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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

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Malaria

Gavi and UNICEF secure lower malaria vaccine price, saving US\$50 million for childhood immunization programmes

COPENHAGEN/GENEVA/NEW YORK, 22 October 2026 – An agreement announced today will **cut the price of the RTS,S/AS01 malaria vaccine by approximately 40 per cent. The deal, executed by UNICEF and financially backed by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, is expected to generate around US\$50 million in savings between 2027 and 2029...**

The deal, enabled through an advance payment by the International Finance Facility for Immunisation (IFFIm), will bring the price of the vaccine to EUR 5.50 per dose, a reduction of approximately 40 per cent from the price paid today. The agreement is subject to regulatory and manufacturing milestones – including WHO prequalification of a new manufacturing facility that will enable greater supply capacity – which must be met before UNICEF begins procuring doses.

The lower price, expected to take effect by early 2027, builds on the product transfer of the vaccine's production to a developing country vaccine manufacturer, and reflects sustained efforts to shape a more sustainable and competitive malaria vaccine market...

Demand for malaria vaccines has exceeded initial forecasts since rollout began in 2024. To date, more than 74 million doses have been procured and delivered by UNICEF. The Gavi-funded malaria programme is now part of routine immunization in 25 African countries that bear more than 70 per cent of the global malaria burden. At a time of unprecedented decline in funding for international aid, efforts to create affordable and sustainable supply are critical to meet the Alliance's target to vaccinate 50 million more children against malaria by 2030...

"Impact is at the heart of IFFIm's mission. As we mark twenty years of helping expand access to life-saving vaccines, this transaction demonstrates the continued relevance of IFFIm's model," said Georgina Baker, IFFIm Board chair. "We were created to accelerate vaccine access, increase availability, and help lower costs so that more children can be protected sooner. By helping secure lower prices for RTS, S/ AS01 malaria vaccines, and working alongside Gavi and UNICEF, we can maximise our collective impact and help ensure that more children are protected from malaria."

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Health Data Governance – Africa

AU Member States Validate African Continental Health Data Governance Framework

22 October 2026

Validation marks a major step toward a shared continental approach to secure, ethical and sovereign health data governance, ahead of finalisation and consideration through African Union policy processes.

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 22 October 2026 – **African Union (AU) Member States have validated the African Continental Health Data Governance Framework**, paving the way for Africa’s first common continental approach on the lawful, secure, ethical and sovereign governance of health data.

The framework aims to establish an integrated African health data ecosystem in which Member States govern, protect and use health data. It will also guide countries in developing national legislation, policies and governance systems, while enabling secure data sharing to improve disease surveillance, public health responses and healthcare delivery.

Developed through successive consultations with AU Member States and stakeholders since 2025, the Framework has enabled countries to assess its provisions against diverse legal, institutional and digital-health contexts. Its validation comes as Africa’s health systems become increasingly digital. Electronic health records, health information exchanges and artificial intelligence (AI) offer new opportunities to improve healthcare, strengthen disease surveillance and make better use of limited resources amid declining development assistance.

However, gaps in privacy protection, cybersecurity and legal safeguards increase the risk of data misuse, algorithmic bias and declining public trust. The framework addresses these challenges by establishing common safeguards while allowing countries to retain control over their health data...

Africa CDC Director-General Dr Jean Kaseya said the framework marks a shift towards African ownership and governance of health data, placing Member States at the centre of decisions on how their data is managed, protected and shared.

“For too long, Africa’s health data have been fragmented across disconnected systems. This Framework puts governments in the lead and Member States at the centre of decisions on how health data are governed, protected and used. Health sovereignty begins with owning, protecting and using our own data,” he said.

The framework builds on existing AU instruments, including the African Union Convention on Cyber Security and Personal Data Protection (Malabo Convention), the AU Data Policy Framework (2022) and the Digital Transformation Strategy for Africa (2020–2030).

A key feature is its proposed federated approach, which would allow countries to share information securely across borders without relinquishing oversight of their national health data systems. This would enable more coordinated responses to disease outbreaks and other public health threats.

