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Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review
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This weekly digest targets news, events, announcements, articles and research in the vaccine and global health ethics and policy space and is aggregated from key governmental, NGO, international organization and industry sources, key peer-reviewed journals, and other media channels. This summary proceeds from the broad base of themes and issues monitored by the Center for Vaccine Ethics & Policy in its work: it is not intended to be exhaustive in its coverage.

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Milestones, Perspectives



Africa CDC

[Africa CDC Secures Over US\\$250 Million to Advance Africa's Global Health Security Agenda at the Lyon One Health Summit in Lyon \(France\)](#)

Press Releases 8 April 2026

...Africa CDC welcomes the European Union Commissioner Jozef Sikela's announcement of a €96.5 million investment to strengthen health security, including a flagship €46.5 million programme to advance antimicrobial resistance (AMR) response and build a resilient One Health workforce across Africa.

Implemented under Africa CDC leadership, this programme will strengthen surveillance, expand laboratory capacity, and deepen collaboration with leading European institutions. €50 million investment in research and development will accelerate the development of new medical countermeasures against AMR and climate-sensitive diseases, reinforcing global preparedness...

AMR remains one of the most urgent global health threats in Africa. At the same time, climate change is intensifying health risks across the continent. In this context, Africa CDC welcomes the financial support of a \$166 million programme with the Green Climate Fund and the Global Fund to strengthen climate-resilient health systems in Africa.

Africa CDC also welcomes \$40 million from the Pandemic Fund for its One health program...

[Senior Appointments — Advancing Health Security, Systems Strengthening and Innovation](#)

Communiqué 8 April 2026

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) is pleased to announce the appointment of a new group of senior leaders to reinforce the institution's capacity to deliver on its mandate and accelerate implementation of the Africa Health Security and Sovereignty Agenda.

:: Dr. Tala Jallow (the Gambia), Director, Africa Pooled Procurement Mechanism (APPM)

:: **Dr. Folake Olayinka (Nigeria), Director of Immunization**

:: **Dr. Tolbert G. Nyenswah (Liberia), Director, Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response (PPPR)**

:: Professor Yap Boum II (Cameroon), Head of Emergency Preparedness and Response Division

:: Professor Aliko Ahmed (Nigeria), Special Regional Representative of the Director-General, Western Africa Regional Collaborating Center (RCC)

:: Dr. Thaddée Ndikumana (Burundi), Special Regional Representative of the Director-General, Central Africa RCC

:: Dr. Peter Kumpalume (Malawi), Special Representative of Africa CDC, Southern Africa RCC

:: Mr. Vasilis Koulolias (Botswana), Special Advisor to the Director-General on Digital Health, Artificial Intelligence and Innovation

[Africa CDC Appoints Benedict Oramah, Christoph Benn, Troy Fitrell, and Pierre Delsaux as Senior Advisors to accelerate the implementation of Africa Health Security and Sovereignty](#)

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The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention is pleased to announce the appointment of Ambassador Troy Fitrell (USA) as Senior Advisor on International Cooperation, Ambassador Pierre Delsaux (Belgium) as Senior Advisor on Strategic Partnership, Dr. Christoph Benn (Germany) as Senior Advisor on Debt Swaps, and Professor Benedict Oramah (Nigeria) as Senior Advisor on Strategic Financing...



R&D Roadmaps

[R&D roadmaps for pathogen families to reduce uncertainty about the next pandemic and boost coordinated global R&D preparedness](#)

7 April 2026 Departmental update

In support of efforts to have safe and effective diagnostics, treatments and vaccines ready for distribution before the next pandemic strikes, **WHO launched today, together with partners, research and development roadmaps for 10 viral families and a group of bacteria.**

The roadmaps were launched at an event, co-hosted by ANRS Emerging Infectious Diseases, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), the World Health Organization (WHO), and partners held during the One Health Summit in Lyon, France.

The event highlighted how a One Health and Pathogen Family-based approach can strengthen epidemic and pandemic preparedness, including through **WHO's Collaborative Open Research Consortia (CORCs), which bring together global research communities around priority viral families and core bacterial threats.**

"CORCs are turning global scientific collaboration for pandemics into a more durable decentralized and inclusive R&D preparedness architecture," said Dr Sylvie Briand, Chief Scientist of WHO. **"By organizing efforts around pathogen families and embedding One Health, we can better anticipate risks and accelerate the R&D of countermeasures before the next crisis.**" WHO thanks the CORC leads for their invaluable scientific leadership and for coordinating the development of the Family R&D Roadmaps that we are launching today."...

About the Family R&D Roadmaps

Each CORC has led the development of Family-specific research and development roadmaps through structured scientific OPEN consultations covering pathogen biology, animal reservoirs and vectors, epidemiology and surveillance, basic and translational research, medical countermeasure development with regulatory considerations, and evaluation of candidate medical countermeasures in outbreak or pandemic contexts.

[Find here the links to each of the Family R&D Roadmaps](#)

Current list of CORCs (as of March 2026)

Arenaviridae

[UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\)](#)
United Kingdom

Bacteria Pathogens

Vibrio cholerae, Yersinia Pestis, Shigella dysenteriae, Salmonella enterica non typhoidal, Klebsiella pneumoniae
[Aga Khan University & London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine \(LSHTM\)](#)
Pakistan / United Kingdom

Bunyavirales

Sub-families: Hantaviridae, Nairoviridae, Peribunyaviridae, Phenuiviridae
[UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\)](#) -collaboration with [SCARDA](#) and [Institut Pasteur de Dakar](#)
UK / Japan / Senegal

Coronaviridae

[Programme for Research in Epidemic Preparedness and Response \(PREPARE\)](#)

Singapore

Filoviridae

Agence Nationale de Recherche sur le Sida et les Maladies Infectieuses Émergents (ANRS-MIE)
France

Flaviviridae

Fiocruz Foundation
Brazil

Paramyxoviridae

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
India

Poxviridae

Institut National pour la Recherche Biomédicale (INRB) & Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute
DRC / South Africa

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One Health

[Strengthening One Health through coordinated action on implementation, science, policy and financing](#)

Quadripartite Joint Statement Published on 8 April 2026

Today, the Fourth Quadripartite Executive Annual Meeting will convene in Lyon, France, from 8-9 April 2026. The meeting will focus on preventing future health crises through more integrated systems for managing the health of animals, humans, plants and ecosystems.

Preventing future health crises requires urgent, coordinated action that recognizes the deep interconnections between the health of people, animals, plants and ecosystems. As global challenges intensify – including emerging infectious diseases, antimicrobial resistance, environmental degradation, biodiversity loss and climate change – **this coordinated work between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) – also known as the *One Health* approach – has become increasingly important.**

“One Health is not a new idea, but the urgency to make it work everywhere is. From WOA’s perspective, strengthening Veterinary Services and animal health systems is a cornerstone of the One Health approach.” said Dr Emmanuelle Soubeyran, Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health. “By working together across sectors, we can better detect risks early, reduce their impact, and protect livelihoods, public health, and ecosystems.”

