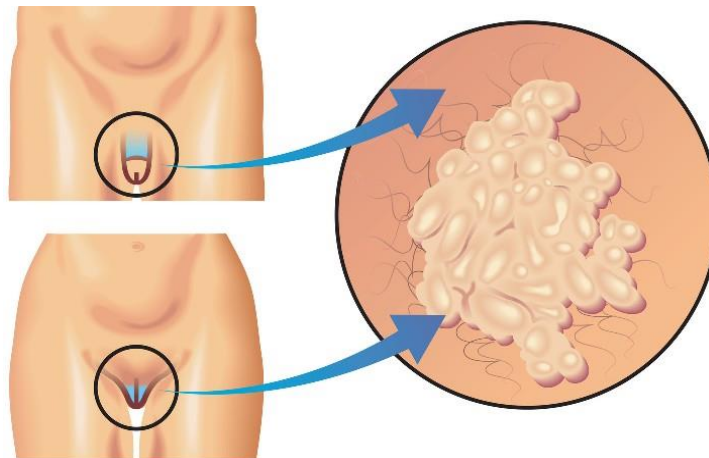


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# Human Papillomavirus

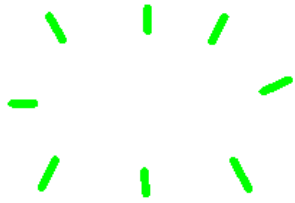
It is also called

- HPV
- or
- the wart virus



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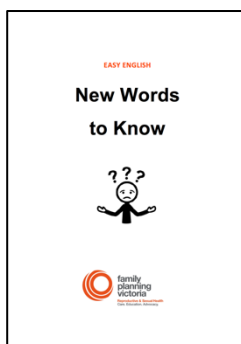


# New words



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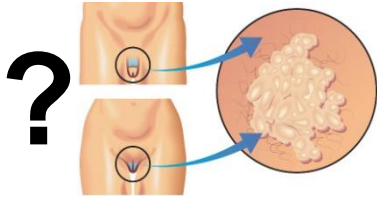
- that are new to you and
- you may **not** know what they mean
- or
- you may be unsure what they mean.
- We will make them **blue** the first time we
- use them.



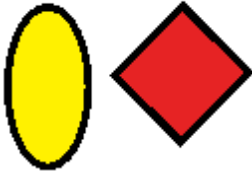
Read about them in the

Family Planning Victoria Fact Sheet

**New Words to Know.**



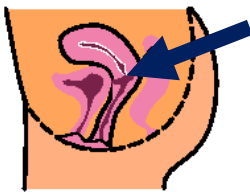
## What is HPV?



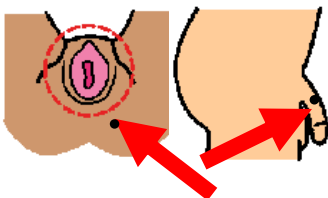
HPV is a **virus**.

There are lots of different types of viruses.

A virus can make you sick.



Some types change the cells in the **cervix**.



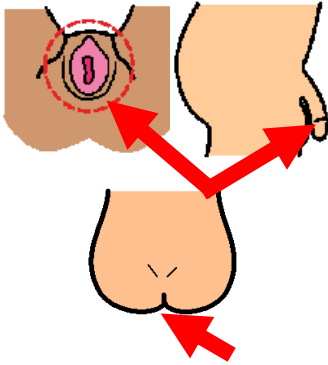
Some types change the cells on your skin.

This may show as a wart or lump on your skin.



Warts may grow

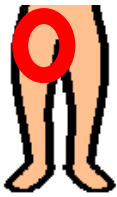
- in your mouth



- around your

- vulva
- penis
- anus

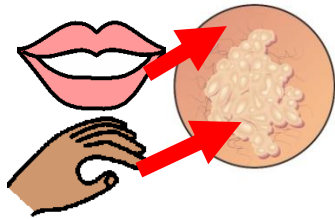
or



- the top of your leg.

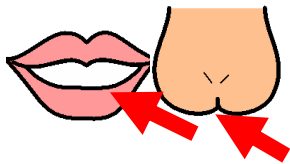
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## How can I get HPV?



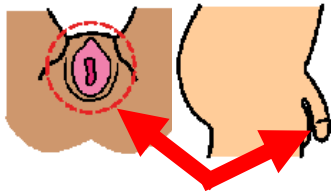
Your mouth or skin needs to touch someone who has HPV.