With validation now secured, Africa CDC will finalise the framework based on the agreed amendments and advance it through relevant African Union policy processes, with consideration anticipated in 2027. Member States will then lead its implementation, with technical assistance from Africa CDC and Transform Health, a partner supporting the development and validation process.

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PABS Annex

[A/IGWG/9 - Intergovernmental Working Group \[IGWG\] on the WHO Pandemic Agreement – 02-13 November 2026](#)

The IGWG serves as a platform for countries to collaboratively shape the operational details of the WHO Pandemic Agreement. The Group's work includes the development of an annex on Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing (PABS) – a system designed to ensure transparent and equitable sharing of pathogen samples and genetic sequence data.

[No agenda or other meeting materials posted as yet]

Member States advance negotiations on pathogen access and benefit-sharing ahead of UN General Assembly meeting on pandemics

WHO News Release 18 September 2026

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Ebola – Bundibugyo virus disease (BVD) – PHEIC/PHECS

WHO

Disease Outbreak News (DONs)

Ebola disease caused by Bundibugyo virus - Democratic Republic of the Congo

23 October 2026

Situation at a glance

Since the publication of the previous Disease Outbreak News on 8 October 2026, the Bundibugyo virus disease (BVD) outbreak has expanded geographically in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as well as in the African Region, with Kenya and Nigeria reporting imported cases. Sustained, high-level transmission continues in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. As of 20 October 2026, a total of 9704 confirmed cases, including 4687 deaths (crude case fatality ratio: 48.3%), have been reported across 66 health zones in eight provinces. The high proportion of deaths occurring in communities continues to highlight challenges in early case detection and timely access to appropriate care. Of the 482 deaths reported since the previous update, 307 occurred in communities and 175 in treatment centres.

On 6 October 2026, the Ministry of Health of Kenya reported the first laboratory-confirmed imported case of BVD in Kenya in an individual who had travelled from the Democratic Republic of the Congo to Kenya via Uganda. As of 20 October 2026, a total of nine cases of BVD including one death, has been reported in Kenya. The eight additional cases are all known contacts of the first imported case. There is currently no evidence of wider community transmission. **On 20 October 2026, Nigeria confirmed an imported case in the Federal Capital Territory Abuja in a patient who had travelled from Uganda to the country.** The patient is currently in isolation and receiving medical care. Further investigations are ongoing to better understand the complete travel history and the possible source of exposure.

These developments underscore the need for sustained readiness in the region, including cross-border surveillance, points of entry monitoring, timely case detection and coordinated preparedness and response measures. WHO advises against any restriction of travel to, or trade with, affected countries.

WHO risk assessment

On 14 August 2026, WHO reassessed the risk of the outbreak of BVD. The risk for countries sharing land borders with the Democratic Republic of the Congo was separated from the risk for other countries in the African Region.

The risk in the Democratic Republic of the Congo was assessed as very high, the risk for countries sharing land borders with the Democratic Republic of the Congo was assessed as high, and the risks for the rest of the African region and at the global level was again assessed as low. For further information, please see [WHO Rapid Risk Assessment-Ebola disease caused by Bundibugyo virus, Democratic Republic of the Congo v4](#).

In light of the evolving situation and newly available information, the rapid risk assessment is currently being revised to reassess the risk in affected countries, the African region and globally.

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Africa

Africa CDC

[Ebola: Africa CDC Convenes African Ministers of Health as Ebola Outbreak Spreads Across Three Regions](#)

Press Releases 21 October 2026

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 21 October 2026

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (**Africa CDC**) **will convene a high-level virtual meeting of African Ministers of Health on Wednesday, 28 October 2026, as the ongoing Ebola outbreak poses an escalating threat to health security across the continent.**

Five months into the response, the outbreak caused by the Bundibugyo virus continues in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), with cases now reported in Kenya and Nigeria. The geographic spread across Central, Eastern and Western Africa demands urgent, coordinated action. Since Africa CDC declared the outbreak a Public Health Emergency of Continental Security on 18 May 2026, Member States, frontline health workers and partners have made sustained efforts to contain transmission. The evolving situation now calls for renewed political commitment, intensified response measures and stronger continental solidarity.

The 28 October meeting will provide an opportunity for Ministers of Health to assess the situation, strengthen coordination across borders, accelerate support to affected countries and reinforce preparedness throughout the continent.