Building on the One Health Joint Plan of Action, the **Quadripartite is advancing progress across four interdependent priority areas:**

:: advancing implementation at country level: Translating commitments into action remains a central priority. The Quadripartite continues to support countries in operationalizing the One Health approach through strengthened multisectoral coordination, national planning processes, and capacity development. Scaling up implementation is critical to achieving tangible and measurable impact;

:: strengthening science, evidence and knowledge exchange: Effective One Health action relies on robust scientific evidence and integrated data across sectors. The Quadripartite is fostering collaboration with the scientific community, strengthening data systems, and promoting the use of evidence to inform decision-making, guide interventions and monitor progress;

:: enhancing policy engagement and governance: Sustained political commitment and strong governance are essential to embed One Health into national and international agendas. The Quadripartite is supporting countries in developing enabling policy frameworks, strengthening cross-sectoral coordination mechanisms, and promoting coherent approaches across ministries and sectors; and

:: mobilizing sustainable financing for One Health: Adequate and coordinated financing is necessary to sustain implementation and scale up impact. The Quadripartite is working with governments and partners to strengthen investment frameworks, align resources, and support countries in integrating One Health into national budgeting and development strategies.

Together, these priorities enable countries to prevent risks at source, detect emerging threats early, and respond effectively to health threats, while building resilient systems. Strengthened surveillance and early warning systems, resilient food and agricultural systems, healthy ecosystems, and robust veterinary and public health services are essential components of this approach.

Scaling up One Health requires sustained commitment across all four areas. **The Quadripartite calls on governments, international financial institutions, development partners and the private sector to support integrated action** by strengthening implementation, investing in science and data, reinforcing governance and policy frameworks, and ensuring sustainable financing...

[WOAH and partners advance One Health from vision to action at the 2026 One Health Summit](#)

Published on 9 April 2026

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WHO Collaborating Centers

[First-ever WHO Forum unites 800+ Collaborating Centres for stronger scientific collaboration](#)

9 April 2026 *News release*

The World Health Organization (WHO) has convened the historic first Global Forum of Collaborating Centres—one of the world’s largest and most diverse public health networks—bringing together representatives from over **800 institutions designated as WHO Collaborating Centres (CCs) across more than 80 countries.**

At the meeting, **scientists highlighted the health threats emerging in today’s fragmented world**—challenges that not only create an urgent need for action but also open new opportunities to mobilize efforts toward better health solutions. The Forum concluded today with a renewed sense of commitment across the broad network, moving beyond rigid scientific projects toward more dynamic and integrated partnerships...

Rooted in one of WHO’s core constitutional functions, the Collaborating Centres network has enhanced the Organization’s scientific foundations since its earliest years. **In 1949, the Second World Health Assembly affirmed that WHO should advance health research not by creating its own institutions, but by coordinating, supporting, and leveraging existing expertise across the world.**

Over the past 77 years, the WHO CC network has expanded to include many of the world’s leading public health, academic, research, and technical institutions. Today, it remains a powerful asset—strengthening WHO’s global norms and standards, supporting innovation, collaborative research and

capacity building—helping turn scientific knowledge into life-saving action worldwide.

"WHO's network of collaborating centres is an immensely valuable but under-utilized resource for global health," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "It brings together the world's leading institutions to translate evidence into action to support countries, strengthen health systems, and protect populations. Collaborating centres are a powerful demonstration of international cooperation, and what it means to stand with science."...

"Science is at the heart of everything we do to protect and improve health," said Dr Sylvie Briand, WHO Chief Scientist. "**The global network of WHO collaborating centres represents an extraordinary concentration of scientific expertise and public health leadership.** Together, they form a powerful force for knowledge, innovation, and action. At a time of growing global health challenges, this spirit of trusted scientific collaboration is not only valuable — it is indispensable to protecting lives and shaping a healthier future for all."

WHO is also expanding its global community of CCs to confront emerging health threats with greater strength and unity. A key initiative is the creation of the CORC (Collaborative Open Research Consortia)—networks of leading research institutions that bring together thousands of scientists worldwide...

WHO has announced the next Global Forum will be held in 2027 to further strengthen this historic collaborative platform.

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Polio – PHEIC

[Polio this week](#) [08 April 2026]

Headlines [Selected]

:: Australia, Belgium and Hungary achieve poliovirus containment certification

Global poliovirus containment efforts significantly advanced this last quarter as facilities in Australia, Belgium, Hungary, Canada, France and Indonesia were awarded Certificates of Containment by the Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication. These certifications confirm full compliance with the WHO Global Action Plan for Poliovirus Containment (GAPIV) and reflect growing global momentum to ensure poliovirus materials are managed safely and securely.

:: Applications open for 2026 Polio Advanced Course in Vaccinology

Applications are currently open for the 2026 editions of the Polio Advanced Course in Vaccinology in Doha and Dakar. Designed for early and mid-career professionals from Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, the course offers a specialized training programme, networking, and tools to shape the next generation of leaders in polio. The application deadline is 27 April 2026.

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- :: Afghanistan: four WPV1-positive environmental samples
- :: Pakistan: seven WPV1-positive environmental samples
- :: DR Congo: one cVDPV2 case
- :: Nigeria: three cVDPV2 cases and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- :: Somalia: one cVDPV2 case
- :: Sudan: five cVDPV2-positive environmental samples

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WHO & Regional Offices [11 Apr 2026]

<https://www.who.int/news>

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[Joint Statement FAO/WHO/WOAH Joint One Health Learning Taskforce](#)

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[Kazakhstan becomes first country in Central Asia to earn WHO recognition for regulation of medicines and imported vaccines](#)

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[Strengthening One Health through coordinated action on implementation, science, policy and financing](#)

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[WHO and France shift One Health vision to action with new high-impact initiatives](#)

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[R&D roadmaps for pathogen families to reduce uncertainty about the next pandemic and boost coordinated global R&D preparedness](#)

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WHO Vaccines and Immunization [IVB]

https://www.who.int/health-topics/vaccines-and-immunization#tab=tab_1

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WHO Regional Offices

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[WHO African Region AFRO](#)

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[When science informs health decisions: An interview with Professor Alpha Kabinet Keita \(Guinea\)](#)

:: 09 April 2026

[Niger takes a decisive step forward against polio](#)

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

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[Pandemic Digital Memorial preserves collective memory and strengthens public health](#)

Rio de Janeiro, April 8, 2026 (BIREME/PAHO/WHO) – The COVID-19 Pandemic Digital Memorial was officially launched as part of the World Health Day program, which this year paid tribute to the victims of COVID-19. The event, held at the Cultural Center of the Ministry of Health (CCMS), also marked the reopening of the venue, with a program dedicated...

:: 9 Apr 2026

[PAHO launches Clinical Trial Accelerator to strengthen research across the Americas](#)

Washington, D.C., April 9, 2026 (PAHO) — The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) today launched the Clinical Trial Accelerator, a new initiative designed to improve the quality, scale, and impact of clinical research across the Americas. Clinical trials play a critical role in developing new therapies and ensuring that health interventions...

