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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

TO: Gynecology Patients

SUBJECT: Human Papilloma Vaccine

Dear Tripler Army Medical Center patient:

The Department of Gynecology is excited to announce the availability of the Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine. Please discuss the vaccine in detail with your gynecology provider. Here are some important points to consider:

1. The Center for Disease Control recommends the Human Papilloma (HPV) vaccine for all girls age 11-12. The vaccine can be administered to girls as young as 9 years of age. The vaccine is also recommended for 13-26 year-old females who have not yet received the vaccine series.
2. The vaccine is effective in preventing 70% of cervical cancers and 90% of genital warts.
3. You should not receive the vaccine if you are pregnant, planning on getting pregnant, or have sensitivity to yeast.
4. If you have a history of cervical dysplasia or genital warts you may still receive the vaccine. However, the vaccine may be less effective as you have already been exposed to HPV in the past.
5. The HPV vaccine is NOT a treatment for cervical dysplasia, cervical cancer, or genital warts.
6. Annual well woman examinations and pap smears continue to be a very important means of preventing cervical cancer. Please continue to follow up annually or as directed by your gynecologist.
7. Please address any questions you have about the vaccination to your gynecologist or woman's health provider. All parents should address their questions about the vaccine for their daughters with their pediatrician or family practice doctor. Pediatrics and Family Medicine are providing vaccinations to all children.
8. Vaccinations for adults may be obtained in the Immunology clinic (4th Floor, C Wing TAMC). The walk-in immunization hours are:

Tuesday	1300-1500
Wednesday	0900-1130
Friday	0900-1130

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