Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a common virus. For most, HPV clears on its own, but for others who don’t clear the virus, it can cause potentially serious diseases in males and females. There’s no way to predict who will or won’t clear the virus.

**GET THE FACTS**

HPV causes virtually all cases of **CERVICAL CANCER**.

**EACH DAY**, another 33 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer in the United States — about 12,360 women per year.

Certain **HPV types** can also cause:

- **HIGH-GRADe CERVICAL PRECANCERS**
- **LOW-GRADe CERVICAL LESIONS**

Every hour, there are an estimated 40 new cases of genital warts in the United States.

HPV affects both males and females. Exposure to the virus can happen with any kind of adolescent experimentation that involves genital contact with someone who has HPV — intercourse isn’t necessary, but it is the most common way to get the virus.

Because HPV often has no signs or symptoms, anyone can get the virus or pass the virus on without even knowing it.

Certain **HPV types** can also cause:

- **ANAL CANCER**
- **GENITAL WARTS**

- **CERVICAL CANCER**
- **VULVAR CANCER**
- **VAGINAL CANCER**

Males and females can be at risk for potentially serious HPV-related cancers and diseases. For more information, visit HPV.com.