:: 8 Apr 2026

[PAHO Director urges global action to combat rising dengue and other arboviral threats at One Health Forum in Lyon](#)

Lyon, France, 8 April 2026 (PAHO) – The escalating surge of dengue and other arboviral diseases is a direct indicator of how environmental changes are reshaping global public health, underscored the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Director, Dr. Jarbas Barbosa, during his remarks at the One Health Summit in Lyon, France. Speaking at...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

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WHO European Region EURO

:: 8 April 2026 *News release*

[New WHO database helps countries turn health data into better policy](#)

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

[WHO releases US\\$800,000 from its Contingency Fund for Emergencies for Iran health response](#)

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[Statement by Dr Hanan Balkhy, WHO Regional Director at the emergencies presser](#)

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WHO Western Pacific Region

:: 7 April 2026 *Media release*

[Invest in One Health to prevent pandemics, safeguard populations, strengthen health collab...](#)

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WHO - Emergency situation reports

Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations. Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations.

No new digest content identified.

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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.

[10 April 2026 | Avian Influenza A\(H9N2\) - Italy](#)

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

<https://www.who.int/publications/journals/weekly-epidemiological-record>

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<https://iris.who.int/server/api/core/bitstreams/1ea408da-cd90-438b-b80c-b00aaf4e7315/content>

:: 14th Meeting of the WHO Expert Working Group of the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS) for Surveillance of Antiviral Susceptibility

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New WHO Publications

<https://www.who.int/publications>

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Africa

Africa CDC [11 Apr 2026]

<https://africacdc.org/>

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China – CDC+

National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China [11 Apr 2026]

<http://en.nhc.gov.cn/>

News

No new digest content identified.

National Medical Products Administration – PRC [11 Apr 2026]

<http://english.nmpa.gov.cn/>

News

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China CDC

CCDC Weekly Reports: Current Volume (7)

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- [Notifiable Infectious Diseases Reports: Reported Cases and Deaths of National Notifiable Infectious Diseases — China, February 2026*](#)

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Europe

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en>

News/Updates/Reports/Publications [Selected]

[ECDC and Africa CDC pilot mobile application for event-based surveillance](#)

9 April 2026

ECDC, in partnership with the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and the Health Information Systems Program South Africa (HISP SA), are piloting a mobile application for event-based surveillance to enable the rapid collection and assessment of information about events that may signal a public health threat.

Surveillance and monitoring

[Communicable disease threats report, 4-10 April 2026, Week 15](#)

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European Medicines Agency [EMA]

<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news>

News & Press Releases

[Meeting highlights from the Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee \(PRAC\) 7-10 April 2026](#)

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India

National Centre for Disease Control

Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Announcements

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U.S. Immunization and Public Health Governance/Policy/Funding

Given the continuing extraordinary situation in the U.S., we have established a separate section of the digest to capture and organize key content. Please note that we will selectively include external analysis and comment, either boxing or indenting this content under the relevant organization/action. We recognize that despite the volume of content in this section, this summary is indicative and not exhaustive

Executive Branch - White House, State, HHS, FDA, CDC+ White House

*Presidential Actions – Executive Orders; Memoranda; Proclamations
No new digest content identified.*

Department of State

*Press Releases - Selected
Press Statement*

[United States and the Philippines Sign Joint Declaration of Intent to Strengthen Bilateral Health Cooperation](#)

Thomas "Tommy" Pigott April 9, 2026

Press Statement

[Broadening the Trump Administration's America First Global Health Engagement in South and Central Asia](#)

Thomas "Tommy" Pigott April 7, 2026

Press Statement

[Charting a New Phase of Trump Administration's America First Global Health Strategy in Asia, Beginning with Cambodia](#)

Thomas "Tommy" Pigott April 6, 2026

HHS

*Press Room - Selected
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NIH [to 11 Apr 2026]

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

News Releases

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FDA

Press Announcements

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FDA CBER

What's New for Biologics

:: **[SOPP 8001.4: Review of Proprietary Names for CBER Regulated Products](#)**

FDA VRBPAC [Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee]

Advisory Committee Calendar

No future meetings posted.

FDA Pediatric Advisory Committee Meeting

Advisory Committee Calendar

No future meetings posted.

CDC

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

Latest News - Selected

No new digest content identified.

CDC – Immunization Safety Office (ISO)

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccine-safety-systems/about/cdc-monitoring-program.html>

No new digest content identified [last updated August 7, 2024]

ACIP

2026 Meetings Schedule

- ~~February 25-27~~ *[Cancelled without notice; no agenda content posted]*
- ~~March 18-19~~ *[Cancelled without notice; no agenda content posted]*
- June 24-25
- October 21-22

National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC)

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

Upcoming Meetings/Latest Updates

No 2025-26 meeting dates posted.

Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV)

<https://www.hrsa.gov/advisory-committees/vaccines/meetings>

Next ACCV meetings – TBD

MMWR Weekly

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index2026.html>

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:: Emergence of Extensively Drug-Resistant Shigellosis — United States, 2011–2023

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NSF

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U.S. Congress

House of Representatives

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U.S. Senate

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee

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Supreme Court, Federal & Appellate Courts

O’Neill Institute – Health Care Litigation Tracker [Georgetown University]

<https://litigationtracker.law.georgetown.edu/>

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U.S. Medical, Scientific, Professional Societies; Health Organizations

This inventory is evolving and may not capture all instances of relevant comment and analysis.

American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)

<https://www.aafp.org/news/media-center.html>

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No new digest content identified.

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

<https://www.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases-from-the-aap/>

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News

No new digest content identified.

American College of Physicians (ACP)

<https://www.acponline.org/more-acp-news>

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ACP News

No new digest content identified.

America’s Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

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

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News

No new digest content identified.

American Geriatrics Society (AGS)

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

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Recent Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

American Medical Association (AMA)

<https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center>

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Press Releases

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American Osteopathic Association (AOA)

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

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Latest News

No new digest content identified.

American Public Health Association (APHA)

<https://www.apha.org/news-and-media/news-releases?sortFieldName=ItemDate&sortDisplayName=Newest&sortMode=desc>

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Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)

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

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News releases and statements

[Changes to ACIP charter will further erode confidence in vaccine guidance](#)

Last Updated April 09, 2026

The updated charter of CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is another alarming action by Secretary Kennedy that will further dismantle U.S. vaccine infrastructure, spread misinformation and confusion about vaccines, and lead to reduced vaccine uptake by an already confused and distrustful public.

While IDSA is absolutely committed to vaccine safety, the changes to the charter appear to skew ACIP's work toward vaccine safety and adverse events, rather than maintaining the committee's balanced and thorough approach that traditionally has considered the full scope of vaccine data, including the benefits of reducing disease burden. These changes suggest that routine immunization is unsafe — adding to confusion and increasing vaccine hesitancy.

The charter also expands membership for areas such as toxicology, pediatric neurodevelopment and "recovery from serious vaccine injuries," which strongly signals a shift away from expertise in vaccinology and population-level benefit-risk assessment. In short, these changes elevate perspectives that are not grounded in established science and have no place in a federal advisory committee tasked with safeguarding public health.