"Ebola is crossing borders. Our response must move faster, with stronger coordination, greater solidarity and decisive political leadership. We have the expertise and the capacity on this continent. We must mobilise them together to stop this outbreak and save lives," said Dr Jean Kaseya, Director General of Africa CDC...

African Medicines Agency (AMA)

[AMA and EMA issue joint guidance on Ebola vaccine development](#)

Clinical trial requirements defined for rapid development of Bundibugyo virus vaccines

23 October 2026

EMA's Emergency Task Force (ETF) and the African Medicines Agency (AMA) have published a joint position paper to support the timely start of clinical trials for potential vaccines against Ebola disease caused by Bundibugyo virus (BDBV). The paper was developed following a scientific consultation with relevant experts, hosted by AMA, EMA and the World Health Organization (WHO) on 24 August 2026.

Given the ongoing public health emergency in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), with cases also detected in Uganda, Kenya and Nigeria, candidates for BDBV vaccines should move through the different clinical trial phases as quickly as possible. At

the same time, rigorous scientific evaluation and sufficient safeguards for participants in clinical research, including vulnerable groups, must be maintained.

The position paper outlines the minimum requirements to start clinical trials and provides advice on trial design. It also encourages timely approval of these trials by African national regulatory authorities (NRAs) to accelerate the development of vaccines specifically targeting BDBV.

The paper explains when it may be scientifically justified to postpone or waive certain animal toxicity studies for vaccines with well-characterised platform data, such as mRNA and certain viral-vector vaccines. Such studies might also be postponed or waived where there is existing safety data from other vaccines using the same platform technology, particularly where different antigens have not affected the overall safety profile.

Ideally, early trials should be conducted in the African region to make the transition to larger efficacy trials in affected populations as efficient as possible. Non-human challenge studies should be performed to make sure that vaccines have a chance of being effective before they progress to Phase II/III clinical trials. A single-dose vaccine is preferred as it would be easier to deploy rapidly during an outbreak.

To assess whether vaccination prevents disease, **the position paper proposes a platform pivotal study (Phase III) based on inclusion and randomisation of people who have been in close contact with a confirmed case (ring trial) as a valid approach.** Multiple vaccine candidates could potentially be evaluated in the same trial. As disease caused by BDBV also affects children and pregnant women, studies in these groups should begin once sufficient initial safety data from adults is available.

Vaccine developers should engage early with regulators, including AMA and the relevant National Regulatory Authorities in Africa to obtain scientific and regulatory advice, facilitate clinical trial assessments and ensure that regulatory requirements are met for the potential authorisation of promising vaccines.

PDF: https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/position/position-paper-clinical-development-bundibugyo-vaccines_en.pdf

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UN System/Multilateral Institutions

World Bank Group Expands Ongoing Support for Ebola Response in DRC and the Region

October 13, 2026 | *Press Release*

WASHINGTON, October 13, 2026 — The World Bank Group is expanding its support for ongoing government and regional led efforts to contain the Ebola outbreak, protect frontline health workers and affected communities, sustain essential health services, and save lives. The World Bank Group is supporting the Ebola emergency response with a total of \$426.6 million in current and planned grant and concessional financing.

This support includes two new tranches of financing: \$80 million to reinforce the Government of Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) national response and \$13 million to help neighboring countries and regional institutions strengthen regional preparedness, coordination, and cross-border health security through the ongoing Health Emergency Preparedness, Response and Resilience (HEPRR) program...

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Regions / Nation States

[No new digest content identified]

INGOs, CSOs

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Polio – PHEIC

Polio this week [21 Oct 2026]

Headlines [Selected]

:: World Polio Day 2026 – Make Polio History!

