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Milestones, Perspectives

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UNGA

[Unprecedented focus on global public health at UN General Assembly](#)

WHO urges world leaders to commit to progress on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response and to secure health for all, end TB, and reinvigorate SDGs

News release 12 September 2023 Geneva, Switzerland

WHO is urging leaders meeting at the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 78) in New York to put health for all on the highest political agenda and apply lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. WHO's appeal comes as the world faces multiple humanitarian and climate-related crises which are threatening lives and livelihoods around the world.

WHO's call to accelerate the achievement of health targets comes ahead of the Sustainable Development Goals Summit (SDG Summit) and an unprecedented number of health-focused high-level meetings at **UNGA, aimed at strengthening pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response, delivering universal health coverage (UHC) and ending TB...**

"If COVID-19 taught us nothing else, it's that when health is at risk, everything is at risk," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "The pandemic caused enormous economic, social and political upheaval, and stalled or reversed progress towards the health-related targets in the Sustainable Development Goals. The UN General Assembly is the moment for world leaders to show they have learned the painful lessons of the pandemic, and to take concrete steps towards a healthier, safer and fairer world for all people."

Progress in reducing infant and maternal mortality has stagnated (in some regions, rates have even increased) and progress in tackling infectious diseases like HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria has faltered.

Many parts of the world are also seeing **rollbacks of sexual and reproductive health and rights.** Access to life-saving tools is uneven across the world, with millions unable to afford or obtain needed care. Noncommunicable diseases and mental disorders, which account for over 70% of deaths globally, threaten social and economic development everywhere. Yet new technologies and a renewed commitment to equity and sharing, following the pandemic, are positive developments.

"Ill health robs individuals, families, communities and entire nations of opportunities to grow and flourish," Dr Tedros said. "The fact that billions of people cannot access or afford essential health services exposes them to poverty, easily preventable and treatable diseases like TB, and to the impact of future epidemics and pandemics. **In WHO's 75th year, we are reminding the world of what our founders affirmed: that health is not only a fundamental human right, but also the foundation of safe, peaceful and prosperous societies.**"

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Pandemic Accord

[INB Bureau to develop a proposal for negotiating text of the pandemic accord](#)

13 September 2023 *News release*

The Drafting Group of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement or other international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response (WHO CA+) held **discussions and informal meetings from 4 – 6 September 2023 in order to advance work on a pandemic accord.**

During the meeting, informal meetings of the INB Drafting Group discussed the following articles of the INB Bureau's text:

- Article 4 (Pandemic prevention and public health surveillance) and
- Article 5 (Strengthening pandemic prevention and preparedness through a One Health approach) (jointly) co-facilitated by India, United Republic of Tanzania and the United Kingdom;
- Article 9 (Research and development) co-facilitated by Mexico and Norway;
- Article 11 (Co-development and transfer of technology and know-how) co-facilitated by Colombia, the Philippines and Saudi Arabia;
- Article 12 (Access and benefit-sharing) co-facilitated by Australia and Ethiopia; and
- Article 13 (Supply chain and logistics) co-facilitated by Indonesia and Pakistan...

It was decided that the seventh meeting of the INB will take place from 6-10 November and will resume from 4-6 December 2023, to allow the presentation and consideration of the negotiating text of the WHO CA+.

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[WHO, WIPO, WTO renew commitment to support integrated solutions to global health challenges](#)

13 September 2023

At their third meeting since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Directors-General of **WHO, WIPO and WTO agreed to shift the focus of trilateral cooperation from the response to the COVID-19 pandemic to increasing and broadening support for more effective and sustainable use of TRIPS flexibilities** to increase access to health technologies and to be better prepared for future pandemics.

While acknowledging the critical role of intellectual property (IP) to incentivize innovation, WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WIPO Director-General Daren Tang and WTO Director-General Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala recognized the challenges faced by Members to fully implement at domestic level the wide range of available options to secure timely and equitable access to health technologies. This included the [TRIPS COVID-19 Vaccines Decision](#) adopted at the WTO's 12th Ministerial Conference in June 2022, as well as flexibilities generally available under the TRIPS Agreement. They agreed that trilateral cooperation should address these challenges by intensifying activities to provide tailored support and information to Members, including through joint technical seminars for delegates handling health, trade and IP issues.

To mirror this broader focus of trilateral cooperation, and to respond to members' evolving needs, the Directors-General agreed to expand the use of the [WHO-WIPO-WTO COVID-19 Technical Assistance Platform](#) beyond COVID-19. They agreed that the platform would be adapted to **enable Members to seek assistance for any issues at the crossroad of**

public health, trade and IP. It would also be developed as an active communication and resources tool to disseminate information about relevant technical assistance activities and materials.

Noting the multiple crises caused by climate change, environmental degradation and biodiversity loss and their impact on human health, the Directors-General agreed to make climate change and human health the topic of the next in the series of high-level trilateral policy symposia. The 10th Trilateral Symposium will be hosted by WHO on 14 November 2023, as a public event in hybrid format open to government representatives and other interested stakeholders. The Directors-General noted that the outcome could usefully feed into the health and climate day that will be organized at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28)...

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Africa CDC

[Statement of the Governing Board Members of Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(Africa CDC\)](#)

15 September 2023

[Excerpt]

...The Governing Board commends H.E Dr. Jean Kaseya, the Director-General of Africa CDC, for his exceptional leadership and strategic partnership skills in guiding this vital institution. It is worth noting that in his first hundred days at the helm, H.E Dr. Kaseya and his team have demonstrated unwavering dedication and a visionary approach, leading Africa CDC to several notable accomplishments.

Some of the key achievements include:

1. Approval and launch of the Africa CDC Strategic plan 2023 to 2027, outlining a clear roadmap to address the continent's health challenges, strengthen public health systems, and ensure a coordinated response to emerging threats;
2. Formation and inauguration of the new Africa CDC Advisory and Technical Council;
3. Formation and inauguration of the new Governing Board for Africa CDC;
4. Approval of the new Africa CDC structure (organogram) that will significantly enhance governance issues whilst promoting efficiency, effectiveness, and responsiveness.
5. Strategic reorientation of the *Saving Lives and Livelihoods* initiative in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation, focusing on the vaccination of high-risk populations, integration of COVID-19 response into routine immunization, and proactive preparation for potential future pandemics on the continent.
6. Strengthened partnership with Gavi through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to support the immunization agenda in Africa, along with advocacy efforts for strengthening local manufacturing on the continent.
7. Leadership in Pandemic Preparedness, Prevention, and Response (PPPR) in Africa by strengthening partnerships with WHO and partners, launching the Joint Action Plan with WHO AFRO and EMRO, advocating for local manufacturing of health commodities, and supporting the decision of Heads of State per the new Statute approved in 2022 for Africa CDC to declare Public Health Emergencies of Continental Concern.
8. Support African Member States in the negotiation of the Pandemic treaty and the new International Health Regulations, including the articulation of a Common Africa Position on PPPR as deliberated by the Specialized Technical Committee on Health.

9. Launching of the new vision for Community Health Workers in Africa through support for the Community Health Delivery Partnership.
10. Championing innovative financing for health and taking concrete steps towards the operationalization of the financial sustainability plan of Africa CDC, including the finalization and submission of governance and operational arrangements for the African Epidemics Fund to the African Union Policy Organs.
11. Engaging actively with Heads of State and Government, Ministers and Partners that has resulted in concrete outcomes, such as H.E. President Ruto's allocation of 10 hectares of land in Nairobi and \$2 million USD for the construction of Africa CDC's Eastern Regional Coordinating Center (RCC). These high-level engagements have fostered a sense of unity and shared responsibility among African leaders in tackling health issues.



