
VACCINE POINTS

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Test your vaccine knowledge.

Question:

HPV vaccine should be offered to an unvaccinated 19 year old who is already infected with HPV type 16 because it will have a therapeutic effect on the infection.

- a) True
- b) False

Patients should be advised that vaccination will not have any therapeutic effect on an existing HPV infection, HPV-associated precancer lesion, cancer, or anogenital warts. However, HPV vaccination can provide protection against infection with HPV vaccine types not already acquired. Therefore, vaccination is recommended through the recommended age for females regardless of whether they have an abnormal Pap test result, and for females or males regardless of known HPV infection, HPV-associated precancer lesions, or anogenital warts.

Answer:
b) False



Source: MMWR, Human Papillomavirus Vaccination: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), August 29, 2014, p. 22. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/r6305.pdf>