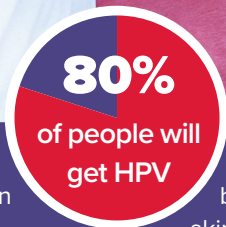


HPV INFORMATION:

FOR MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN

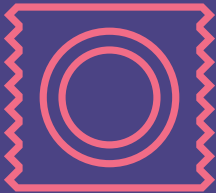


HPV is a very common virus. Often it has no symptoms and will be cleared by the immune system without causing any problems. However, high risk types of HPV can, in rare cases, lead to certain cancers – including anal, penile, mouth and throat cancers.

HPV can be spread by any skin-to-skin sexual contact, including:

- oral sex
- anal sex
- mutual masturbation
- sharing sex toys

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Condoms and dams reduce your risk, but don't offer full protection from HPV. Men aged 16-45 who have sex with men are also eligible for a free HPV vaccine from sexual health and HIV clinics. This protects against some types of HPV.

MYTH BUSTERS

Myth: Only gay men get anal cancer.

More women than men are diagnosed with anal cancer. Anal sex between partners of any gender increases the risk of HPV infection, which may develop into cancer. HPV can spread from the genital area to the anus without having anal sex, either from skin-to-skin contact or thorough oral sex on the anus (rimming). It is rare for HPV to cause cancer, but it's still important to know which symptoms to look out for, and get anything unusual checked.

Myth: You're less likely to get an oral cancer if your partner doesn't ejaculate (cum) in your mouth during oral sex.

Fact: HPV isn't associated with transfer of fluids. Skin-to-skin contact is what passes it from one person to another. Using a condom for oral sex may help to reduce the risk of spreading HPV, although it will not prevent it completely.



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