[Gates Foundation Goalkeepers Report Says Seven Innovations Could Save 2 Million Mothers and Babies by 2030](#)

Melinda French Gates and Bill Gates call for urgent action to advance progress on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and shine a spotlight on reducing maternal and child mortality

SEATTLE (September 12, 2023) – The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation today released its seventh annual [Goalkeepers Report](#), describing where the world has collectively fallen short at the halfway point for achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and where innovation and investment can fuel progress, particularly in the fight against the global epidemic of maternal and child mortality.

Co-authored by foundation Co-chairs Melinda French Gates and Bill Gates, **the report highlights new data that shows the potential of scaling up global access to seven innovations and practices that address the leading causes of maternal and newborn deaths.** "By making new innovations accessible to those who need them most, 2 million additional lives could be saved by 2030, and 6.4 million lives by 2040. That's 2 million families spared an unimaginable heartbreak—and 2 million more people who can shape and enrich our world," they write...

Many of the life-saving innovations and practices highlighted in the report can be delivered by midwives and birth attendants in communities. They include:

1. A bundle of interventions that can reduce postpartum hemorrhage, the No. 1 cause of maternal death, by 60% for less than \$1 per package
2. Bifidobacteria (*B. Infantis*), a new probiotic supplement that, when given to an infant alongside breastmilk, combats malnutrition—one of the leading causes of newborn deaths
3. Multiple micronutrient supplements (MMS) that boost survival rates for babies by helping replete nutrient stores in pregnant women and ensuring those vital nutrients are transferred to the baby
4. A new one-time infusion of IV iron for women that replenishes iron reserves during pregnancy, protecting against and treating anemia, a condition that is both a cause and effect of postpartum hemorrhage and affects almost 37% of pregnant women
5. Antenatal corticosteroids (ACS), which are given to women who will give birth prematurely to accelerate fetal lung growth, providing several weeks of maturation in just a few days
6. Azithromycin, which reduces maternal infections during pregnancy and prevents infections from spiraling into sepsis—the cause of 23% of maternal deaths in the United States—and reduces mortality when given to infants in high-mortality settings.
7. An AI-enabled portable ultrasound that empowers nurses and midwives to monitor high-risk pregnancies in low-resource settings to ensure that risks are diagnosed and addressed early

Halfway to the deadline for the SDGs, the Goalkeepers Report shows that on 18 indicators—from poverty to gender equality, education to food security, health to climate—the world is off track. It underscores the urgent need for action, as well as a renewed global commitment to ensure a more equitable and safe future for all by 2030. For mothers and babies, having access to the quality health care they need to live long and healthy lives will require policy changes, political will, and more investment in women’s health and health care workers, including midwives..

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Polio – PHEIC

Polio this week as of 13 Sep 2023 - GPEI

Headlines

:: The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) welcomes the latest report from the Independent Monitoring Board (IMB), which presents a rigorous independent review of the programme’s progress toward its goals — aiming to interrupt all remaining wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) transmission and circulating variant poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) transmission by the end of 2023. Read more...

:: Meeting in New Delhi from 9-10 September, G20 leaders echoed their health ministers and declared their ongoing support for polio eradication.

:: The 23rd meeting of the Global Commission for Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication (GCC) whose aim was to ensure global certification of poliovirus eradication takes place in a timely manner with transparent processes, took place in Amman on 21 and 22 February 2023, chaired by Professor David Salisbury. The meeting report is now available here

Summary of new polioviruses this week, cases and positive environmental isolates:

- Pakistan: five WPV1 positive environmental samples
- Central African Republic: one cVDPV2 case
- Chad: four cVDPV2 cases
- Dr Congo: six cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
- Yemen: one cVDPV2 case

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Editor’s Note:

We have followed the [fiercely independent and clear-eyed] reports of the IMB over the last decade plus and present the full text of the recommendations of the 22nd Report below.

22nd Report of The Independent Monitoring Board (IMB):

Closing in on Zero – Adapting to Complexity and Risk on the Path to End Polio

September 2023 :: 103 pages

This is the 22nd report of the Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). The Board has operated over the past 13 years. It has assessed and analysed progress with polio eradication and made recommendations to the Polio Oversight Board (POB) and, through this body, to the Polio Programme and to the wider partnership that has been working to achieve polio eradication....

RECOMMENDED ACTION p.100ff

1. The GPEI is asked to review the IMB’s list of 20 risks set out earlier in this report, add any important risk omissions from its perspective, and set out the action being

taken to resolve or mitigate each in a way that facilitates monitoring.

Not all risks are matched with a specific IMB recommendation since they will require GPEI thinking in formulating the required action.

2. There should be an immediate, widely consultative review of the budgetary situation that is leading to prioritisation decisions that are **compromising the prospects for stopping polio in 2024** and jeopardising the likelihood of a smooth journey to a polio-free world.

It is very difficult to see how early, successful polio eradication can be achieved with the present resource levels and imbalances in the approaches of outbreak response and preventive campaigns.

3. High priority and intensive polio **programmatic activity should be concentrated on extinguishing all type 1 vaccine-derived poliovirus in the African Region.**

If any of the current polioviruses are imported into Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin area, and establish transmission, there will be no chance of reaching the Polio Eradication Strategy's goals in 2024 and maybe not even in the year after. It is behaving like the wild poliovirus, it should be reacted to as such before it is too late.

4. The **rapid poliovirus detection technology that has been evaluated recently should be immediately introduced** into outbreak management across the whole Polio Programme.

Recent studies of the direct detection nucleopore sequencing technique shows that it closely matches standard laboratory tests in performance terms. It hugely reduces the time to obtain results in outbreak detection. Further evaluations of field efficacy can continue during use.

5. **More polio vaccination rounds should be carried out in the final quarter of 2023 in the endemic countries than currently planned**, as well as coordinating them between the two countries.

Current plans seem to be targeting where the virus is now, allowing both countries to accumulate susceptible children in other areas, a "chasing the virus" approach. Moving into the high season both countries should be prepared to work together, to get the job done and give the poliovirus nowhere to hide. Coordinated Pakistan and Afghanistan large vaccine rounds should be conducted in September and October 2023 and use November and December 2023 for smaller rounds to mop up.

6. The GPEI leadership should continue to **work extremely closely with the Chief Secretaries of the Pakistan provinces** and ensure immediate engagement and Polio Programme induction with any change of post-holder.

Given the priority that the Pakistan Government has given to polio eradication, Chief Secretaries are playing a key role through administrative oversight and coordination. They align efforts across provincial departments, including health and law enforcement, and ensure the security of vaccination campaigns. Their responsibilities also include managing the allocation of financial resources, responding swiftly in crisis situations, and liaising with federal and international agencies for a cohesive approach. Their work is essential in unifying action and efficiently utilizing resources in the nation's pursuit of eradicating polio. The federal and provincial Chief Secretaries all attended the July 2023 IMB meeting in person. All had a deep understanding of the polio context of their province and were actively involved in all aspects relating to performance, including taking the lead in trying to remove barriers to progress.

