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The HR-HPVs (High Risk Human Papillomavirus) have been casually related to several cancers in human (cervical, vulvar, vaginal, anal), and the LR-HPVs (Low Risk Human Papillomavirus) types related mainly to a benign sexually transmitted disease: genital warts.

This paper analyses the main characteristics of HPVs, the clinical consequences of their infections in women, with the current epidemiology and highlights of the actual measures of prevention, with a focus on psychosexual consequences of the infections.

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