

HPV PACKAGE

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PRESENTER	Nearly 30,000 cases of cancer in men in the UK are likely to be prevented in the next four decades, say researchers because of a scheme to vaccinate boys against the human papilloma virus. Until now only girls have been offered the jab but from the next school year, it will also be available to 12 and 13 year old boys. Lauren Moss has more details.
ACTION SEQUENCE WITH JAMIE	When Jamie Ray was 44, he noticed a lump on the side of his neck about the size of a 10 pence coin. Tests at a clinic in Scotland revealed he had throat cancer caused by the Human Papilloma Virus or HPV. Jamie needed surgery, radio and chemotherapy.
JAMIE CLIP	I couldn't eat properly. I couldn't speak for a good three months and I really couldn't swallow anything that was struggling to swallow water just because of the inflammation and burning and pain that the radiation had caused. More or less all of the side right round my throat was It was terribly burned. It was very, very, very painful.
GIRLS BEING VACCINATED	Girls had been vaccinated against HPV since 2008. That wasn't available to Jamie when he was younger, but from the next school term boys aged 12 and 13 across the UK will be given the job for free. HPV is most commonly spread by sexual contact and causes most cases of cervical cancer, but

	it's also linked to several cancers among men.
GFX SEQUENCE	<p>A study by the University of Warwick estimates that over the next 40 years expanding the vaccination programme to boys could prevent more than 100,000 cancers in the UK, including 21,000 fewer throat cancers among men.</p> <p>Cases of anal cancer could be reduced by almost 7000.</p> <p>And it could also result in 64,000 fewer cases of cervical cancer,</p>
MARY RAMSAY CLIP	<p>Those boys will be protected themselves against some of the cancers that are due to this infection, but they will also protect their partners by not spreading the infection and that will impact on women and men. And so we should see a major change in the rates of cancer in the future.</p>
ANONYMOUS SCHOOL CHILDREN SHOTS	<p>Older teenage boys will have to pay for the vaccine, but doctors say they will be protected because women up to the age of 25 can receive it. Gay men under 45 years old are eligible to get it for free.</p>
MICROSCOPE SHOTS	<p>A recent study found that over the last 10 years there's been a dramatic reduction in cases of HPV and precancerous growths. It's hoped this rollout will save more lives in the decades to come. Laura Moss, BBC News</p>