

# At last there's some good news about cancer.

**National cervical  
cancer vaccinations  
have begun.**

Cervical cancer is the second most common cancer in women worldwide which is almost always caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV).

The good news is that a new vaccine, developed in Australia, can protect against the HPV types that cause 70% of cervical cancers.

The other good news is that the Australian Government is making the cervical cancer vaccine available free to females aged 12 to 26, under the National HPV Vaccination Program.

So if you are under 27, the free vaccine is now available from your GP or community immunisation clinic.

The vaccine doesn't prevent all cervical cancers, so regular Pap smears are still essential.

But a free cervical cancer vaccine is still very good news for women.

**Help protect yourself from cervical cancer.  
See your doctor for your free vaccine.**

For more information:  
National Immunisation Hotline 1800 671 811  
[australia.gov.au/cervicalcancer](http://australia.gov.au/cervicalcancer)



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