7. The GPEI should order an **immediate independent external audit of the acute flaccid paralysis investigation and data gathering processes in east Afghanistan.**

All five cases of polio diagnosed in Afghanistan up to the time of the IMB meeting were reported

from Nangarhar province and had a past polio vaccine history of having received between 16 and 28 doses each. It seems very implausible that all the children should have caught polio in these circumstances and it is important to find out what is going on in the Polio Programme of one of the last two endemic countries.

8. The GPEI should carry out **a serology study in east and south Afghanistan to enable better estimates of polio immunity levels to be made.**

Vaccination campaign monitoring data provide essential oversight of programme performance. They do not assess the cumulative effect of multiple vaccination rounds on population immunity. There are uncertainties about the precise location of communities with very low immunity levels. Also there are some doubts about the accuracy of vaccine histories (see recommendation 5). Very widespread severe malnutrition in an endemic country with use of oral vaccine is unusual circumstance.

9. The new Regional Director of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office, when elected, should give **immediate priority to convening the Regional Subcommittee for Polio Eradication and Outbreaks.**

The subcommittee under outgoing WHO Regional Director Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari's leadership has been enormously influential and has built strong solidarity on polio eradication among the region's health ministers.

10. The **Presidential Task Force on Polio Eradication in Nigeria should be reconvened.**

The Presidential Task Force was a vital component in the drive to eliminate wild poliovirus from the country. It should be reconvened and meet regularly to put the spotlight on the subnational level, to talk about leadership and accountability, ensure that the governors are held accountable for delivering on not only vaccine-derived poliovirus eradication but also essential immunisation coverage and further developing primary care. In the last administration, this level of accountability could not be achieved.

11. **Each polio-affected and polio-vulnerable country in the African and Eastern Mediterranean Regions should be helped to prepare a polio resilience plan,** listing and costing what is needed to prevent or respond effectively to polio emergencies over the next five years.

The immunity gaps, solutions and funding required to achieve resilience are not fully understood, yet are talked about constantly. It is impossible to monitor progress without absolute clarity in this matter.

12. There should be **immediate discussions with the provincial governor in south Afghanistan to seek his support for delivery of house-to-house campaigns;** an invitation to the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Subcommittee on Polio Eradication and Outbreaks may be a key element in these discussions.

As in some other countries, the governor is responsible for official activities in his province and thus for the implementation of the Polio Programme.

13. A **high-level, politically-engaged, health summit should be convened to seek support for Nigeria for strengthening its primary care (including essential immunisation)** system in preparation for the post-certification period.

Nigeria's size as well as geographical and political complexity makes it a vital consequential geography not just for polio but other serious communicable diseases as well. Insight on this was seen with the "near miss" of an amplified spread of Ebola. Leaving Nigeria in its current weakened state is a dangerous option. Technical advice and donor alignment to help Nigeria with a transformation would be a very positive step.

14. A high-level, widely representative **meeting should be convened to agree how Afghanistan can be supported to develop a health system as a legacy of polio eradication.**

Despite the geopolitical contentiousness of this proposal, interruption of poliovirus transmission in the country will not be sustained in the face of the dire state of its health infrastructure.

15. **The Polio Programme, the Essential Immunisation Programme and Gavi should open up and act on the many opportunities to run more vaccination initiatives that build in polio.**

This is one important way to realise the benefits of integrated and mixed methods thinking. It needs more creativity and better inter-programme communication and is an opportunistic way of working that, over the years at IMB meetings, has been described as "low-hanging fruit."

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Coronavirus [COVID-19]

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

WHO Weekly Epidemiological and Operational updates

Last update: 13 September 2023

Confirmed cases :: 770 563 467

Confirmed deaths :: 6 957 216

Vaccine doses administered: 13 501 166 968

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Our World in Data

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Vaccinations](#) [Accessed 16 Sep 2023]

- [70.5%](#) of the world population has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.
- [13.5 billion doses](#) have been administered globally, and [21,556](#) are now administered each day.
- [32.6%](#) of people in low-income countries have received at least one dose.

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MPOX

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/situation-reports>

Latest Report: [14 August 2023](#)

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WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: **[Global stakeholders agree to a new charter on patient safety rights](#)**

Geneva, Switzerland, 14 September 2023 (WHO) - The WHO-hosted global conference on patient safety and patient engagement concluded yesterday with agreement across a broad range of stakeholders on a first-ever Patient safety rights charter. It outlines the core rights of all patients in the context of safety of health care and seeks...

:: **[UN High-Level Meetings must prioritize medical oxygen to save lives, say world's leading agencies](#)**

Geneva/New York, September 14, 2023– In advance of the three UN High-Level Meetings on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response, Universal Health Coverage, and Tuberculosis 20-22 September 2023, about 20 of the world's leading agencies call on world leaders to prioritize access to medical oxygen in health strategies, policies, and...

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[Syrian doctors highly trained in caring for tuberculosis patients, thanks to WHO](#)

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Disease Outbreak News (DONs)

Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health events or potential events of concern.

[14 September 2023 | Legionellosis - Poland](#)

[13 September 2023 | Diphtheria - Nigeria](#)

[13 September 2023 | Influenza A \(H1N1\) variant virus - the Netherlands](#)

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[**Global leprosy \(Hansen disease\) update, 2022: new paradigm – control to elimination**](#)

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[**Statement from HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra Following CDC's Recommendation of Updated COVID-19 Vaccines**](#)

September 12, 2023 News Release

FDA

Press Announcements

September 11, 2023 - [**FDA Takes Action on Updated mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines to Better Protect Against Currently Circulating Variants**](#)

Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration took action approving and authorizing for emergency use updated COVID-19 vaccines formulated to more closely target currently circulating variants and to provide better protection against serious consequences of COVID-19, including hospitalization and death. Today's actions relate to updated mRNA vaccines for 2023-2024 manufactured by ModernaTX Inc. and Pfizer Inc. Consistent with the [totality of the evidence](#) and input from the FDA's expert advisors, these vaccines have been updated to include a monovalent (single) component that corresponds to the Omicron variant XBB.1.5...

FDA VRBPAC

Advisory Committee Calendar

[**Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee Meeting October 5, 2023 Announcement - 10/05/2023**](#)

CDC/ACIP [U.S.] [to 16 Sep 2023]

<http://www.cdc.gov/media/index.html>

Latest News Releases

[**HHS Launches Bridge Access Program to Safeguard Free COVID-19 Vaccination for Uninsured and Underinsured Adults**](#)

September 14, 2023 In April, HHS announced the 'HHS Bridge Access Program For COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments Program' ("Program") to maintain broad access to COVID-19 vaccines for millions of uninsured Americans.

[CDC Recommends Updated COVID-19 Vaccine for Fall/Winter Virus Season](#)

September 12, 2023 CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older get an updated COVID-19 vaccine to protect against the potentially serious outcomes of COVID-19 illness this fall and winter. Updated COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna will...

ACIP Meetings

Next ACIP Meeting

September 22, 2023

10am – 5:00pm EDT

ACIP meetings are virtual. No registration is required to watch the webcasts.

