The vaccine (Gardasil) that protects against Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is available at Health Services for males and females. The vaccine is highly effective against four types of HPV that are the cause of most cervical cancers and genital warts in both males and females.

**Females**

Females should receive the vaccine even if they have had a history of cervical dysplasia or abnormal Pap smears that have been evaluated or treated. It does NOT protect against all types of HPV and Pap smears are still needed. Health Services provides annual gynecological exams and Pap smears. If a student has paid the health fee, gynecological exams are available at no cost. The cost for a Pap smear is $15.

**Males**

The vaccine is recommended for the prevention of genital warts in males. For a Pap smear is $15.

**About the Vaccine**

The vaccine is administered as 3 separate injections, with the second shot given 2 months and the third dose 6 months after the first injection. The series of doses cost $453 ($151/dose). Once you speak to your medical provider to find out if you are a candidate to receive the vaccine, you will need to contact your health insurance company to find out if they will cover the vaccine if given at Health Services.

When you contact your insurance company, you should ask:

1. Are Gardasil vaccinations covered by my insurance plan?
2. Will my insurance plan cover the vaccinations if I receive them at the UNH Health Services Center in Durham, NH?
3. Will I have a co-payment?

These are the major questions that should be asked when you call your insurance company. These questions are important because the level of benefits may vary among insurance plans and companies.

If you would like to make an appointment to receive the vaccine or have a gynecological exam, call Health Services at (603) 862-9355. Visit us online at www.unh.edu/health-services.