

## HPV Vaccine Study Documenting HPV Vaccine Refusals

Please follow the instructions below to document:

- **Each time** a parent/patient **refuses** an HPV vaccine dose
- Visits in which the vaccine was not recommended due to **contraindications or medical precautions**.

This will allow VHealth to be able to accurately count every time the providers recommend the HPV vaccine and include those numbers in your data reports.

*Note: If your practice has another existing way to document refusals specifically for HPV vaccine using an EHR check-box field or a code, please inform Janet Cates ([janet.cates@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:janet.cates@vanderbilt.edu)). We will verify if VHealth can pull your information using this alternative field or code. Z28 codes do not work for this purpose since they are not vaccine specific. VHealth also cannot pull this information from free text in clinical notes.*

WHAT	HOW
<b>Initial vaccine refusals</b> (all adolescent vaccines)	Record refusals, deferrals, contraindications, etc., in the EHR immunization grid per your EHR's normal procedures
<b>Subsequent HPV vaccine refusals</b>	<p>Create and use these non-billable dummy CPT codes:</p> <p><b>Code: HPVRE</b>  <b>Label:</b> Subsequent patient refusal of HPV vaccination  <b>Definition:</b> Provider recommended HPV vaccine dose but parent or patient declined the vaccine</p> <p><b>Code: HPVDE</b>  <b>Label:</b> Subsequent provider medical deferral of HPV vaccination  <b>Definition:</b> HPV vaccine not recommended due to contraindication or medical precaution (see below)*</p> <p>NOTE: If your practice prefers different codes, please email the codes you will use to <a href="mailto:janet.l.cates@vanderbilt.edu">janet.l.cates@vanderbilt.edu</a></p>
<b>Clinical notes</b> (OPTIONAL)	<p>Each time a patient refuses HPV vaccine, you can document why they refused and your recommendations. Use this for your reference during follow up visits.</p> <p><b>This information will NOT be pulled by VHealth.</b></p>

<p><b>*HPV Vaccine Contraindications:</b> Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose or to a vaccine component</p> <p><b>*HPV Vaccine Medical Precautions:</b> Moderate or severe acute illness with or without fever Pregnancy</p>	<p><b>The following are <u>NOT</u> contraindications for HPV vaccine:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immunosuppression</li> <li>Previous equivocal or abnormal Papanicolaou test</li> <li>Known HPV infection</li> <li>Breastfeeding</li> <li>History of genital warts</li> </ul>
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