24 October marks World Polio Day – an opportunity to reflect on progress, recognize the people making it possible and look at the challenges that remain. People, governments, partners, Rotarians, communities, around the world will mark the day with events to garner commitment and support to reach and overcome the last hurdles to a polio-free world. On this World Polio Day, the GPEI and its partners would like to say a huge ‘thank you’ to all who are involved in this project. From all over the world, from all backgrounds, polio eradication is a uniting factor in an increasingly polarized world – showing that collective action is possible for the benefit of humankind. Find out how to get involved this World Polio Day at [Make Polio History – Take Action!](#)

:: From Cairo to Islamabad: Political leadership puts polio eradication firmly on the agenda

With Afghanistan and Pakistan still home to the world’s last endemic wild poliovirus transmission, political commitment matters more than ever. At last week’s [WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean](#) in Cairo, countries reaffirmed that ending polio remains a regional priority, as regional partners, including Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the UAE, underscored their continued support for eradication, particularly in hard-to-reach areas. And for a closer look at Pakistan’s determination to finish the job, watch this [Devex interview with Ayesha Raza Farooq](#), the Prime Minister’s Focal Person for Polio Eradication in Pakistan.

:: Three doses, stronger protection: New evidence reshapes the role of IPV in polio eradication

A third dose of inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) could make a major difference in protecting children against polio. New modelling suggests that moving to a three-dose infant schedule could increase IPV-derived immunity by a median of 18 percentage points, with even greater gains in some high-risk countries. Following its October meeting, WHO’s Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization (SAGE) recommends that countries currently using fewer than three IPV doses make the transition without delay, preferably through six-in-one hexavalent vaccines. SAGE also opened the door to a second IPV dose in outbreak response where transmission persists beyond six months. In this [Q&A](#), [WHO’s Ondrej Mach](#) and the [Gates Foundation’s Ananda Bandyopadhyay](#) explain the science, the opportunities and the challenges — including why reaching children who still receive no IPV at all remains the overriding priority.

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- :: Afghanistan : six WPV1 cases and one WPV1-positive environmental sample
- :: Chad : one cVDPV2 case and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- :: DR Congo : six cVDPV2 cases
- :: Madagascar : one cVDPV1-positive environmental sample
- :: Nigeria : one cVDPV3 case and two cVDPV3-positive environmental samples
- :: South Sudan : two cVDPV1 cases
- :: Togo : one cVDPV2 case

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WHO & Regional Offices [24 Oct 2026]

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

Selected News/Announcements/Statements

23 October 2026 *Departmental update*

[WHO launches working papers on traditional medicine](#)

22 October 2026 *Departmental update*

[Global Diagnostics Coalition calls for collective action to close the diagnostic gap](#)

21 October 2026 *News release*

[New global framework launched to track increasing health risks of extreme heat for pregnant women, newborns and children](#)

21 October 2026 *Departmental update*

[WHO launches guidance on evidence generation for new TB diagnostics](#)

21 October 2026 *Departmental update*

[New WHO–ILO framework to track progress towards universal social protection inclusive of people with TB](#)

20 October 2026 *Departmental update*

[Call for Proposals for hosting the 20th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities \(ICDRA\)](#)

19 October 2026 *Departmental update*

[Traditional medicine, resilience and well-being at World Health Summit 2026](#)

16 October 2026

[INTERPOL and WHO sign agreement to strengthen global health and security protection](#)

Framework to support public health and law enforcement cooperation to protect lives worldwide

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WHO: GHA – Global Health Architecture

[Reforming the global health architecture](#)

[Last update posted 26 June 2026]

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WHO Vaccines and Immunization [IVB]

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

News

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WHO Regional Offices

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WHO African Region AFRO

:: 23 October 2026 | *Feature Stories*

[**Ebola response: Strengthening treatment and preserving essential care**](#)

:: 22 October 2026 | *Feature Stories*

[**At the border, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan strengthen Ebola surveillance**](#)

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: 23 Oct 2026

[**World Polio Day 2026: Americas mark 35 years free of wild poliovirus as vaccination gaps persist**](#)

PAHO urges countries to close immunization gaps and strengthen surveillance to protect the Region from imported poliovirus Washington, D.C., 23 October 2026 (PAHO) – The Americas mark 35 years without a case of polio caused by wild poliovirus this World Polio Day, but vaccination coverage remains below the 95% target recommended by the Pan American...

:: 21 Oct 2026

[**PAHO calls for strengthened surveillance and preparedness amid increases in dengue and chikungunya in the Americas**](#)

The Organization highlights recent increases in dengue cases in several countries and the resurgence of chikungunya transmission in areas where the virus had not circulated for several years, as South America approaches its peak transmission season. Washington, D.C., October 21, 2026 (PAHO) – The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) called on...

