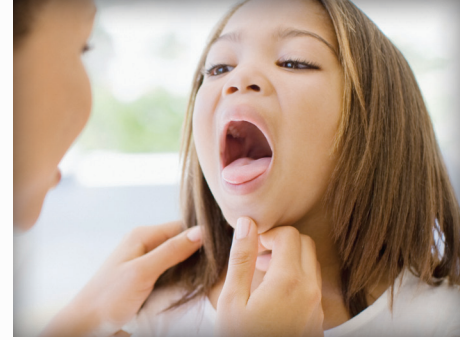


Diseases That Can Affect Your Preteen or Teen

This visit, ask us about how to help protect your child from these diseases.

Diphtheria

Diphtheria is caused by bacteria that may affect the breathing system. Symptoms may include bluish skin, chills, sore throat, fever, and painful swallowing.



Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

Certain types of HPV cause cervical cancer in females, and other types of HPV cause genital warts in both males and females.



Abnormal cervix



Genital warts



Influenza (Flu)

The flu is a contagious disease caused by a virus. Flu symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, and feeling tired.



Meningococcal Disease (Meningitis)

Infection can be spread from person to person by close contact. It is characterized by fever, headache, stiff neck, and skin lesions.



Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Whooping cough is a highly contagious respiratory tract infection spread by coughing and sneezing. Symptoms can include violent coughing, difficulty breathing, and vomiting.

Tetanus (Lockjaw)

Tetanus is a disease of the nervous system caused by bacteria that enter the body through a cut or wound. Symptoms are painful muscle spasms, stiffness in the neck or stomach area, lockjaw, and difficulty swallowing.



Varicella (Chickenpox)

Chickenpox is easily spread from person to person by coughing and sneezing. It usually produces a fever and an itchy rash, which can turn into blisters.