While next steps for ACIP remain unclear, any voting or liaison members of ACIP must conduct their work in a transparent, evidence-based manner and not have a history of promoting vaccine misinformation — requirements that are foundational to the restoration of ACIP's identity as a trusted scientific authority.

Our nation's infectious diseases clinicians and scientists remain steadfastly on the side of patients and public health, and we will not rest until science-based vaccine guidance is restored.

— Ronald G. Nahass, MD, MHCM, FIDSA — President, IDSA

[Changes to ACIP charter must maintain its scientific integrity](#)

Last Updated April 08, 2026

Infectious diseases experts call on Secretary Kennedy to maintain the scientific integrity of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices charter as he undertakes his review. Any proposed changes must be made transparently and include

meaningful opportunities for public input — an essential step toward restoring public trust in the vaccine guidance process.

Because ACIP recommendations guide insurance coverage and the administration of vaccines, the committee's charter must continue to require that members have relevant vaccine expertise. Further, the ACIP charter must continue to allow for liaison members from health professional societies to ensure clinicians can contribute to the committee's discussions and decisions. The lack of collaboration with clinicians and absence of a scientific foundation in ACIP's recommendations have left both patients and clinicians confused and concerned about where to turn for trustworthy vaccine guidance.

Secretary Kennedy's blatant dismantling of the nation's vaccine infrastructure over the past year underscores that robust oversight will be critical for any changes to the ACIP charter. The Department of Health and Human Services and the current ACIP have promoted vaccine misinformation, weakened lifesaving vaccine recommendations and made it more difficult for Americans to access vaccines.

Maintaining the integrity of the ACIP charter is a vital step to prevent the further decimation of vaccine infrastructure and access in the U.S.

— Ronald G. Nahass, MD, MHCM, FIDSA — President, IDSA

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID)

<https://www.nfid.org/news-updates/>

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News and Updates

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National Medical Association (NMA)

<https://nmanet.org/blog/>

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Latest News

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Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)

<https://pids.org/news-announcements/>

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News & Announcements

April 10, 2026

[Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society Statement on New Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Charter](#)

The revised CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) charter published yesterday represents the latest attempt to upend U.S. vaccine policy with a focus shifting away from public health toward misinformation and litigation. As pediatric clinicians and researchers, PIDS fears such an orientation jeopardizes our capacity to continue protecting the health and well-being of children from vaccine-preventable and emerging infectious diseases.

The ACIP's traditional examinations of vaccines considered a vaccine or treatment candidate for its efficacy, safety, and necessity, and continued those evaluations on a routine basis. The informed insights demonstrated by ACIP members reflected the trust healthcare professionals and families needed in CDC recommendations. Until recently committee members themselves were thoroughly evaluated for their expertise and transparency.

This new iteration of the committee would further erode the ACIP's reputation in the American public. It elevates areas of toxicology, pediatric neurodevelopment, vaccine injury and social aspects of immunization programs while minimizing the importance of experts in medicine, vaccines, immunization practices and immunology by requiring that members only be "knowledgeable of" these

critical areas. While it maintains many liaison organizations, it imperils legitimacy with the inclusion of several vaccine-skeptical groups. We believe this will lead to greater vaccine hesitancy and refusal, resulting in falling vaccination coverage and ultimately, children suffering and dying from diseases that are easily prevented with safe, effective vaccines.

PIDS is committed to vaccine and public health policy rooted in science, led by experts, and transparent in its decision-making. Only then will we restore vaccine confidence in the public and advance our abilities to protect children from infectious diseases. We welcome the opportunity to work with any who share our approach and are ready to help families safeguard their children.

Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)

<https://shea-online.org/news/>

(Accessed 11 Apr 2026)

No new digest content identified.

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM)

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

(Accessed 11 Apr 2026)

News

No new digest content identified.

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Civil Society – Individuals, Organizations, Institutions *[Selected]*

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Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF [11 Apr 2026]

https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release

[KFF Tracker: America First MOU Bilateral Global Health Agreements](#)

Apr 8, 2026 *Tracker*

This tracker provides up-to-date information on countries with signed bilateral MOU global health agreements with the U.S.

[The HPV Vaccine: Access and Use in the U.S.](#)

Apr 8, 2026 *Fact Sheet*

This factsheet discusses HPV and related cancers, use of the HPV vaccines for both females and males, and insurance coverage and access to the vaccines.

[Measles Elimination Status: What It Is and How the U.S. Could Lose It](#)

Apr 7, 2026 *Policy Watch*

This policy watch examines the United States' measles elimination status, including what it means to eliminate measles, whether the current measles outbreak could threaten the country's measles elimination status, and what losing that status might mean for measles control.

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Vaccine Integrity Project – CIDRAP [to 11 Apr 2026]

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/vaccine-integrity-project>

Announcements, Viewpoints

No new digest content identified.

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Paul Offit, MD – *Beyond the Noise*

Substack: <https://pauloffit.substack.com/>

[RFK Jr.'s Latest Disservice to Children with Autism](#)

Perhaps no one has done more to hurt children with autism and mislead their parents than the current Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Apr 07, 2026

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Organization Announcements

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [11 Apr 2026]

<https://alleninstitute.org/news-press/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Gates Foundation [11 Apr 2026]

<https://www.gatesfoundation.org/ideas/media-center>

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

CARB-X [11 Apr 2026]

<https://carb-x.org/>

News

04.07.2026 |

[The European Commission invests in CARB-X and GARDP to ramp up global response to antimicrobial resistance](#)

The European Commission's DG Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (DG HERA) announced today at the One Health Summit in Lyon a new €30 million EU4Health investment managed by KfW, Germany's Development Bank, to Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria Biopharmaceutical Accelerator (CARB-X) and the Global Antibiotic Research & Development Partnership (GARDP) to strengthen the global response to antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative [11 Apr 2026]

<https://chanzuckerberg.com/newsroom/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations [11 Apr 2026]

<http://cepi.net/>

CEPI News, Blog

News

[R&D roadmaps for pathogen families to reduce uncertainty about the next pandemic](#)

7 Apr 2026

CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 11

Apr 2026]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

No new digest content identified.

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [11 Apr 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

DNDI – Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative [11 Apr 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Duke Global Health Innovation Center [11 Apr 2026]

<https://dukeghic.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

EDCTP [11 Apr 2026]

<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

News

No new digest content identified.

Emory Vaccine Center [11 Apr 2026]

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

Vaccine Center News

No new digest content identified.

European Vaccine Initiative [11 Apr 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Fondation Merieux [11 Apr 2026]

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

Actualités

No new digest content identified.

Gates Medical Research Institute [11 Apr 2026]

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

The Gates Medical Research Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to the discovery, development and effective use of novel biomedical interventions addressing substantial global health concerns, for which investment incentives are limited.

News: Articles and Publications

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 11 Apr 2026]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

GE2P2 Global Foundation [11 Apr 2026]

www.ge2p2.org

News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements/Digests

:: [Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review](#) - Current edition

:: [Informed Consent: A Monthly Review – May 2025](#)

:: [Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 19 March 2026](#)

:: [Genomics, Gene Editing, Convergent Biosciences: Governance, Ethics, Policy, Practice – A Monthly Review – Nov 2025](#)

GHIT Fund [11 Apr 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 11 Apr 2026]

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

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R] [11 Apr 2026]

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

News & Events

No new digest content identified.