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region EURO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: [**WHO Western Pacific Member States agree to urgently accelerate progress on key health priorities**](#)

The 77th session of the Regional Committee reached unanimous consensus on hypertension control, tobacco control, immunization and artificial intelligence for health
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WHO - Emergency situation reports

Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations. Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations.
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Disease Outbreak News (DONs)

Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health
[**23 October 2026 | Ebola disease caused by Bundibugyo virus - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya and Nigeria**](#)

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

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

Volume 101 Issue 42 Epidemiological Week 42 (12 October – 18 October 2026)

<https://www.who.int/publications/journals/weekly-epidemiological-record/wer101-42>

- [Highlighted signals and events](#)
- [Global respiratory virus activity: weekly update](#)
- [15th meeting of the WHO Working Group for the Molecular Detection and Subtyping of Influenza Viruses and the Use of Next Generation Sequencing in the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System](#)

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New WHO Publications

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

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[**A comprehensive integrated review of malaria, leishmaniasis, filariasis and dengue control programmes in Sri Lanka. Report of a WHO mission, 13–20 May 2024**](#)

22 October 2026

[**Meeting of the South-East Asia Regional Working Group on Immunization, New Delhi, India, 26 September 2026**](#)

Overview

The Regional Working Group (RWG) meeting was convened to translate recommendations of the Seventeenth Meeting of the WHO South-East Asia Regional Immunization Technical Advisory Group (SEAR-ITAG) into coordinated operational action. Within this broader objective, the meeting reviewed readiness and progress for Gavi 6.0 applications in Gavi-eligible countries, with emphasis on country ownership, application quality, realistic prioritization and coordinated partner support.

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[**Priority indicators to monitor the impact of heat exposure on maternal, newborn and child health**](#)

20 October 2026

[**Development, management and support of care workers**](#)

20 October 2026

[**Guidance on evidence generation on new tuberculosis diagnostics**](#)

20 October 2026

[A comprehensive external Rabies Control Programme review in Sri Lanka. Report of a WHO mission, 8–15...](#)

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Africa

Africa CDC [24 Oct 2026]

<https://africacdc.org/>

News & Updates [Selected]

Press Releases

[AU Member States Validate African Continental Health Data Governance Framework](#)

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Joint Announcement

[Africa CDC and Ethiopian Airlines Join Forces to Connect Africa's Public Health Community for CPHIA 2026](#)

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Press Releases

[Ebola: Africa CDC Convenes African Ministers of Health as Ebola Outbreak Spreads Across Three Regions](#)

21 October 2026

[Africa CDC Reaffirms Support to Kenya Following Confirmation of Four Additional Ebola Cases](#)

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African Medicines Agency [24 Oct 2026]

<https://au-ama.africa/news-events/>

Latest News & Events

Press Release

[AMA and EMA Issue Joint Guidance on Ebola Vaccine Development](#)

Clinical trial requirements defined for rapid development of Bundibugyo virus vaccines.

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China – CDC+

National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China [24 Oct 2026]

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

News

Website not responding at inquiry.

National Medical Products Administration – PRC [24 Oct 2026]

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

Website not responding at inquiry.

China CDC

CCDC Weekly Reports: Current Volume (8)

2026 Vol. 8 No. 43 [PDF](#)

<https://weekly.chinacdc.cn/article/current>

:: *Preplanned Studies*

Childhood Varicella Vaccination and Herpes Zoster Risk — Chaoyang District, Beijing, China, 2010–2025

Yeran Jiaerken, Chaofan Wang, Jianliang Zhao, Lei Yu, Zhen Li, Hai Fang

2026, 8(43): 1313-1318. DOI: [10.46234/ccdcw2026.213](https://doi.org/10.46234/ccdcw2026.213)

:: *Notes from the Field*

An Outbreak of Dengue Fever — Wuzhou City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China, June 2026

Lina Jiang, Yinpin Liu, Dabin Liang, Aihu Dong, Qimeng Xiong, Weitao He, Hong Zhao, Minlan Qin, Hao Huang, Guanghua Lan

