SUNDAY MORNING

HEALTH CORNER

January is Cervical Health

Awareness Month

Cervical cancer is linked to infection with the human papillomavirus (HPV). The HPV vaccine protects against the types of HPV that cause about 90% of cervical cancers.

Each year, nearly 13,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer in the United States. Yet cervical cancer is one of the most preventable cancers today, and early detection is the key.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends vaccination at ages 11-12, but men and women can be vaccinated up to age 45.

On October 5, 2018, the FDA approved use of the Gardasil 9 HPV vaccine in men and women ages 27-45, expanding the previous indication that covered ages 9-26.

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