Hilleman Laboratories [11 Apr 2026]

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

News & Insights

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [11 Apr 2026]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Human Immunome Project [nee Human Vaccines Project] [11 Apr 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

IAVI [11 Apr 2026]

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

Press Releases, Features

Press Releases

[IAVI begins first-in-human Phase 1 trial of single-dose Marburg virus vaccine candidate](#)

April 6, 2026

Trial to generate foundational human safety and immunogenicity data, advancing a vaccine platform suited for rapid outbreak response

INSERM [11 Apr 2026]

<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 11 Apr 2026]

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

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]

9 April 2026

[Training Module Issued for ICH Guideline M15 on Model-informed Drug Development](#)

ICH has issued an overview training module for harmonised Guideline ICH M15: General Principles for Model-Informed Drug Development. The M15 Guideline was adopted in January of this year.

Ongoing Public Consultations		^
>	E22 EWG	General Considerations for Patient Preference Studies
>	M4Q(R2) EWG	Revision of M4Q(R1)

<https://www.ich.org/page/public-consultations>

ICRC [to 11 Apr 2026]

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

Latest press releases and statements

[Lebanon: ICRC outraged by deadly strikes in densely populated areas](#)

News release 08-04-2026

[UN Security Council: Safety and security of humanitarian personnel](#)

Statement 08-04-2026

IFFIm [11 Apr 2026]

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

Press Releases/Announcements

No new digest content identified.

IFRC [to 11 Apr 2026]

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

Press releases

[IFRC dispatches critical medical supplies from Türkiye to support urgent needs in Iran; calls for scaled up support](#)

10/04/2026 | *Press release*

IPPS - International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat [11 Apr 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Institut Pasteur [11 Apr 2026]

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

Press Documents

No new digest content identified.

InterAcademy Partnership (IAP)

<https://www.interacademies.org>

News

[2026 global conference on the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development \(2024-2033\)](#)

UNESCO welcomes you to join the first global conference of the International Science Decade, a hybrid event held from 15–17 July 2026 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris.
15 July 2026 - 17 July 2026

ISC / International Science Council [to 11 Apr 2026]

<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, Resources

No new digest content identified.

IVAC [11 Apr 2026]

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

Updates; Events

No new digest content identified.

IVI [11 Apr 2026]

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

IVI News & Announcements

[IVI appoints In-Kyu Yoon as Deputy Director General of Integrated Development and Pandemic/Outbreak Readiness](#)

8 April 2026, SEOUL, Republic of Korea — The International Vaccine Institute (IVI) announces that Dr. In-Kyu Yoon has been appointed Deputy Director General of the newly established Integrated Development and Pandemic/Outbreak Readiness unit, effective April 2026.

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security [11 Apr 2026]

<https://centerforhealthsecurity.org/newsroom>

Center News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 11 Apr 2026]

<https://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom.html>

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 11 Apr 2026]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Gaza-Israel war

"This is not a ceasefire": Life in Gaza continues to be suffocated six months on

Press Release 10 Apr 2026

Lebanon

Lebanon: Testimony from a night of mass casualties in Beirut

Voices from the Field 9 Apr 2026

Yemen

Nurses in Yemen strengthen their skills through MSF Academy for Healthcare

Project Update 9 Apr 2026

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 11 Apr 2026]

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

News, Stories, Insights

No new digest content identified.

PATH [11 Apr 2026]

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

Newsroom [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Sabin Vaccine Institute [11 Apr 2026]

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

Latest News & Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNAIDS [11 Apr 2026]

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

News, Stories, Updates

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 11 Apr 2026]

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

Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]

Press release 09 April 2026

UNICEF statement on intensified strikes on Lebanon and the devastating impact on children

NEW YORK, 9 April 2026 –, “The intensification of hostilities in Lebanon continues to exact a devastating and inhumane toll on children. In just minutes yesterday, as news of a regional ceasefire agreement briefly ignited hope across the country, deadly Israeli airstrikes struck across Lebanon, reportedly killing ...

Statement 07 April 2026

UNICEF Statement on hostilities in the Middle East

NEW YORK, 7 April 2026 –, “Children in Iran and across the region are exposed to physical harm and psychological distress, alongside attacks and rising threats to the essential infrastructure upon which their survival depends. “Across Iran, children are already bearing the brunt of conflict. The cumulative

impact ...

Unitaid [11 Apr 2026]

<https://unitaid.org/>

News releases

No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative] [11 Apr 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified. [Last update Jun 30, 2023]

Vaccine Confidence Project [11 Apr 2026]

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

News, Research and Reports

No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Education Center – Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia [11 Apr 2026]

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

News

[Vaccine Update Newsletter March 2026](#)

Wellcome Trust [11 Apr 2026]

<https://wellcome.org/>

News, Opinion, Reports

No new digest content identified.

The Wistar Institute [to 11 Apr 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Bank [to 11 Apr 2026]

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

News [Selected]

[Joint Statement by the Heads of the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank Group and the World Food Programme](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Washington, D.C.: The Heads of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank Group (WBG) and the World Food Programme (WFP) met...

Date: April 08, 2026 Type: Statement

WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations [11 Apr 2026]

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

Blog, Events

No new digest announcements identified.

World Medical Association [WMA] [to 06 Sep 025]

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

Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE] [11 Apr 2026]

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

Press Releases, Statements

[**WOAH and partners advance One Health from vision to action at the 2026 One Health Summit**](#)

Published on 9 April 2026

Joint Statement

[**Strengthening One Health through coordinated action on implementation, science, policy and financing**](#)

Published on 8 April 2026

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ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine] [11 Apr 2026]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

BIO [11 Apr 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network [11 Apr 2026]

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

News; Upcoming events

No new digest announcements identified.

EFPIA – European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations

<https://www.efpia.eu/news-events/>

News & Events

No new digest announcements identified.

ICBA – International Council of Biotechnology Associations [11 Apr 2026]

<https://internationalbiotech.org/>

News

No new digest announcements identified.

IFPMA [11 Apr 2026]

<https://ifpma.org/>

News & Resources

No new digest announcements identified.

International Alliance of Patients' Organizations – IAPO [11 Apr 2026]

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

Press and media [Selected]

No new digest announcements identified.

International Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association [IGBA]

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

News

No new digest announcements identified.

PhRMA [11 Apr 2026]

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

Press Releases

April 8, 2026

[PhRMA President & CEO Steve Ubl Announces Plans for Leadership Transition](#)

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Vaccines/Therapeutics/Medicines – Selected Developer/Manufacturer Announcements

We recognize that this listing is indicative but certainly not exhaustive. We invite nomination of other vaccine developers for potential addition to those monitored below.

