

**The HPV Program for GP:-** All practices should have received a letter from the Department of Human Services regarding the human papillomavirus vaccine, included with the letter was an order form. The letter highlighted that GPs will not receive the HPV vaccine until mid July and practices will be required to complete 2 questions on the vaccine order form.

1. You will need to advise DHS of how many girls between 18-26yrs of age you have at your practice. This can be done via your practice software or by an estimate of the number in this age group.
2. Is your practice intending to run HPV immunisation clinics?

Resources, including a mail out letter template for inviting all your female patients between 18-26 years of age should have been sent each practice.

**The HPV Register** - A specific register will be set up to capture the data on HPV vaccinations from all providers and will be operational later this year. From July 2007 GPs will be asked to record all relevant information concerning the provision of HPV vaccines to all girls who are under 18 years of age and not at school.

They will be asked to load this information onto the proposed HPV Register when it is in operation. GPs will be entitled to a \$6.00 payment for lodging the data on the register for each of the vaccines given. GPs are encouraged to record the data concerning women between the ages of 18 and 26. This will provide a good record to enable recalls for the subsequent 2 vaccinations and eventually provide the women with long term information about their immunisation status.

There will be no payment for submitting this data but GPs are encouraged to add this data to the register if at all possible. It is hoped that this HPV register will become part of the proposed 'Whole of Life Register' and will provide both the patient and GP with an excellent ongoing record of the vaccinations received at a particular time.