2026, 8(43): 1330-1331. DOI: [10.46234/ccdcw2026.216](https://doi.org/10.46234/ccdcw2026.216)

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Europe

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

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

News/Updates/Reports/Publications [Selected]

Importation of Ebola cases to Kenya and Nigeria: ECDC assesses the threat

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Severely ill patient in France becomes first ever human infected with Shamonda virus

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Risk assessment

Threat assessment brief – Importation of Ebola disease cases caused by Bundibugyo virus to Kenya and Nigeria

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European Medicines Agency [EMA]

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

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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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Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Press Releases
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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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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
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HHS

Press Room - Selected
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NIH

News Releases
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FDA

Press Announcements
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FDA CBER

What's New for Biologics

10/21/2026 [October 21, 2026 Approval Letter - VYJUEK](#)

10/20/2026 [October 16, 2026 Approval Letter - EVARREST](#)

FDA VRBPAC [Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee]

Advisory Committee Calendar

No new committee meeting announcements identified.

FDA Pediatric Advisory Committee Meeting

Advisory Committee Calendar

No new committee meeting announcements identified.

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 *[as posted]*

- March 18-19 (Due to ongoing litigation, this meeting is cancelled)
- June 24-26 (Due to ongoing litigation, this meeting is cancelled)
- **October 21-23 (Due to ongoing litigation, this meeting is cancelled)**

National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC)

<https://www.hhs.gov/programs/national-vaccine-program/nvac/index.html>

Upcoming Meetings/Latest Updates

No new 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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National Science Foundation/NSF

News

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U.S. Congress

House

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Senate

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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>

(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)

[Kisha Davis, MD, MPH, FAFAP, Installed as AAFP President, Bringing Expertise in Public Health, Advocacy](#)

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American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)

News

No new digest content identified.

American College of Physicians (ACP)

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)

[Proposed changes to hepatitis B vaccination schedule could significantly increase infections, model suggests](#)

10/22/26 *Annals of Internal Medicine*

Original Research 20 October 2026

[Projected Effect of 2026 Federal Changes to the Childhood Immunization Schedule on Chronic Hepatitis B Virus Infections in the United States](#)

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Publication: *Annals of Internal Medicine* <https://doi.org/10.7326/ANNALS-26-02135>

... *Conclusion:*

Proposed policy changes for vaccination through shared decision making are projected to result in an 83% increase in childhood HBV infections, and between 50% and 70% of children entering adulthood annually would be susceptible to HBV infection. Policymakers should reimplement recommendations for universal birth-dose vaccination.

America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)

News

No new digest content identified.

American Geriatrics Society (AGS)

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)

Recent Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

American Medical Association (AMA)

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

American Osteopathic Association (AOA)

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

American Public Health Association (APHA)

[https://www.apha.org/news-and-media/news-](https://www.apha.org/news-and-media/news-releases?sortFieldName=ItemDate&sortDisplayName=Newest&sortMode=desc)

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(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)

No new digest content identified.

Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)

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

(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)

News

[Wendy S. Armstrong, MD, FIDSA, named IDSA president](#)

Last Updated October 21, 2026

The Infectious Diseases Society of America is pleased to announce Wendy S. Armstrong, MD, FIDSA, as the Society's new president beginning Oct. 25. In addition, a new vice president and three new directors were elected to serve with Dr. Armstrong. The Board of Directors will work to advance the Society's overall strategic priorities, including building and sustaining a broad, diverse and valued ID/HIV workforce to improve patient care, advance science and promote public health; promoting IDSA as the leader and trusted source for timely, evidence-based ID content and expertise; and expanding IDSA's leadership in preventing, preparing for and responding to ID threats to protect our communities.

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID)

<https://www.nfid.org/news-updates/>
(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)
News and Updates
No new digest content identified.

National Medical Association (NMA)

<https://nmanet.org/blog/>
(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)
Latest News
No new digest content identified.

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)

<https://pids.org/news-announcements/>
(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)
News & Announcements

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PIDS Presents 2026 Walter T. Hughes Distinguished Physician Award to Peter Hotez

The award is given in recognition of a pediatrician with a distinguished career in pediatric infectious diseases marked by significant contributions as a clinician, educator, or investigator Peter Hotez, MD,...

Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)

<https://shea-online.org/news/>
(Accessed 24 Oct 2026)
No new digest content identified.

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM)

<https://www.smfm.org/>
(Accessed 24 Oct 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 [24 Oct 2026]

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

Recently Released KFF Poll Shows Uncertainty Over Established Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines During Pregnancy – The Monitor

Oct 22, 2026 *Feature*

KFF's recently released Tracking Poll finds that public confidence in the safety of COVID-19 vaccines for use during pregnancy has fallen, and many are uncertain about a false claim linking the vaccines with higher risk of miscarriage. Separately, conversations about childhood vaccines frame vaccination as an individual parental decision.

KFF Polling on Health Information and Trust

Oct 20, 2026 *Feature*

Drawing on KFF's poll findings, this interactive dashboard tracks the public's trusted sources for health information, attitudes toward vaccines, and use of news, social media, and AI for health-related information. It provides visual representations of the key trends in the public's trust in health information and tracks exposure to and belief in false and unproven health claims.

KFF Tracking Poll on Health Information and Trust: Fall 2026 Update on Vaccine Views

Oct 20, 2026 *Poll Finding*

The latest KFF Tracking Poll on Health Information and Trust finds about half of parents mistakenly believe spacing out vaccines is healthier for children, while confidence in many long-standing childhood vaccines is high across partisans. These findings take on new relevance following President Trump's recent executive order calling for changes in U.S. childhood vaccine recommendations, including splitting the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine—currently given as a single combined shot—into three separate vaccines across multiple...

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Vaccine Integrity Project – CIDRAP [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Announcements, Viewpoints

CIDRAP Director Michael Osterholm recognized for defending vaccine science

October 23, 2026 Laine Bergeson

The Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) has awarded its 2026 Anthony Fauci Courage in Leadership Award to Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) Director Michael T. Osterholm, PhD, MPH, for his commitment to scientific integrity and advocating for an evidence-based approach to public health. But the University of Minnesota epidemiologist says the recognition belongs to a much larger group.

"As much as this award had my name on it, it really should have had many people's names on it," says Osterholm.

IDSA highlighted Osterholm's work establishing the Vaccine Integrity Project (VIP). The initiative evaluates vaccine evidence to help medical organizations, clinicians, and the public make informed decisions—work that has taken on greater urgency amid disruptions to federal vaccine policymaking under Health and Human Services Secretary (HHS) Robert F. Kennedy Jr...

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Center for Vaccine Ethics & Policy - GE2P2 Global Foundation [to 24 Oct 2026]

<https://centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.net/>

No new digest content identified.

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Paul Offit, MD – *Beyond the Noise*

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

RFK Jr.'s Next Move

RFK Jr. just announced a new vaccine safety initiative. Here's what happens next.

Oct 19, 2026

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Organization Announcements

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Gates Foundation [24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

CARB-X [24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative [24 Oct 2026]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations [24 Oct 2026]

<http://cepi.net/>

News

[First participant vaccinated in pivotal Phase 2/3 Bundibugyo vaccine trial in DRC](#)

The first participant has been vaccinated in the CEPI-supported Tumaini trial, which will evaluate vaccines against Bundibugyo virus during the ongoing outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 24 Oct 2026]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

No new digest content identified.

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

DNDI – Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative [24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Duke Global Health Innovation Center [24 Oct 2026]

<https://dukeghic.org/>

News

23 Oct 2026

[New Rapid Systematic Review on COVID-19](#)

EDCTP [24 Oct 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 [24 Oct 2026]

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

Vaccine Center News

No new digest content identified.

European Vaccine Initiative [24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Fondation Merieux [24 Oct 2026]

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

Actualités

No new digest content identified.