[Webcast Link](#)

[Federal Register](#)

MMWR Weekly

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index2023.html>

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- [Wastewater Surveillance Data as a Complement to Emergency Department Visit Data for Tracking Incidence of Influenza A and Respiratory Syncytial Virus — Wisconsin, August 2022–March 2023](#)
- [Interim Effectiveness Estimates of 2023 Southern Hemisphere Influenza Vaccines in Preventing Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations — REVELAC-i Network, March–July 2023](#)

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Europe

European Medicines Agency [EMA]

https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/search/search/ema_editorial_content/ema_news?sort=field_ema_computed_date_field&order=desc

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China CDC

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[**Gates Foundation Goalkeepers Report Says Seven Innovations Could Save 2 Million Mothers and Babies by 2030**](#)

Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute [to 16 Sep 2023]

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The Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute is a non-profit biotech organization. Our mission is to develop products to fight malaria, tuberculosis, and diarrheal diseases—three major causes of mortality, poverty, and inequality in developing countries. The world has unprecedented scientific tools at its disposal; now is the time to use them to save the lives of the world's poorest people

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:: [Genomic Medicine – Governance, Ethics, Policy, Practice: A Monthly Digest](#) – Sep 2023

:: [Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment - 07 2023 – Issue 07](#)

CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations [to 16 Sep 2023]

<http://cepi.net/>

Latest News

[CEPI partners with University of California, Davis to advance a vaccine against potentially deadly Rift Valley fever virus into clinical trials](#)

14 Sep 2023

CEPI to invest \$28.5 million, with support from the EU, in UC Davis-led clinical trials of a Rift Valley fever (RVF) vaccine in Tanzania, a country at high-risk of outbreaks of the disease.

CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

No new digest content identified.

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.darpa.mil/news>

News

No new digest content identified.

Duke Global Health Innovation Center [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://dukeghic.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

EDCTP [to 16 Sep 2023]

<http://www.edctp.org/>

The European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) aims to accelerate the development of new or improved drugs, vaccines, microbicides and diagnostics against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as well as other poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa, with a focus on phase II and III clinical trials

11 September 2023

[Sub-Saharan African Healthcare organisations join public-private partnership pilot to expand clinical research data and digital capacities](#)

The European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP), Novartis and TriNetX, LLC have joined forces to support research capacity development in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). Within the framework of EDCTP's Regional Networks of Excellence, the three partners are launching the pilot phase of a joint initiative aimed to support healthcare organizations (HCOs) in SSA.

Emory Vaccine Center [to 16 Sep 2023]

<http://www.vaccines.emory.edu/>

Vaccine Center News

No new digest content identified.

European Vaccine Initiative [to 16 Sep 2023]

<http://www.euvaccine.eu/>

Latest News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 16 Sep 2023]

Evidence Aid aims to save lives and livelihoods in disasters by providing decision-makers with the best available evidence and by championing its use.

<http://www.evidenceaid.org/>

Resources [Selected]

[Evacuation of hospitals in disasters](#)

Added September 12, 2023

Fondation Merieux [to 16 Sep 2023]

<http://www.fondation-merieux.org/>

News, Events

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.gavi.org/>

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/>

News & Stories

No new digest content identified.

Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R] [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.glopid-r.org/news/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Hilleman Laboratories [to 16 Sep 2023]

<http://www.hilleman-labs.org/>

News & Insights

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.hhmi.org/news>

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Human Vaccines Project [to 16 Sep 2023]

<http://www.humanvaccinesproject.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

IAVI [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.iavi.org/>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

INSERM [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.inserm.fr/en/home/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities [ICMRA]

<http://www.icmra.info/drupal/en/news>

Selected Statements, Press Releases, Research

No new digest content identified.

ICH - International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.ich.org/page/press-releases>

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selective]

[Public Consultation: ICH E6\(R3\) Principles, Annex 1 and Annex 2](#)

The E6(R3) EWG is working on the revision of the E6(R2) Guideline "Good Clinical Practice" (GCP) with a view to addressing the application of GCP principles to the increasingly diverse trial types and data sources being employed to support regulatory and healthcare related decision-making on drugs, and provide flexibility whenever appropriate to facilitate the use of technological innovations in clinical trials. Additional information may also be found in ICH Reflection Paper on "GCP Renovation" on the [ICH Reflection Paper page](#). When complete, E6(R3) will be composed of an overarching principles and objectives document, Annex 1 and Annex 2.

[E6\(R3\) Draft Guideline](#)

Public consultation dates:

EC, Europe - Deadline for comments by 26 September 2023

Swissmedic, Switzerland - Deadline for comments by 26 September 2023

HSA, Singapore - Deadline for comments by 30 September 2023

Health Canada, Canada - Deadline for comments by 20 October 2023

ICRC [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.icrc.org/en/whats-new>

What's New [Selected]

[ICRC President Mirjana Spoljaric: "When international humanitarian law is respected, lives are saved"](#)

Speech of the president of the ICRC, Ms Mirjana Spoljaric on the opening ceremony of the photo exhibition marking the 160th anniversary of the ICRC and the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement. Capital Library, Beijing – 6 September 2023.
06-09-2023 | Statement

IFFIm

<http://www.iffim.org/>

Press Releases/Announcements

[Curbing rotavirus in coastal Kenya](#)

06 Sep 2023

Armed with vaccines, soap, and water, Mombasa is fighting back against the deadly diarrhoeal infection.

IFRC [to 16 Sep 2023]

<http://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/news/press-releases/>

Press Releases [Selected]

Press release 16/09/2023

[Dead bodies from natural disasters and conflict do not generally pose health risks, Red Cross and WHO say](#)

Institut Pasteur [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.pasteur.fr/en/press-area>

Press Documents

Press release 09.08.2023

[How the respiratory tract microbiome influences the severity of bacterial pneumonia](#)

Pneumonia is an infection of the lung alveoli caused by bacteria, viruses or fungi. It is one of the leading causes of...

ISC / International Science Council [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://council.science/current/>

ISC is a non-governmental organization with a unique global membership that brings together 40 international scientific Unions and Associations and over 140 national and regional scientific organizations including Academies and Research Councils.

No new digest content identified.

International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)

<https://iuis.org/>

News/Events [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

IVAC [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/ivac/index.html>

Updates; Events

No new digest content identified.

IVI [to 16 Sep 2023]

<http://www.ivi.int/>

IVI News & Announcements

[IVI's 22nd International Vaccinology Course highlights lessons for vaccinology in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Sep 15, 2023

[IVI and Grid Biosciences partner for Epstein-Barr virus vaccine development with a commitment to global access](#)

Sep 15, 2023

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.centerforhealthsecurity.org/news/center-news/>

Center News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 16 Sep 2023]

<http://www.msf.org/>

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Mozambique

[Six things to know about the destruction of Mocímboa da Praia](#)

Project Update 14 Sep 2023

Access to Healthcare

[Urgent measures needed to address gaps in Universal Health Coverage targets](#)

Report 13 Sep 2023

Access to Healthcare

[Universal Health Coverage targets leave behind the most vulnerable](#)

Interview 13 Sep 2023

Conflict in Sudan

[Forty-nine people killed in Khartoum's deadliest weekend since conflict began](#)

Press Release 12 Sep 2023

Tuberculosis

[Johnson & Johnson and Cepheid must pledge access to lifesaving TB medicines and tests](#)

Press Release 12 Sep 2023

Niger

[Three things to know about the humanitarian situation in Niger](#)

Interview 11 Sep 2023

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://nam.edu/programs/>

News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

National Academy of Sciences - USA [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.nationalacademies.org/newsroom?>

News

No new digest content identified.

