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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
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RE: Proposed Vaccine Information Materials for HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Gardasil®-9 Vaccine (CDC-2015- 0089)

Dear Ms. Johnson-DeLeon:

On behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), which represents 120,900 family physicians and medical students across the country, I write in response to the [notice with comment period](#) regarding vaccine information materials for Human Papillomavirus Gardasil®-9 Vaccine as published in the October 22, 2015 *Federal Register*. This pertains to the [vaccine information material](#) that all health care providers are required to give to patients or parents prior to administration of the human papillomavirus Gardasil®-9 vaccine.

The AAFP reviewed the vaccine information material and generally supports it as written since we find it more streamlined than the current vaccine information statement for (quadrivalent) Gardasil. However, we provide the following suggestions to improve future versions. The AAFP urges the CDC to:

- Make the benefits of vaccination even clearer by altering the last paragraph in Section 1 to include:
  - "But thousands of women and men get cancer and other diseases from HPV."
  - "HPV also causes at least half of mouth and throat cancers."
- Reference breastfeeding in a separate bullet rather than including it within the pregnancy section.
- Further highlight fainting and lightheadedness possibilities since it is the most common side effect encountered at the time of this vaccine's administration. Anecdotally family physicians report that while it is rare for anyone to actually fall or faint after other vaccines, these side effects seem more common with the administration of the HPV vaccine.

The AAFP hopes this feedback is useful to the CDC as well as to patients and parents as they consider this vaccine. We remain an available resource as CDC considers this and other vaccine information materials. For any questions you might have please contact Bellinda Schoof, MHA, CPHQ, Division Director of Health of the Public and Science at 800-274-2237, extension 3160 or [bschoof@aafp.org](mailto:bschoof@aafp.org).

Sincerely,

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