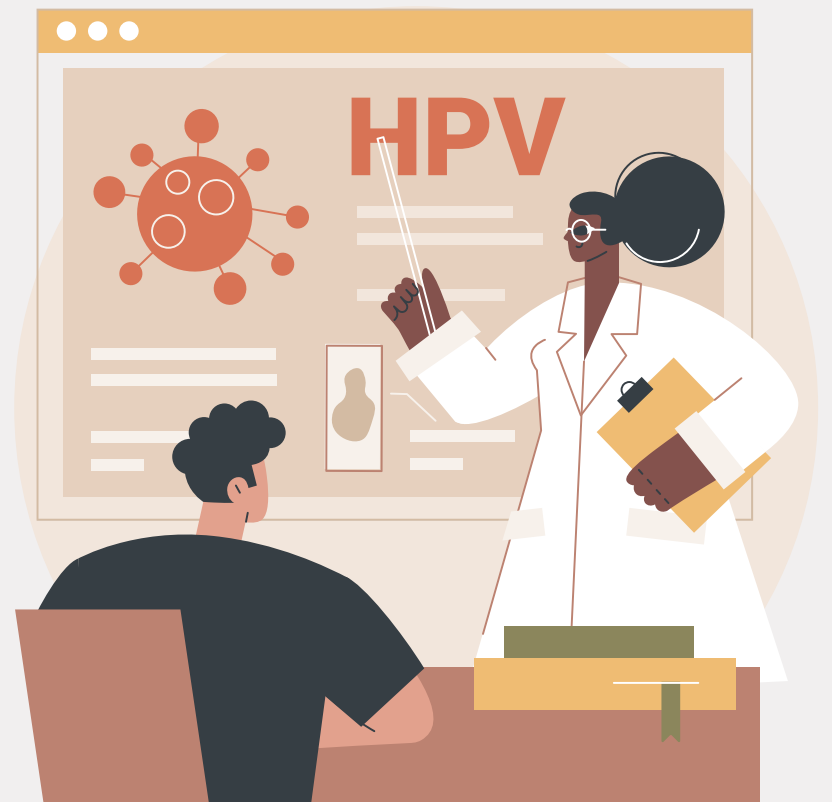
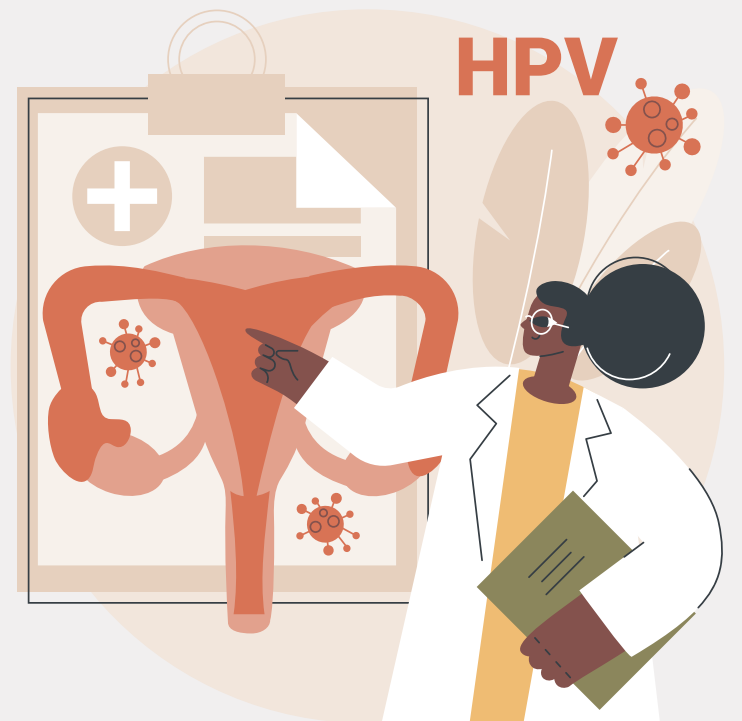


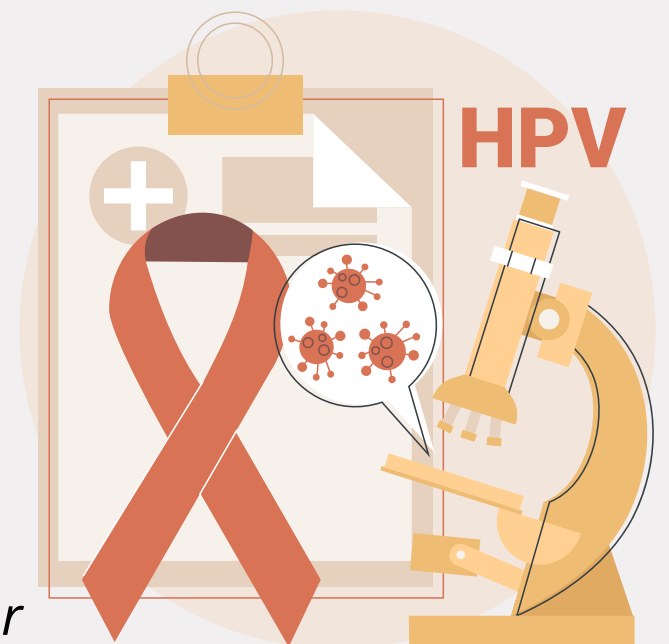
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International HPV Awareness Day