It can be when you touch **your** mouth or skin on **their**



- mouth
- anus
- penis

or



- vulva.



## How can I tell if I have HPV?



It is hard to tell if you have it.

Most people do **not** feel sick.



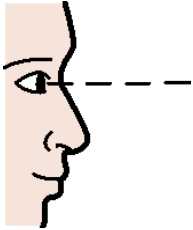
Only some people get warts from HPV on  
their skin.



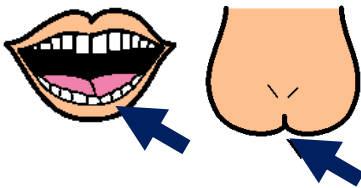
# I think I have HPV. What do I do?



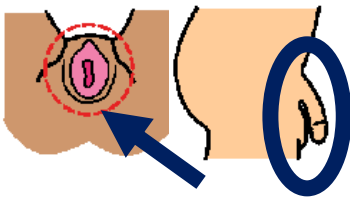
Talk to your doctor or nurse.



They may need to look at **your**



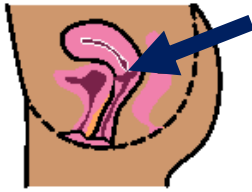
- mouth
- anus



- penis
- or
- vulva.



The doctor or nurse can give you medicine.  
It can help get rid of the warts on your skin.



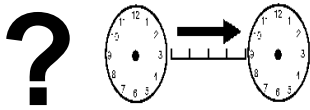
## For people with a cervix

You may need to do a test called a **cervical screen**.

This used to be called a **pap smear**.

The doctor or nurse will do the screen.

Talk to your doctor or nurse about what they do.

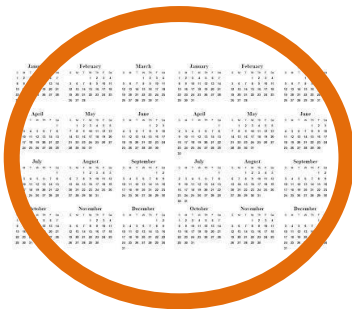


## How long will I have HPV?

It can take a long time to go away.

Sometimes it

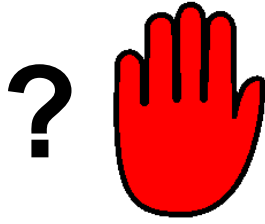
- can take many years to go away
- does **not** ever go away.



Talk to your doctor or nurse.







# How can I be safer from HPV?



Always use a

- condom
- or
- dental dam.



Read about **Condoms** in the Family

Planning Victoria Fact Sheets

- [Contraception](#)
- **Contraceptive Options. What can I choose?**



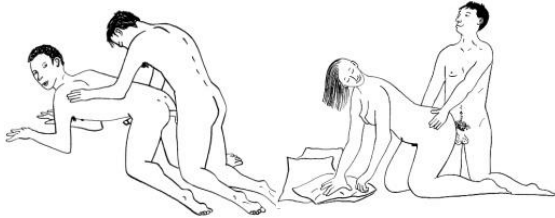
Use a condom when you put your penis in



- a mouth



- a vagina

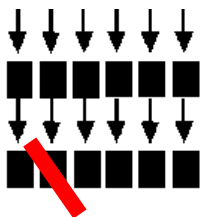
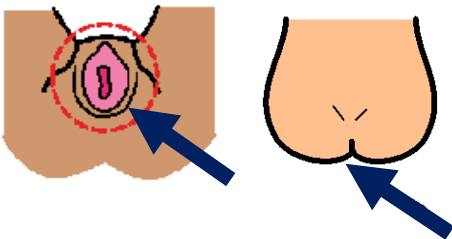


- an anus.



Use a dental dam when there is a mouth on

- a vulva
- or
- an anus.



Condoms and dental dams do help

**but**

**not** all the time.

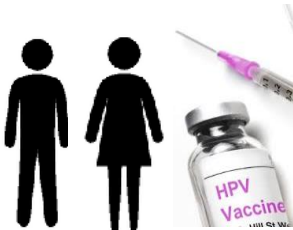


All young people can have a needle.  
It is to try to stop HPV.



Young people can have this needle. It is free

- when you turn 12 or 13 at school
- or
- from your doctor or nurse up to the age of **20**.



Adults can also get the needle.



They may need to pay for the needle.



## Any Questions?



Ask your doctor or nurse.



Ask an adult you trust.

## Images

We have used images from



- CanStockphoto and CDC Gov
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