



# The attitude and behavior of Saudi Women toward HPV infection, malignancies, and immunization: A literature review

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## Abstract

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection. HPV infection is a causative factor for many diseases, and malignancies some of them can be prevented by the vaccine against HPV. The most common way of getting HPV infection is by having sex with an infected person. The sexual act could be vaginal, anal, and oral as well. Some types of the HPV virus can cause genital warts, while others can cause vaginal, cervix, and oropharyngeal cancers. The HPV vaccine can prevent HPV infection; its efficacy is known against some strains. It is recommended to be given in two doses at the recommended age. Saudi Arabia is a Muslim country where women usually have sex with one male partner under the umbrella of marriage; this had led to a change in the incidence of HPV infection and women's attitude towards screening and immunization.

### **Biography**

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