



MISSION BAY DOCTORS – GARDISAL

Vaccine to prevent some cancers (and warts)

Terrific news!! From 1st January 2017 the new 9-valent **Gardasil vaccine** will be FREE for all young people under 27, male and female. 9-14 year olds will only need two doses as they develop better immunity; for 15-26 year olds it will be three doses. This vaccine greatly reduces the chance of developing **HPV-related cancers**, which seem to be assuming the nature of an epidemic in young and middle-aged people - according to the surgeons who spend many hours of radical surgery to tongue/throat/tonsil/neck or cervical cancers; often with devastating consequences.

Safety information can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/vaccines/hpv/hpv-safety-faqs.html> but studies are extremely reassuring in terms on long term or serious issues.

We'll be reminding you to come for this vaccine - all the doctors at the surgery have immunised their children (of both sexes) and have no hesitation in encouraging this vaccine for everyone under 26 – if we remind you to rush in, it's to save you \$170 x 3 (if you leave it till over 26)... and possibly a nasty cancer.