

# Many females receiving HPV vaccination after recommended age

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Many females receive human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination after

the recommended ages, often after sexual debut, according to a research letter published online Oct. 21 in *JAMA Network Open*.

Didem Egemen, Ph.D., from the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, and colleagues used data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey to estimate the proportion of [females](#) who were vaccinated before sexual debut and examined the association of delayed vaccination with the prevalence of HPV-16/18.

The researchers found that the prevalence of cervical HPV-16/18 decreased from 6 percent in the unvaccinated group to 3 percent in the postdebut group and

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