which causes several types of cancer and genital warts.

Visit www.CDC.gov or ask your provider for additional information about the HPV vaccine today!

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