

# Oropharyngeal Cancer (OPC) and HPV Prevention in Children

## 5 Key Points that Dental Professionals Need to Know

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OPC is also known as squamous cell carcinoma of the pharynx, including the base of the tongue and tonsils.



The incidence of OPC

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OPC incidence is rapidly increasing. This cancer is hard to detect before it spreads.



Everyone is at risk for OPC, but middle-aged white men are at higher risk. Unlike oral cavity and common OPC.

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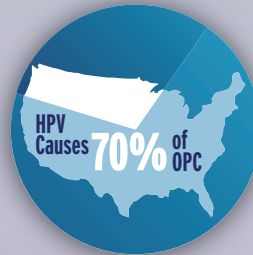
is at risk.



Although OPC is highly treatable, the treatment and the side effects are severe.

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HPV causes 70% of OPCs in the US. HPV type 16 (which is covered by HPV vaccine) causes 60% of all OPCs.



HPV vaccine safely and effectively prevents infection by the major cancer-causing HPV types.

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You are the key to cancer prevention.



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**HPV** YOU ARE THE KEY TO CANCER PREVENTION



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**Dental professionals should recommend the HPV vaccine and refer patients to their pediatrician to get vaccinated.**

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