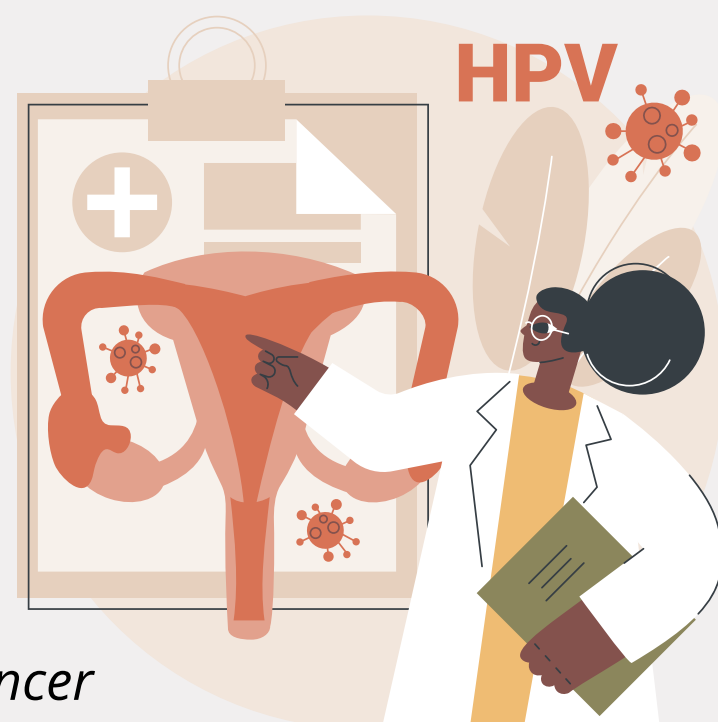
WHAT IS HPV?

HPV stands for **human papillomavirus**. It is the most common viral infection of the reproductive tract. HPV is mainly transmitted through **sexual contact**. Most sexually active women and men will be infected at some point in their lives.



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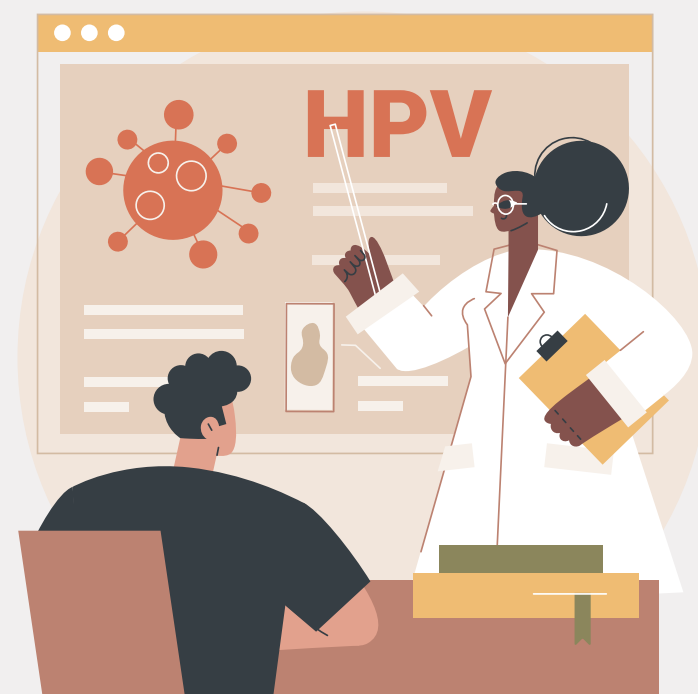
There are over 100 types of HPV. Many without symptoms. However, some types of HPV can also cause cancer. More than 95% of **cervical cancer** cases can be attributed to HPV infection.



PREVENTION AND VACCINATION

Primary prevention: vaccination against HPV

The papillomavirus vaccination is free of charge for girls and boys up to the age of 11. Many Italian regions provide reduced payment for other age groups.



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Secondary prevention: screening

It is possible to early identify a "dangerous" genital lesion by regularly undergoing a Pap test, which involves collecting a sample of cells from the surface of the neck and of the cervical canal of the uterus, or an HPV test, which involves a procedure similar to that of the PAP test.

In Italy, the Pap-test is offered free of charge every 3 years to women between the ages of 25 and 64.

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TO FIND OUT MORE

Consult the website of the Ministry of Health and "Hai Prenotato, Vero?" awareness campaign (Have you book it, right?). If you need more information, ask your general practitioner or paediatrician.

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