AstraZeneca

Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Bavarian Nordic

Latest News - *No new digest announcements identified.*

BioCubaFarma – Cuba

Últimas Noticias - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Biological E

News - *No new digest announcements identified.*

BioNTech

Press Releases - *No new digest announcements identified.*

Boehringer

Press Releases

[Ecuador Free of Rabies project accelerates progress toward eliminating dog-mediated rabies supported by Boehringer Ingelheim's Stop Rabies program](#)

Ingelheim, Thu, 09/04/2026 - 10:00

:: Ecuador aims to become one of the first rabies free countries in Latin America.

:: Joint efforts with the Ministry of Public Health focus on vaccination, education and epidemiological surveillance.

:: Boehringer Ingelheim announces critical support to the project at the international One Health Summit in Lyon, France

CanSinoBIO

News - Website not responding at inquiry.

CIGB

Latest News - No new digest announcements identified.

CinnaGen – Iran

Recent News - Website not responding at inquiry.

Clover Biopharmaceuticals – China

News - No new digest announcements identified.

CSL Seqirus

News Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Curevac

News - Website now directs to BioNTech site

Dailchi Sankyo

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Gamaleya National Center/Sputnik

Latest News and Events - No new digest announcements identified [Last: 09 Nov 2020]

<https://sputnikvaccine.com/> - No new digest announcements identified [Last: 31 Aug 2022]

GSK

Press releases for media - No new digest announcements identified.

EuBiologics, S Korea

News - No new digest announcements identified.

HIPRA

Press releases - No new digest announcements identified.

JNJ Innovative Medicine [Janssen]

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Merck

News releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Moderna

News and Blog Posts

April 6, 2026

[**Moderna to Present Revaccination Data for Its Investigational Seasonal Influenza Vaccine and for mRESVIA at ESCMID 2026**](#)

Nanogen

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Novartis

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Novavax

Press Releases

Mar 30, 2026

[Novavax Appoints Dr. Robert Walker as Executive Vice President and Head of Research & Development](#)

Pfizer

Recent Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

R-Pharm

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

[No news or media page identified]

Samsung Biologics

Latest News - No new digest announcements identified.

Sanofi Pasteur

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Serum Institute

News & Announcements - No new digest announcements identified.

Sinopharm/WIBPBIBP

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Sinovac

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

SK Biosciences

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Takeda

Newsroom - No new digest announcements identified.

Valneva

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

WestVac Biopharma

Media - No new digest announcements identified.

Zhifei Longcom, China

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

Website [No News/Announcements page 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 176 2025 Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 27, Number 12: E823-875 December 2025

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/aging-bad-you>

Aging Is Bad for You?

At some point along life's trajectory, growing becomes aging. Gerotherapeutics—biologically-based approaches to health that target processes of aging—seem poised to respond. This theme issue investigates ethical valences of what gerotherapeutics suggest about our socially, culturally, and historically entrenched patterns of pathologizing and medicalizing aging. Advancement in our understanding of physiological mechanisms of aging has prompted some to reconceive lifespans as health spans. Geroscience also suggests the need to critically evaluate whether and to what extent we should think of anti-aging ventures as legitimate enterprises of health care. Normative roles played by aging in our personal and relational narratives, in our expectations about how duration and quality of life confer value to life, and in how life extension promotes or undermines our notions of wisdom and a good life are all at stake.

American Journal of Human Genetics

Apr 02, 2026 Volume 113 Issue 4 p637-888

<https://www.cell.com/ajhg/current>

This month in The Journal

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

Polygenic risk scores (PRSs) are promising tools that have the potential to help translate findings from genetic association studies into clinically meaningful health insights. As work on PRSs has increased, it has become clear that the accuracy of their predictions varies between and within

ancestry groups. These performance issues have been primarily attributed to differences in genetic architectures between the populations used to construct scores and the populations or individuals in which the scores are applied.

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Infection Control

May 2026 Volume 54 Issue 5 p473-592

<http://www.ajicjournal.org/current>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

April 2026 Volume 70 Issue 4

<https://www.ajpmonline.org/current>

Research Articles

[Impact of Serotype Uncertainty on Adult Pneumococcal Vaccine Options: A Value of Information Analysis](#)

Angela R. Wateska, et al.

Published online: February 25, 2026

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American Journal of Public Health

May 2026 116(5)

<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>

VACCINE ACCESS

[Navigating State Politics to Protect Vaccine Policy](#)

Lina Tucker Reinders MPH and Ruaa Hassaballa PhD(c), MPH

[AJPH as a Trusted Source for Child and Adolescent Vaccination Recommendations](#)

Robert Kim-Farley MD, MPH, Bisola O. Ojikutu MD, MPH and Denys T. Lau PhD

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 114 (2026): Issue 4 (Apr 2026)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/114/4/tpmd.114.issue-4.xml>

[Addressing Climate Change Impacts on Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases: Can Artificial Intelligence Help?](#)

Richard L. Oehler and Lauren Rybolt

Volume/Issue: Volume 114: Issue 4

Perspective

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.25-0642> Page(s): 599–605

[Artificial Intelligence and Public Health Data in Emergencies: A Critical Issue in the Middle East](#)

Osama Ali Maher, et al.

Volume/Issue: Volume 114: Issue 4

Perspective

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.25-0721> Page(s): 606–608

ABSTRACT.

Timely access to reliable public health data is a critical determinant of effective response to health emergencies, including disease outbreaks, climate-related health shocks, and humanitarian crises. Although artificial intelligence (AI) has been promoted for its potential to enhance outbreak prediction, situational awareness, and resource allocation, its effectiveness depends on the speed, quality, and accessibility of underlying data systems. Inequities in digital infrastructure, particularly in low- and middle-income settings, undermine prompt public health data management and in turn weaken emergency response capacity. With examples from epidemics, climate-related health emergencies, and conflict-affected settings in and beyond the Middle East, we examine how delays arise across public health data transmissions that include reliance on paper-based data collection, fragmented and incompatible databases, linguistic barriers in non-English data processing, dependence on externally hosted cloud infrastructure, and vulnerability to telecommunications shutdowns. Geographical concentration of data centers in high-income regions compounds these challenges by introducing latency into time-critical data processing and limiting local control over surveillance and analytics. Case studies from Yemen, Iraq, Sudan, and regional refugee responses illustrate how such delays erode surveillance data operational value, rendering early warning systems reactive rather than anticipatory. In contrast, settings with locally hosted, interoperable, and resilient digital infrastructure demonstrate the capacity for nearly immediate analysis and faster public health action. AI should be understood not as a standalone solution but as a downstream tool within a broader public health data ecosystem. Strengthening local digital infrastructure and governance is thus essential for timely, equitable, and effective public health emergency management.

