

## HPV VACCINE PATIENT NOTICE

Gardasil is a vaccine indicated in girls and women 9 to 26 years of age for the prevention of the following diseases caused by human papillomavirus (HPV) types 6, 11, 16 and 18: cervical cancer, genital warts, and the following precancerous or dysplastic lesions (CIN 1, 2 and 3; AIS, VIN 2/3 and VaIN 2/3).

- Gardasil is not intended to be used for the treatment of genital warts, cervical cancer, CIN, VIN or VaIN.
- Vaccination with Gardasil may not result in protection in all vaccine recipients.
- Gardasil has not been shown to protect against diseases due to non-vaccine HPV types.
- Women still need pap test yearly or as recommended by their physician.

Because this is a new vaccine, many insurance companies have not yet decided to reimburse for this vaccine. Each insurance company will vary depending on the individual plans provided by that carrier. Thus, each vaccine administered will be administered solely on a self-pay basis. Each vaccine administered will be paid for prior to a patient receiving the vaccine.

Gardasil will be administered intramuscularly as three separate doses. Vaccines are administered according to the following schedule:

- 1<sup>st</sup> dose – at the patient's elected date.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> dose – 2 months after the first dose.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> dose – 6 months after the first dose.

For the vaccine to be most effective, all three doses should be administered within the aforementioned time frame. It is the responsibility of the patient to ensure all three doses are received.