National Vaccine Program Office - U.S. HHS [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.hhs.gov/vaccines/about/index.html>

Upcoming Meetings/Latest Updates

[**September 21-22, 2023 NVAC Meeting**](#)

NIH [to 16 Sep 2023]

<http://www.nih.gov/>

News Releases

[**NIH clinical trial of universal flu vaccine candidate begins**](#)

September 15, 2023 — Vaccine targets six flu strains.

[**NIH awards \\$50.3 million for “multi-omics” research on human health and disease**](#)

September 12, 2023 — New research consortium will develop innovative strategies for clinical studies involving ancestrally diverse populations.

PATH [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.path.org/media-center/>

Press Releases

[**Southeast Asia countries commemorate their achievements from Japanese Encephalitis sustainability and COVID-19 vaccine introduction and deployment**](#)

VIENGVANG, September 14, 2023 – Today, PATH, an international non-profit organization, and Laos Ministry of Health’s Department of Health and Hygiene Promotion (DHHP) are hosting a final dissemination workshop on “Achievements from Japanese Encephalitis sustainability program and COVID-19 vaccine introduction and deployment, 2018-2023”

Rockefeller Foundation [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/>

Selected Reports/Press Releases

Sep 15 2023 Press Releases

[**The Rockefeller Foundation Commits Over USD 1 Billion To Advance Climate Solutions**](#)

Part of first-ever 5-year strategy launched during Climate Week NYC Includes pursuing Net Zero greenhouse gas emission for its global operations

Sabin Vaccine Institute [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.sabin.org/press/>

Latest News & Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNAIDS [to 16 Sep 2023]

<http://www.unaids.org/en>

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

15 September 2023

[South-to-south — Indonesia and Thailand exchange learning on responding to HIV](#)

12 September 2023

[HIV Prevention Choice Manifesto for Women and Girls in Africa launched](#)

UNICEF [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases>

Latest press releases, news notes and statements

Press release 14 September 2023

[Nearly 300,000 children affected in Libya after Storm Daniel devastates entire communities - UNICEF](#)

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/nearly-300000-children-affected-libya-after-storm-daniel>

NEW YORK/AMMAN/TRIPOLI, 14 September 2023 - Nearly 300,000 children are estimated to have been exposed to the powerful Storm Daniel across eastern Libya and a growing number of children and families are in desperate need of humanitarian assistance, following significant damage to numerous homes, hospitals, schools, and other essential...

Press release 11 September 2023

[Children bearing brunt of stalled progress on extreme poverty reduction worldwide](#)

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/children-bearing-brunt-stalled-progress-extreme-poverty-reduction-worldwide>

NEW YORK/WASHINGTON D.C., 13 September 2023 – An estimated 333 million children globally – or 1 in 6 – live in extreme poverty, according to new UNICEF-World Bank analysis released today. Global Trends in Child Monetary Poverty According to International Poverty Lines – which for the first time looks at trends in extreme child poverty – finds that...

News note 11 September 2023

[At least 100,000 children affected by Morocco earthquake](#)

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/least-100000-children-affected-morocco-earthquake>

NEW YORK/AMMAN, 11 September 2023 – Initial reports indicate that approximately 100,000 children have been impacted by the powerful earthquake that struck Morocco late on Friday night - the strongest seismic event to hit the Kingdom since 1960. Like all major earthquakes, aftershocks are likely to continue in the days and weeks ahead, putting...

News note 11 September 2023

[Escalating violence threatens thousands of children in Port-au-Prince, Haiti](#)

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/escalating-violence-threatens-thousands-children-port-au-prince-haiti>

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 11 September 2023 — A hotspot of armed violence in metropolitan Port-au-Prince in recent weeks has put thousands of families at risk in the neighborhoods of Carrefour-Feuilles and Savanes Pistaches, and displaced over 19,000 people, mostly women and children, to host communities or spontaneous displacement sites. Nearly 200,000...

Unitaid [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://unitaid.org/>

Featured News

14 September 2023

[UN High-Level Meetings must prioritize medical oxygen to save lives, say world's leading agencies](#)

In advance of the three UN High-Level Meetings on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response, Universal Health Coverage, and Tuberculosis 20-22 September 2023, about 20 of the world's leading agencies call on world leaders to prioritize access to medical oxygen in health strategies, policies, and financing.

Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative] [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://vaccineequitycooperative.org/news/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Vaccination Acceptance & Demand Initiative [Sabin] [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.vaccineacceptance.org/>

Announcements, Blog

No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Confidence Project [to 16 Sep 2023]

<http://www.vaccineconfidence.org/>

News, Research and Reports

No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Education Center – Children's Hospital of Philadelphia [to 16 Sep 2023]

<http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center>

News

[Preventing RSV in Babies: A Scientific Milestone — August 2023 News Brief](#)

Dr. Paul Offit discusses the use of nirsevimab, a monoclonal antibody that protects infants from RSV. He talks about its effectiveness in clinical trials, who should receive it and when.

Wellcome Trust [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://wellcome.ac.uk/news>

News, Opinion, Reports

Opinion

Author: Beth Thompson

[Horizon Europe: why the UK re-joining is great for science and health](#)

8 September 2023

The Wistar Institute [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.wistar.org/news/press-releases>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Bank [to 015 Oct 2022]

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/all>

All News [Selected]

[Children Bearing Brunt of Stalled Progress on Extreme Poverty Reduction Worldwide – UNICEF, World Bank](#)

333 million children globally survive on less than US\$2.15 a day as new analysis reveals three lost years due to COVID-19

Date: September 12, 2023 Type: Press Release

WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.wfpha.org/>

Latest News - Blog

No new digest content identified.

World Medical Association [WMA] [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.wma.net/news-press/press-releases/>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.oie.int/en/>

Press Releases, Statements

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

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ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine] [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://alliancerm.org/press-releases/>

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

BIO [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.bio.org/press-releases>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network [to 16 Sep 2023]

<http://www.dcvmn.org/>

News; Upcoming events

[24th DCVMN Annual General Meeting 2023](#)

September 19 - 21, 2023

Cape Town, South Africa

ICBA – International Council of Biotechnology Associations [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://internationalbiotech.org/news/>

News

Announcing IAPO's Interim-CEO

Press and media

As we continue to come to terms with the passing of our dear Kawaldip Sehmi, the Board of IAPO appointed Dani Mothci to be the organisation's Interim-CEO on 4th August 2023.

IFPMA [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://ifpma.org/>

Selected Press Releases/Statements

Report 6 Sep 2023

Action on NCDs: How the innovative pharmaceutical industry helps bridge the care gap

In the spirit of the Global Week for Action on NCDs, this report reiterates the long-standing commitment of the innovative pharmaceutical industry to bring innovative solutions, bridge the NCDs care gap, and accelerate Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

International Alliance of Patients' Organizations – IAPO [to 16 Sep 2023]

<https://www.iapo.org.uk/news/topic/6>

Press and media [Selected]

No new digest announcements identified

International Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association [IGBA]

<https://www.igbamedicines.org/>

News

ANAFAM, the National Association of Medicines Manufacturers of Mexico, joins IGBA (September 2023)

IGBA, the International Generic and Biosimilar medicines Association, representing global manufacturers of generic and biosimilar medicines, announced today that [ANAFAM](#) has been accepted and welcomed as a new IGBA Associate Member.