Annals of Internal Medicine

March 2026 Volume 179, Issue 3

<https://www.acpjournals.org/toc/aim/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 354 May 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/354/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

<http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/>

(Accessed 11 Apr 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 11 Apr 2026)

[Evaluation of a nurse-led pneumococcal vaccination program in a day hospital](#)

Olivier Bory, Manon Verstraeten, Morgane Michel

Research Open access 11 April 2026

[Evaluation of COVID-19 policy efficiency in 27 European OECD countries: a data envelopment analysis](#)

Xiaoyu Tang, Yuhan Lou, Yang Cao

Research Open access 11 April 2026

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 11 Apr 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 11 Apr 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 11 Apr 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 11 Apr 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 11 Apr 2026)

Articles

[**No improvement in parental vaccine hesitancy in the Netherlands in 2023 versus 2022**](#)

Marthe Knijff, Alies van Lier, Hester de Melker

Research Open access 09 April 2026

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 11 Apr 2026)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

April 2026 - Volume 31 - 2

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/31/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMJ Global Health

April 2026 - Volume 11 - 4

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/11/4>

Practice

[**Strengthening healthcare worker knowledge for outbreak preparedness and response via mobile technology in Nigeria and Uganda**](#) (3 April, 2026)

Samantha Kozikott, et al.

Commentary

[Public awareness and education: key to the success of the malaria vaccine rollout in Sudan](#)

(7 April, 2026)

Abrar Abd Elmohaimin Ali Mohammed, Hagir Khalid Elshaikh Elagib, Masajed Abakr Adam Ibrahim, Medrar Assadat Abdelfarag Rafai, Ola Dafaalla Mohamed Hag Ali, Osama Yaseen Mahmoud Yaseen

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - March 2026

<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2026-03/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 104, Number 4, April 2026, 209-284

<https://www.who.int/publications/journals/bulletin>

Articles

[WHO Collaborating Centres: a global scientific network.](#)

Doherty M, Tuler M, Briand S, Ghebreyesus TA.

Bull World Health Organ. 2026 Apr 1;104(4):210-210A. doi: 10.2471/BLT.26.296055.

PMCID: PMC13037214

[Management of hepatitis C infections among Rohingya refugees, Bangladesh.](#)

Ceccarelli G, Branda F, Fairouz F, Albanese M, Scarpa F, d'Ettorre G, Giovanetti M, Ngwabe Che T, Ciccozzi M.

Bull World Health Organ. 2026 Jan 28;104(4):282-284. doi: 10.2471/BLT.24.292920.

Cell

Mar 19, 2026 Volume 189 Issue 6 p1591-1874

<https://www.cell.com/cell/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Cell and Gene Therapy Insights

February 2026 Issue, Volume 12 Issue 1

<https://www.insights.bio/cell-and-gene-therapy-insights/journal/283/volume-12-issue-1>

[Reviewed earlier]

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Malaria remains a major global health challenge, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa, where *Plasmodium falciparum* is increasingly resistant to frontline antimalarial therapies. CRISPR-Cas9, a groundbreaking genome editing tool, has become a transformative force in biomedical research, offering valuable insights into the genetic mechanisms underlying drug resistance. This review provides a comprehensive overview of the CRISPR-Cas9 system, its origin, evolution, and application in antimalarial drug-resistance research, with particular emphasis on African studies. We examine the role of CRISPR in elucidating resistance pathways, validating molecular markers, and enhancing diagnostic strategies. Additionally, a systematic scoping review highlights the geographic scope and focus of CRISPR-related malaria research conducted across Africa. Significantly low application and adoption were observed. Despite existing technological and regulatory barriers, CRISPR holds strong potential for accelerating

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Gregory D. Scholes and Graham R. Fleming

Abstract

Quantum biology is the field at the intersection of quantum-related physics and the biology of living systems. The goal of the field is to determine if quantum phenomena underpin biological function at the macroscale. Such results, supported by compelling experimental evidence, will be important because they will show how quantum effects can have functional relevance, even in very complex and nominally classical systems. Here, we attempt to define the scope of quantum biology with a forward-facing view to help focus the research agenda. To that end, we propose open questions fundamental to consolidating the field of quantum biology. These open questions highlight the importance of developing suitable probes at the quantum scale, the possibility that classical biological machinery might simply mimic quantum systems, and of elucidating the ways quantum function can be amplified to the macroscale.

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Hazdalila Yais Haji Razali

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[**Governance of biological sample sharing in health research: Material transfer agreements in Zambia and South Africa – necessary but not sufficient?**](#)

Victor Chalwe, Theresa Rossouw and Keymanthri Moodley

Abstract

The transfer of biological materials is pivotal in health research, especially in clinical trials conducted in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). Standard material transfer agreements (MTAs) have been developed to exercise due diligence during the transfer of biological materials. Recent controversial conduct in

research in SSA highlights the need for robust regulation, especially concerning biological sample transfer. This study evaluated the sufficiency of Zambia's existing regulations concerning MTAs using the South African regulatory framework as a comparator. A qualitative study approach was adopted utilizing a desk review. Thematic analysis was conducted using relevant, publicly accessible national regulatory documents. All necessary approvals were obtained. Both countries have established provisions for MTAs in health research, although the legal status of the respective provisions differ. Zambia's MTA is based on the National Health Research Act No. 2 of 2013 and mandates that while samples and data remain the property of the Zambian government, research participants must share in future benefits that arise. In contrast, South Africa's MTA (2018) is a framework agreement, outlining the contractual aspects of biological sample sharing in research. It highlights ownership of samples as resting with the "donor," benefit sharing, an ongoing consent process, secondary use of materials and dispute settlement. Both nations emphasize intellectual property rights, privacy with respect to samples and associated data. In Zambia, it is a legal requirement for contracting parties to sign a MTA. Ownership of biological samples vests with the Zambian government. On the other hand, the South African MTA (2018) is regarded as a regulatory framework and is contentious especially with respect to ownership and inclusion of the REC as a contractual party. In both countries, enforcement and implementation remain critical concerns in collaborative research involving sharing of biological samples. Consequently, the MTAs need to be reviewed. Reaching consensus is a research ethics imperative.

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Volume 392| Issue 6794| 9 Apr 2026

<https://www.science.org/toc/science/current>

Editorial

[More transparency needed on misconduct](#)

BY Michael Lauer, Mark Barnes

09 Apr 2026

Policy Forum

[Diagnostics investments and disease burden](#)

BY Kathryn A. Phillips, et al.

09 Apr 2026: 151-153

Abstract

Screening and testing for disease using “diagnostics” (see the box) is increasingly essential across global health care systems to identify and target individuals who will most benefit from health care interventions and to address unmet disease burden. However, access to diagnostics is uneven and often inadequate, particularly in lower- and middle-income countries, with an estimated 47% of the world’s population having limited or no access to diagnostics (1). Despite these needs, diagnostics historically have received lower investment, insurance coverage, and payment rates than drugs, creating barriers to innovation (2). We leverage a recent, in-depth assessment of the mismatch between drug development and disease burden in the US (2) to address two critical gaps: (i) policies specifically relevant to diagnostics and integrated diagnostic–drug combinations, and (ii) how findings for the US extrapolate globally. We focus on underinvestment in diagnostics and explore how regulatory and payment policies could facilitate diagnostic innovation.

Research Articles

[Wildlife trade drives animal-to-human pathogen transmission over 40 years](#)

BY Jérôme M. W. Gippet, et al.

