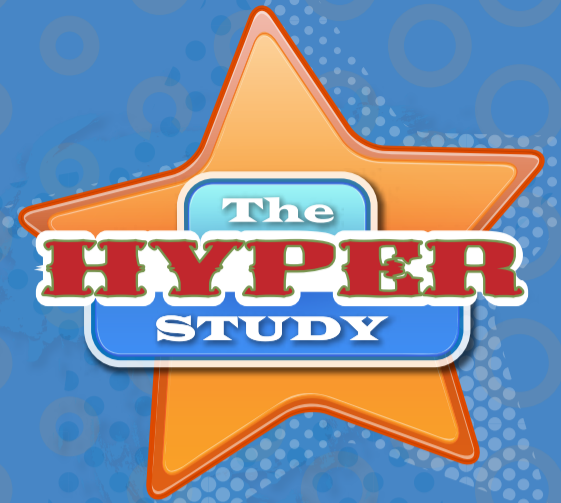


HPV



We are seeking young guys aged

**16 - 20 yrs**

who have had a male partner, to join our young men's Human Papillomavirus (HPV) research project now!

CALL US:

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or email [hyper@mshc.org.au](mailto:hyper@mshc.org.au) and ask us how you can help.

On joining you will receive a **Reimbursement**

for your time and get a **Free HPV Vaccine**

To find out more go to..

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## WELCOME TO HYPER

Thanks for your interest in "HYPER", a health project for young, same-sex attracted men.

If you are a 16 to 20 year old male and have ever had sexual contact of any sort with a male, the Research Unit at Melbourne Sexual Health Centre is conducting a young men's health project that you may be interested in.

Your involvement in our research will help us to improve the health of young men and to know more about the role of a very common infection – the wart virus, known as Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). The HPV virus can cause genital warts and has been linked to some cancers.

We aim to find out how common HPV infection is in young men aged 16-20 years, and the best age to give them HPV vaccines.

The HPV vaccine will be offered free of charge to participants at the end of the study. Currently this vaccine costs men around \$400.

This study is being conducted by the University of Melbourne and Melbourne Sexual Health Centre (MSHC), part of Alfred Health.

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## WHAT'S HPV

**The HPV virus**  
HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) is a virus that is commonly transmitted through sexual contact. It is so common that it could be considered a normal part of being sexually active.

Most people will have HPV at some time in their life and never know it, as there are often no noticeable symptoms of HPV.

There are many different types of HPV, and some types cause visible warts on the skin and genitals. Genital warts are generally painless and appear as bumps or growths on the skin and can be treated.

The body's immune system usually clears HPV by itself, but sometimes certain types of HPV take longer than usual and there can be an increased risk of developing some cancers.

**HPV in men who have sex with men**  
Studies have shown that HPV infection is common among men who have sex with men, who are also at increased risk for developing anal cancer compared with other men.

**The HPV vaccine**  
Now there is a vaccine available to help prevent some types HPV infection. In Australia, the HPV vaccine Gardasil is available for free to teenage girls at school but it is currently not available for free to boys or men.

## GET TESTED

The study will be conducted at MSHC which is Victoria's leading clinic for the testing and treatment of sexually transmissible infections (STIs). You can be assured of high quality professional and non-judgmental care at MSHC.

**Contact us or just drop in and tell us if you're interested in the study!**

The study involves 4 visits over 12 months to MSHC when tests for HPV will be done and we ask you to complete a questionnaire. At the first visit you'll also be tested for other STIs.

## RESULTS

You'll be able to get the results of your STI tests a week after the first visit to make sure you're in good shape. Results of the HPV tests will be available if you would like to see them after the study is completed.

## ABOUT THE STUDY

### What's the study about?

The HYPER study will tell us how common HPV infection is among young men who have sex with men (MSM) and the best age to vaccinate them. This is important as the HPV vaccine may help to prevent anal cancer in this group of men.

### Who can join the study?

Males can join the study if they are:

- Aged 16 to 20 years
- Have had previous sexual contact of any type with another male

### What's in it for you?

- You will be reimbursed for each of the 4 visits with gift vouchers worth \$15, \$15, \$20 and \$50.
- Receive testing, treatment and advice for sexually transmitted infections. All our services are free of charge.
- On completion of the study you will be offered the HPV vaccine (Gardasil) free of charge. (The HPV vaccine is worth around \$400).
- Your participation will improve our understanding of the health issues affecting young same-sex attracted men.

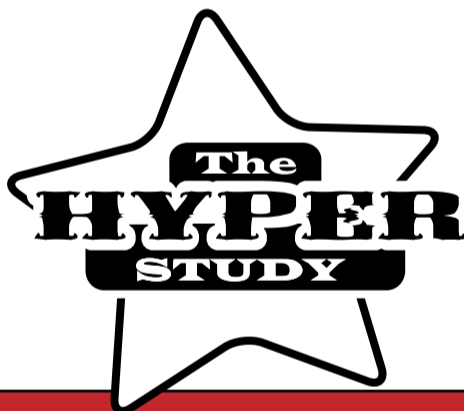
### Ethics and confidentiality

Information that you give us will be used for the purposes of this research project.

In exceptional circumstances we may be required to disclose information for legal reasons.

If we are required to disclose information that identifies you, we will try our best to notify you before we disclose it.

To our knowledge, researchers at this institution have not been required by law to provide such information before.



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