PhRMA [to 16 Sep 2023]

<http://www.phrma.org/>

Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified

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Vaccines/Therapeutics/Medicines – Selected Developer/Manufacturer Announcements

AstraZeneca

Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified*

Bharat Biotech

Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified*

BioCubaFarma – Cuba

Últimas Noticias - *Website not responding at inquiry*

Biological E

News - No new digest announcements identified

BioNTech

Press Releases

11 September 2023

[Pfizer and BioNTech Receive U.S. FDA Approval for 2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

- *This season's vaccine is tailored to the SARS-CoV-2 XBB.1.5 sublineage and indicated as a single dose for most individuals 5 years of age and older*
- *Pre-clinical data show that the updated COVID-19 vaccine generates improved neutralizing antibody responses against multiple circulating Omicron-related sublineages, including XBB.1.5, BA.2.86 (Pirola) and EG.5.1 (Eris), which currently account for the largest portion of U.S. cases*
- *The companies are working closely with pharmacies, hospitals, and clinics across the country to ensure rapid access to this season's vaccine*

Boehringer

Press Releases

[New partnership working on solutions to combat African animal trypanosomiasis](#)

Ingelheim, Germany, Tuesday, 05/09/2023 - 13:00

- African animal trypanosomiasis (AAT), also known as nagana, is a substantial socio-economic burden to livestock farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa, affecting and killing millions of cattle every year.
- The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the UK Government Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office, Boehringer Ingelheim and GALVmed have joined forces to find a new medical solution to African animal trypanosomiasis (AAT).

CanSinoBIO

News - Website not responding at inquiry

CIGB

Latest News

[IV International Symposium Cancer 2023](#)

Varadero, Cuba, September, 2023

Cinnagen

Recent News - No new digest announcements identified

Clover Biopharmaceuticals - China

News

Sep 12, 2023

[Clover Launches Quadrivalent Seasonal Influenza Vaccine in Mainland China](#)

--Clover launches AdimFlu-S (QIS) in mainland China, the only imported quadrivalent seasonal influenza vaccine approved for use in individuals aged three years and older

--Second commercialized product strengthens Clover's leading respiratory vaccine franchise and financial profile

Curevac [Bayer Ag – Germany]

News

September 12, 2023

[CureVac Advances Seasonal Flu Study to Phase 2 in Collaboration with GSK Following Selection of Promising mRNA Vaccine Candidate with Broad Coverage](#)

- Phase 1 part of combined Phase 1/2 study assessed comprehensive series of flu vaccine candidates, featuring up to eight separate mRNA constructs per candidate
- Best-performing candidate providing broad antigen coverage against WHO-recommended flu strains selected for Phase 2, following positive data from Phase 1 interim analysis
- Dosing of first Phase 2 participant anticipated in Q4 2023; Phase 2 to include older adults and standard-of-care comparison

Gamaleya National Center/Sputnik

Latest News and Events - No new digest announcements identified

<https://sputnikvaccine.com/> - No new digest announcements identified

GSK

Press releases for media

14 September 2023

GSK and Save the Children renew award-winning partnership, with focus on 'zero dose' children who have never received a vaccine

- GSK and Save the Children renew their 10-year partnership for a further five years
- Building on learnings over the last decade, the two organisations will now focus their partnership on reducing the number of children who have never received a vaccine
- Alongside two programmes in Ethiopia and Nigeria, a new innovation incubator will be launched to pilot cutting-edge solutions to help more children receive their vaccinations

IMBCAMS, China

Home - Website not responding at inquiry

Janssen/JNJ

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified

Merck

News releases - No new digest announcements identified

Moderna

Press Releases

09/14/2023

EMA Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use Adopts Positive Opinion Recommending Authorization of Moderna's Updated Covid-19 Vaccine in The European Union

09/13/2023

Moderna Expands the Field of mRNA Medicine with Positive Clinical Results Across Cancer, Rare Disease, and Infectious Disease

09/11/2023

Moderna Receives U.S. FDA Approval for Updated COVID-19 Vaccine

09/11/2023

Moderna and Immatics Announce Strategic Multi-Platform Collaboration to Develop Innovative Oncology Therapeutics

Nanogen

News - No new digest announcements identified

Novartis

News - No new digest announcements identified

Novavax

Press Releases

Sep 12, 2023 *Statement*

[**U.S. CDC and Advisory Committee Recommend Use of Authorized and Approved 2023-2024 Monovalent XBB COVID-19 Vaccines**](#)

Sep 11, 2023 *Statement*

[**Novavax Continues Progress Towards Delivery of its Protein-based Non-mRNA XBB COVID Vaccine to U.S.**](#)

Pfizer

Recent Press Releases

09.11.2023

[**Pfizer and BioNTech Receive U.S. FDA Approval for 2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccine**](#)

R-Pharm

<https://rpharm-us.com/index.php>

[No news or media page identified]

Sanofi Pasteur

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified

Serum Institute of India

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - No new digest announcements identified

Sinopharm/WIBPBIBP

News - No new digest announcements identified [English translation function not operating]

Sinovac

Press Releases

2023/09/11 | *Press Releases*

[**SINOVAC Reports on the Clinical Trial Progress of its Anti-COVID-19 Antibody SA55 Injection**](#)

Clinical trials will advance treatment of COVID-19 infection. September 11, 2023, Beijing, China – Sinovac Biotech Ltd. ("SINOVAC" or the "Company") (NASDAQ: SVA), a leading provider of biopharmaceuti

SK Biosciences

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified

Takeda

Newsroom - No new digest announcements identified

Valneva

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified

Vector State Research Centre of Virology and Biotechnology

Home - Website not responding [404 error]

WestVac Biopharma

Media - No new digest announcements identified

Zhifei Longcom, China

[Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biologic Pharmacy Co., Ltd.]

[No website identified]

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Journal Watch

Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review continues its weekly scanning of key peer-reviewed journals to identify and cite articles, commentary and editorials, books reviews and other content supporting our focus on vaccine ethics and policy. Journal Watch is not intended to be exhaustive, but indicative of themes and issues the Center is actively tracking. We selectively provide full text of some editorial and comment articles that are specifically relevant to our work. Successful access to some of the links provided may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher.

If you would like to suggest other journal titles to include in this service, please contact David Curry at: david.r.curry@centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.org

AJOB Empirical Bioethics

Volume 14, 2023 Issue 3

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uabr21/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 25, Number 9: E651-717

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/palliative-psychiatry>

Palliative Psychiatry

All general medical, surgical, and psychiatric patients deserve palliative approaches to their care. Palliative psychiatry, especially, deserves clinical and ethical attention because of its promise as an emerging field renewing attention to patients whose illnesses—such as treatment resistant depression—and symptoms—such as persistent suicidality—challenge our faith in health care as a life-affirming source of hope. Responding with care to vulnerabilities and needs of these patients requires prioritizing symptom management, relieving suffering, focusing on quality of life, reducing harms of aggressive interventions, and minimizing use of physical or chemical force. This theme issue investigates how inquiry into palliative psychiatry can reinvigorate core philosophy of medicine investigations into what health care is for.

