



## PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM CANCER

MOST AMERICANS THINK CANCER WILL BE CURABLE WITHIN THE NEXT TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. WHAT THEY MAY NOT KNOW IS THAT THE RISK FOR CERTAIN CANCERS CAN BE REDUCED TODAY.

WORLDWIDE VACCINATION AGAINST THE HUMAN PAPILOMAVIRUS—H-P-V—CAN GREATLY REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF SEVERAL CANCERS, ESPECIALLY CERVICAL CANCER AND OROPHARYNGEAL [OR-OH-FAH-REN-JILL] CANCER. TO THAT END, THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION SAYS ALL BOYS AND GIRLS SHOULD BE VACCINATED AROUND AGE ELEVEN OR TWELVE. UNFORTUNATELY, ONLY ABOUT THIRTY-SIX PERCENT OF GIRLS AND FOURTEEN PERCENT OF BOYS HAVE BEEN PROTECTED SO FAR.

TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF H-P-V, THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY RECOMMENDS THREE THINGS: INCREASED EDUCATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, HEALTH POLICYMAKERS AND PARENTS; BETTER ACCESS TO ROUTINE H-P-V VACCINATIONS; AND RESEARCH ON THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO RAISE VACCINATION RATES.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PREVENTING CANCER WITH H-P-V VACCINATIONS, VISIT [CANCER--DOT--NET--SLASH--H-P-V](http://cancer--dot--net--slash--H-P-V).