09 Apr 2026: 178-182

The wildlife trade is an important form of human-animal interaction that affects around a quarter of all mammal species. Multiple trade-related activities, including harvesting, breeding, warehousing, transport, market placement, and end use, create opportunities for cross-species pathogen transmission. As such, the human-animal interactions occurring throughout wildlife trade networks can lead to infectious disease outbreaks in humans, including epidemics and pandemics with major socioeconomic impacts. Although several high-profile outbreaks, including the emergence of HIV, the 2014 West African Ebola epidemic, the 2003 mpox outbreak in North America, and the COVID-19 pandemic, have been linked to traded wildlife, the long-term impact of the wildlife trade in shaping pathogen exchange between humans and wild animals remains unclear.

Science and Engineering Ethics

Volume 32, Issue 2 April 2026

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Science Translational Medicine

Volume 18| Issue 844| 8 Apr 2026

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Volume 70 March–April 2026

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Volume 78 11 April 2026

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Vaccines

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Editorial

[Special Issue “Viral Infections, Host Immunity and Vaccines”](#)

Sarah N. Mueni, Henry M. Kariithi and Salman L. Butt

Vaccines 2026, 14(4), 332; <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14040332>

8 April 2026

Viral infections remain among the most persistent and evolving threats to global health [...]

Article

[Profiles of Hesitancy Toward the Herpes Zoster Vaccine Among Older Adults in China: A Latent Profile Analysis](#)

Jianing Dai, et al.

[Vaccines](#) 2026, 14(4), 331;<https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14040331>

7 April 2026

Background: Understanding diverse psychological factors is crucial for promoting vaccination. This study focuses on psychological factors influencing HZ vaccination attitudes and intentions among older adults who have not yet received the HZ vaccine.

Value in Health

April 2026 Volume 29 Issue 4 p535-710

<https://www.valueinhealthjournal.com/current>

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World Medical Journal – Official Journal of The World Medical Association

Nr. 4, December 2025, vol. 71

<https://www.wma.net/publications/world-medical-journal/>

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Volume 200 April 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/world-development/vol/200/suppl/C>

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[HAARF: Healthcare AI Agents Regulatory Framework - A Comprehensive Security Verification Standard for Autonomous AI Systems in Clinical Environments](#)

Jim Schwoebel, Martin Gerbert Frasch, Art Spalding, Ed Sewell, Phil Englert, Ben Halpert, Collin Overbay, Ingrida Semenec PhD, Joel Shor PhD, Task Force for AI Agents in Healthcare
medRxiv 2026.04.09.26350519; doi: <https://doi.org/10.64898/2026.04.09.26350519>

[Assessing the Impact of Timing and Coverage of United States COVID-19 Vaccination Campaigns: A Multi-Model Approach](#)

Anjalika Nande, Soren L Larsen, James Turtle, Jessica T. Davis, Shraddha Ramdas Bandekar, Bryan Lewis, Shi Chen, Lucie Contamin, Sung-mok Jung, Emily Howerton, Katriona Shea, Clara Bay, Michal Ben-Nun, Kaiming Bi, Anass Bouchnita, Jiangzhuo Chen, Matteo Chinazzi, Spencer J. Fox, Alison L. Hill, Harry Hochheiser, Joseph C. Lemaitre, Sara L. Loo, Madhav Marathe, Lauren Ancel Meyers, Carl A. B. Pearson, Przemyslaw Porebski, Emily Przykucki, Claire P. Smith, Srinivasan Venkatramanan, Alessandro Vespignani, Timothy C. Willard, Katie Yan, Cecile Viboud, Justin Lessler, Shaun Truelove
medRxiv 2026.04.07.26349269; doi: <https://doi.org/10.64898/2026.04.07.26349269> Revision

[Religious beliefs and practices, political orientation, and distrust in healthcare predict attitudes toward mRNA vaccines in the United States](#)

Erin D. Solomon, Eu Gene Chin, Kari Baldwin, Lauren L. Baker, James M. DuBois
medRxiv 2026.04.06.26350267; doi: <https://doi.org/10.64898/2026.04.06.26350267>

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[Think Tanks](#)

Brookings [to 11 Apr 2026]

<http://www.brookings.edu/>

Research, Events

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Center for Global Development [11 Apr 2026]

<https://www.cgd-ev.org/>

All Research

BRIEF

[A Clearer Case for Aid](#)

Masood Ahmed et al.

April 08, 2026

Aid budgets are under pressure, and public support for spending money abroad is weakening. Part of the problem is the erosion of clarity around the purpose of aid: when people don't know what aid is for, it becomes impossible to defend. Governments will continue to invest public money abroad. But in...

CGD NOTE

[A Clear Vision for Official Development Assistance: Purpose, Principles, and Priorities](#)

Masood Ahmed et al.

April 08, 2026

At this critical juncture, during a time of rising pressures on public services and concern over the cost of living and economic security, it is important to have a straightforward answer for those who ask why governments invest public money abroad when there are so many needs at home.

Chatham House [to 11 Apr 2026]

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Council on Foreign Relations [11 Apr 2026]

<https://www.cfr.org/media/news-releases>

New Releases [Selected]

Health

[Many Countries Eliminated Measles. Why Is It Coming Back in the U.S. and Globally?](#)

Declines in vaccination rates and funding cuts have fueled measles outbreaks worldwide. Children infected with measles receive treatment at the Infectious Disease Hospital in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on April 6, 2026. Maruf Rahman/NurPhoto/Getty Images
By experts and staff Published April 10, 2026 12:20 p.m.

CSIS [to 11 Apr 2026]

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Translation and Impact

[ISGlobal Launches "The Future of Global Health", an Advocacy Newsletter](#)

The newsletter, to be published every two months, will provide analysis and monitoring of political processes, mappings of the global health ecosystem, and a calendar of key events
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McKinsey Global Institute [to 11 Apr 2026]

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Latest Publications

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[Where Do Americans Get Health Information, and What Do They Trust?](#)

Health care providers are a key source for health information. Smaller shares get health information from social media and AI.

Rand [to 11 Apr 2026]

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World Economic Forum [to 11 Apr 2026]

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Public Consultations/Call for Inputs/Call for Papers

WMA - Declaration of Taipei Revision Launched [Ongoing]

...The Declaration of Taipei tries to achieve a balance between the rights of individuals giving their tissue or data for research and other purposes based on confidentiality and privacy rules while at the same time recognising that health data has become a very powerful tool for increasing knowledge.

In analysing the scenarios that already exist for the use (and misuse) of health data and biobanks, we came to the conclusion that the major risk scenarios may not result from science, but from the commercial, administrative or political use of such data. Limiting our guidelines to research only would have left us blind to the imminent risk of abuse from outside the field of medicine: commercialization, cost-cutting and potential political abuse.

Therefore, in contrast to the Declaration of Helsinki, this policy aims to address any use of health databases and biobanks excluding individual treatment and is not restricted to research. As physicians are the primary custodians of confidential health information, they feel an obligation towards their patients and other persons who entrust them with their data and specimens...

In April 2025, the WMA appointed a workgroup to initiate the revision process of this document. To encourage as much global participation in the revision process as possible, the WMA is collaborating with its members to host a series of regional meetings...

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