American Journal of Human Genetics

Sep 07, 2023 Volume 110 Issue 9 p1445-1606
<https://www.cell.com/ajhg/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Infection Control

September 2023 Volume 51 Issue 9 p967-1082
<http://www.ajicjournal.org/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

September 2023 Volume 65 Issue 3 p347-550
<https://www.ajpmonline.org/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

September 2023 113(9)
<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 109 (2023): Issue 2 (Aug 2023)
<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/109/2/tpmd.109.issue-2.xml>
[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

August 2023 Volume 176, Issue 8
<https://www.acpjournals.org/toc/aim/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 322 September 2023
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/322/suppl/C>
[New issue; No digest content identified]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

<http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/>
(Accessed 16 Sep 2023)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Health Services Research

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content>
(Accessed 16 Sep 2023)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content>

(Accessed 16 Sep 2023)

[COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy: the impact of multimorbidity and smoking status on vaccine hesitancy, a cohort study of 25,111 women in Wales, UK](#)

Multimorbidity, smoking status, and pregnancy are identified as three risk factors associated with more severe outcomes following a SARS-CoV-2 infection, thus vaccination uptake is crucial for pregnant women l...

Authors: Mohamed Mhereeg, Hope Jones, Jonathan Kennedy, Mike Seaborne, Michael Parker, Natasha Kennedy, Ashley Akbari, Luisa Zuccolo, Amaya Azcoaga-Lorenzo, Alisha Davies, Krishnarajah Nirantharakumar and Sinead Brophy

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2023 23:594

Content type: Research Published on: 11 September 2023

BMC Medical Ethics

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmethics/content>

(Accessed 16 Sep 2023)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmmed/content>

(Accessed 16 Sep 2023)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content>

(Accessed 16 Sep 2023)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles>

(Accessed 16 Sep 2023)

[Incomplete immune reconstitution and its predictors in people living with HIV in Wuhan, China](#)

This study aimed to build and validate a nomogram model to predict the risk of incomplete immune reconstitution in people living with HIV (PLWH).

Authors: Wenyuan Zhang, Jisong Yan, Hong Luo, Xianguang Wang and Lianguo Ruan

Citation: BMC Public Health 2023 23:1808

Content type: Research Published on: 16 September 2023

[Predictors and impact of trust on vaccine decisions in parents of 2-year-old children in Canada: findings from the 2017 Childhood National Immunization Coverage Survey \(cNICS\)](#)

Trust is known to be an important factor in vaccine decisions for parents of young children, but there has been a lack of Canadian data measuring the determinants and impact of trust. Using data from the 2017 ...

Authors: Schellenberg N, Dietrich Leurer M, Petrucka P and Crizzle AM

Citation: BMC Public Health 2023 23:1796

Content type: Research Published on: 15 September 2023

Parental views and the key role of nurses for high vaccine acceptance in Sweden – a focus group study

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[Regulatory compliance and readability of informed consent forms in industry-sponsored drug development clinical trials](#)

Nahathai Dukaew, et al.

Abstract

Background/Aims

An informed consent form is essential in drug development clinical trials. This study aimed to evaluate regulatory compliance and readability of informed consent forms currently being used in industry-sponsored drug development clinical trials.

Methods

This descriptive, cross-sectional study evaluated the informed consent forms of industry-sponsored drug development clinical trials conducted at the Faculty of Medicine, Chiang Mai University, between 2019 and 2020. The informed consent form's compliance with the three major ethical guidelines and regulations (i.e. International Council for Harmonization of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use E6(R2) Good Clinical Practice; Declaration of Helsinki; and the revised Common Rule) were analyzed. The document length and the readability scores (using Flesch Reading Ease and Flesch-Kincaid Reading Grade) were assessed.

Results

Of 64 reviewed informed consent forms, the average page length was 22.0 ± 7.4 pages. More than half of their length was mainly devoted to three elements: trial procedures (22.9%), risks and discomforts (19.1%), and confidentiality and the limit of confidentiality (10.1%). Although most of the required elements of the informed consent form content were included in most informed consent forms, we identified four elements with often missing information in the form: aspects of research that are experimental ($n = 43$, 67.2%), involvement of whole-genome sequencing ($n = 35$, 54.7%), commercial profit sharing ($n = 31$, 48.4%), and posttrial provisions ($n = 28$, 43.8%).

Conclusion

The informed consent forms in industry-sponsored drug development clinical trials were long but incomplete. Our findings draw attention to ongoing challenges in industry-sponsored drug development clinical trials, where deficient informed consent form quality continues to exist.

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racist histories of the fields of global health and human rights. They seek to instantiate a global social medicine that centers knowledge and experiences from the Global South and works toward social justice and health equity at scale. In this special section, the authors are particularly interested in understanding, challenging, and expanding our perspectives and enactments of the right to health. Unlike neoliberal perspectives on health that often limit their explanatory capacity to how individuals behave in the world, the papers here move beyond the focus on lifestyles and on the phantasmagoria of a sovereign subject with supposedly free agency. Instead, authors work toward critical consciousness that accounts for structural processes—with their inequities and disruptions, as well as their effects on individuals—and how this consciousness can open new horizons for collective transformation and social emancipation in health...

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Not one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals looks set to be achieved by 2030. But deadlines can help focus the mind, and scientists should double down on their work to support the goals.

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[What scientists need to do to accelerate progress on the SDGs](#)

Drilling down into why the UN Sustainable Development Goals are so hard to achieve, and showing policymakers pathways to follow, will help the planet and save lives.

Shirin Malekpour, Cameron Allen, Kaltham Al-Ghanim

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M. Selim Cakir, Jamie K. Wardman, Alexander Trautrimis

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[**Science needed now, for action**](#)

BY Csaba Körösi, Johannes Cullmann

14 Sep 2023: 1136

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[**Four governance reforms to strengthen the SDGs**](#)

BY Frank Biermann, et al.

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A demanding policy vision can accelerate global sustainable development efforts

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[**Stronger regulation of AI in biomedicine**](#)

BY Artem A. Trotsyuk, et al.

13 Sep 2023

Regulatory agencies need to ensure the safety and equity of AI in biomedicine, and the time to do so is now.

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[The Social Ecological Model: A Framework for Understanding COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake among Healthcare Workers—A Scoping Review](#)

by Damian Naidoo, Anna Meyer-Weitz and Kaymarlin Govender

Vaccines 2023, 11(9), 1491; <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines11091491> - 15 Sep 2023

Abstract

Vaccination plays a crucial role in combating the global COVID-19 pandemic. Immunizing all healthcare workers (HCWs) is essential for increasing vaccine confidence and acceptance within the general population. Understanding the factors that hinder or facilitate vaccine uptake among HCWs is of utmost importance...

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Candida Diaz-Brochero, Zulma M. Cucunuba

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[Proposal of a vaccination needs index to prioritize municipal interventions in Brazil](#)

Fredi Alexander Diaz-Quijano, Isaac Negretto Schrarstzhaupt, Francieli Fontana Sutile Tardetti Fantinato, Lely Stella Guzmán-Barrera, Julio Croda

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Predictors of COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptability Among Refugees and Other Migrant Populations: A Systematic Scoping Review

Yasaman Yazdani, Poojitha Pai, Shahab Sayfi, Arash Mohammadi, Saber Perdes, Denise Spitzer, Gabriel Fabreau, Kevin Pottie
medRxiv 2023.09.15.23295608; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.09.15.23295608>

Abstract

Objective. This study aimed to map the existing literature to identify predictors of COVID-19 vaccine acceptability among refugees, immigrants, and other migrant populations.

Methods. A systematic search of Medline, Embase, APA PsycInfo and Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL) was conducted up to 31 January 2023 to identify the relevant English peer-reviewed observational studies. Two independent reviewers screened, selected studies, and extracted data.

