How does GARDASIL work?
GARDASIL works by causing the body to produce its own protection against HPV types 6, 11, 16 and 18. By helping to prevent infection, the vaccine can help stop the progression to precancerous lesions and cancer. HPV types 6 and 11 cause the majority of genital warts cases. HPV 16 and 18 cause the majority of anal pre-cancers and cancers.

Will the vaccine still benefit me if I am already sexually active or have already had genital warts?
The vaccine may still be of benefit as it is unlikely that you will have been infected with all the HPV types covered by the vaccine.

How many doses are required?
The vaccine is given as 3 doses over 6 months via injection into the muscle in the upper arm or thigh. Ideally, the doses are given as follows:
First dose: at a date you and your doctor choose.
Second dose: 2 months after the first dose.
Third dose: 6 months after the first dose.

What if I miss a dose?
If you miss a dose, speak to your doctor about when to receive the missed dose. Make sure you receive all three doses.

How safe is the vaccine?
The vaccine was shown to be well tolerated during large clinical trials. The most common side effects are redness, swelling or pain at the injection site, and mild fever.

Talk to your Doctor. Your doctor can answer any other questions you may have. Further information is available at www.hpv.com.au

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