Results. We identified 34 cross-sectional studies, primarily conducted in high income countries (76%). Lower vaccine acceptance was associated with mistrust in the host countries' government and healthcare system, concerns about the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines, limited knowledge of COVID-19 infection and vaccines, lower COVID-19 risk perception, and lower integration level in the host country. Female gender, younger age, lower education level, and being single were associated with lower vaccine acceptance in most studies. Additionally, sources of information about COVID-19 and vaccines and previous history of COVID-19 infection, also influence vaccine acceptance. Vaccine acceptability towards COVID-19 booster doses and various vaccine brands were not adequately studied.

Conclusions. Vaccine hesitancy and lack of trust in COVID-19 vaccines became significant public health concerns within migrant populations. These findings may help in providing information for current and future vaccine outreach strategies among migrant populations.

Vaccination coverage and adverse events following a reactive vaccination campaign against hepatitis E in Bentiu displaced persons camp, South Sudan

Robin C Nesbitt, Vincent Kinya Asilaza, Etienne Gignoux, Aybüke Koyuncu, Priscillah Gitahi, Patrick Nkemenang, Jetske Duncker, Zelig Antier, Melat Haile, Primitivo Gakima, Joseph F Wamala, Frederick Beden Loro, Duol Biem, Monica Rull, Andrew S Azman, John Rumunu, Iza Ciglenecki
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Abstract

Introduction: Hepatitis E (HEV) genotypes 1 and 2 are a common cause of jaundice and acute viral hepatitis that can cause large-scale outbreaks. HEV infection is associated with adverse fetal outcomes and case fatality risks up to 26% among pregnant women. An efficacious three-dose recombinant vaccine (Hecolin®) has been licensed in China since 2011 but until 2022, had not been used for outbreak response despite a 2015 WHO recommendation. The first ever mass vaccination campaign against hepatitis E in response to an outbreak was implemented in 2022 in Bentiu internally displaced persons camp in South Sudan targeting 27,000 residents 16-40 years old, including pregnant women. **Methods:** We conducted a vaccination coverage survey using simple random sampling from a sampling frame of all camp shelters following the third round of vaccination. For survey participants vaccinated in the third round in October, we asked about the onset of symptoms experienced within 72 hours of vaccination. During each of the three vaccination rounds, passive surveillance of adverse events following immunisation (AEFI) was put in place at vaccination sites and health facilities in Bentiu IDP camp.

Results: We surveyed 1,599 individuals and found that self-reported coverage with one or more dose was 86% (95% CI 84-88%), 73% (95% CI 70-75%) with two or more doses and 58% (95% CI 55-61%) with three doses. Vaccination coverage did not differ significantly by sex or age group. We found no significant difference in coverage of at least one dose between pregnant and non-pregnant women, although coverage of at least two and three doses was 8 and 14 percentage points lower in pregnant women. The most common reasons for non-vaccination were temporary absence or unavailability, reported by 60% of unvaccinated people. Passive AEFI surveillance

captured few mild AEFI, and through the survey we found that 91 (7.6%) of the 1,195 individuals reporting to have been vaccinated in October 2022 reported new symptoms starting within 72 hours after vaccination, most commonly fever, headache or fatigue.

Conclusions: We found a high coverage of at least one dose of the Hecolin vaccine following three rounds of vaccination, and no severe AEFI. The vaccine was well accepted and well tolerated in the Bentiu IDP camp community and should be considered for use in future outbreak response.

[A novel, scenario-based approach to comparing non-pharmaceutical intervention strategies across nations](#)

Justin M Calabrese, Lennart Schueler, Xiaoming Fu, Erik Gawel, Heinrich Zozmann, Jan Bumberger, Martin Quaas, Gerome Wolf, Sabine Attinger
medRxiv 2023.09.14.23294544; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.09.14.23294544>

[Proposal of a vaccination needs index to prioritize municipal interventions in Brazil](#)

Fredi Alexander Diaz-Quijano, Isaac Negretto Schrarstzhaupt, Francieli Fontana Sutile Tardetti Fantinato, Lely Stella Guzmán-Barrera, Julio Croda
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[Prevalence and predictors of self-medication for COVID-19 among slum dwellers in Jinja City, Uganda](#)

Prossy Nakito, Angela N. Kisakye, Abel Wilson Walekhwa, Gloria Tumukunde, Charity Mutesi, Nicholas Muhumuza, Carolyne Nyamor, David Musoke, Geoffrey Musinguzi, Dathan M. Byonanebye
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Research

[A framework for prioritizing pharmaceutical supply chain interventions](#)

Manufacturing & Supply Chains

Marta Wosińska, T. Joseph Mattingly II, Rena M. Conti

September 13, 2023

To help determine how the US government should proceed with prioritizing pharmaceutical supply chains for intervention, we provide a framework that builds on the work of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) and helps generalize some existing prioritization efforts. After describing the main essential drug lists (the World Health Organization (WHO), the FDA, the Agency for Strategic Preparedness & Response (ASPR), and the US Department of Commerce), we discuss how those lists fit within a framework that distinguishes among drugs based on their criticality, reach, and supply chain vulnerability. We refer to this as the Criticality-Reach-Vulnerability (CRV) framework.

Center for Global Development [to 16 Sep 2023]

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[Commitment to Development Index 2023](#)

Ian Mitchell et al.

September 13, 2023

The Commitment to Development Index (CDI) ranks 40 of the world's most powerful countries on policies that affect global development. In an increasingly interconnected world, decisions made by the richest countries have impacts far beyond their borders, and often disproportionately affect the world'..

Chatham House [to 16 Sep 2023]

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[Renewing human rights](#)

Placing the global challenges of inequality, climate change and technology at the heart of the human rights agenda does not mean turning away from other human rights priorities.

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[Building Bridges Toward Common Goals: A Call for Greater Collaboration Between Public Health and Integrative, Complementary and Traditional Health Providers](#)

Diverse partnerships can be difficult to maintain, but the application of equitable processes may aid their success. In the face of highly complex public health challenges, partnerships with ICTHP are critical.

Sep 15, 2023

Margaret D. Whitley, Michele J. Maiers, Daniel F. Gallego-Pérez, Bernadette Boden-Albala, Ian D. Coulter, Patricia M. Herman

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[The Return on Investing in Children: Helping Children Thrive](#)

September 14, 2023

The federal government invests more than \$500 billion annually in children through direct cash payments, including tax credits, and in-kind goods such as childcare, education, food subsidies, and healthcare coverage. This represents about 10 percent of the federal budget. Research shows these investments, which are often used to combat poverty, can have large short- and long-term payoffs for the children receiving the benefits and society at large. Though the payoff of any one investment can be difficult to assess, strong evidence suggests that investments that reduce poverty and direct resources at very young children have particularly high returns.

World Economic Forum [to 16 Sep 2023]

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Media

Chief Economists: Geoeconomic Factors Undermine SDG Progress Amid a Weak Global Economy

News 15 Sep 2023

- Most economists expect the global economy to weaken in the coming year, as the world grapples with political and financial volatility.
- Almost six in 10 believe the economic outlook will undermine progress towards meeting the UN Sustainable Development Goals, with 74% saying geopolitical tensions will have the same effect.
- Experts warn that developing countries will face an increasing trade-off between development and climate action.
- For more information, read the September 2023 Chief Economists Outlook [here](#).
- Learn more about the Sustainable Development Impact meetings 2023 [here](#) and share on social media using the hashtag #SDIM23.

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