Gates Medical Research Institute [24 Oct 2026]

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

News: Articles and Publications

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News Releases, VaccinesWork

22 October 2026

[Gavi and UNICEF secure lower malaria vaccine price, saving US\\$ 50 million for childhood immunisation programmes](#)

GE2P2 Global Foundation [24 Oct 2026]

www.ge2p2.org

News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements/Digests

:: **[The Sentinel](#)** – Health :: Human Rights :: Humanitarian Action :: Peace ::

Heritage/Literacy/Education :: Climate :: Sustainable Development - Current edition

:: **[Public Consultations Watch - Global Calls for Input/Public Comment/RFIs](#)**

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GHIT Fund [24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News Releases

23 October 2026

[The Global Fund Approves US\\$3.47 Million to Deliver Lifesaving TB and Malaria Services in Conflict-Affected Sudan](#)

Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R] [24 Oct 2026]

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

News & Event

No new digest content identified.

Hilleman Laboratories [24 Oct 2026]

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

News & Insights

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [24 Oct 2026]

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

News & Stories

[Surveying the Genetic Battlefield to Uncover the Rules of Rapid Evolution](#)

HHMI Investigator Harmit Malik and his team are studying how viruses and proteins rapidly evolve to keep up with their foes, providing insights that could inform the development of new antivirals.
Oct 22, 2026

Human Immunome Project [nee Human Vaccines Project] [24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

IAVI [24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases, Features

No new digest content identified.

INSERM [24 Oct 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 24 Oct 2026]

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

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest press releases and statements

[**Ethiopia: ICRC responds to humanitarian needs amid renewed hostilities in the north**](#)

Article 20-10-2026

IFFIm [24 Oct 2026]

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

[**IFFIm financing supports wider access to more affordable malaria vaccines**](#)

22 Oct 2026

Enabled by an advance payment through IFFIm, the new Gavi and UNICEF agreement is expected to generate around US\$ 50 million in savings over three years and help protect up to one million additional children against malaria.

IFRC [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Press releases

[IFRC: Anticipation and preparedness can save lives ahead of a potentially historic El Niño](#)

24/10/2026 | *Press release*

IPPS - International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat [24 Oct 2026]

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

News

[Registration now open: 100 Days Mission Report Launch and IPPS Transition Event](#)

October 20, 2026

Hybrid Event | Wednesday 3rd February 2027 | London and online

[Register here](#)

Institut Pasteur [24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Documents

Press Release October 21, 2026

[L'Institut Pasteur et la Fondation SUEZ unissent leurs forces pour favoriser l'accès des femmes aux carrières scientifiques](#)

InterAcademy Partnership (IAP)

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

News

No new digest content identified.

ISC / International Science Council [to 24 Oct 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.

News, Blogs

October 21, 2026

[Beijing Science Declaration: Science in a complex world, science for a better future](#)

International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)

<https://iuis.org/>

News, Resources

No new digest content identified.

IVAC [24 Oct 2026]

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

Updates; Events

No new digest content identified.

IVI [24 Oct 2026]

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

IVI News & Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security [24 Oct 2026]

<https://centerforhealthsecurity.org/newsroom>

Center News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Myanmar

[Myanmar: Conflict continues to rage across Rakhine State](#)

Statement 24 Oct 2026

Yemen

[People from Yemen's western coast are facing displacement again](#)

Project Update 21 Oct 2026

Palestine

[MSF calls for protection of Palestinian communities after Israeli settlers injured staff member](#)

Statement 19 Oct 2026

National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News, Stories, Insights

Oct 19, 2026 *Announcement*

[NAM Elects 100 New Members for 2026](#)

The National Academy of Medicine (NAM) today announced the election of 90 regular members and 10 international members during its annual meeting. Election to the Academy is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service...

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM] - USA [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

PATH [24 Oct 2026]

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

Newsroom [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News and Announcements

Pijar Foundation and The Rockefeller Foundation Launch Asia Leaders' Circle for Southeast Asia's Next Generation of Leaders

Press Releases Published Date October 23, 2026

The regional fellowship will bring together 18 emerging leaders to reflect on complex challenges facing the region and strengthen leadership practices that better account for the needs of underserved communities.

New Global Coalition Calls for Action as Funding for Critical Food and Nutrition Security Data Systems Declines

Press Releases Published Date October 22, 2026

With a historic El Niño intensifying and global fertilizer supplies disrupted by conflict in the Middle East, the new Intentional Data Community for Food and Nutrition Security aims to help the world anticipate and prevent food and nutrition crises. The initiative responds to a 31% drop in funding for 41 priority data systems, including FEWS NET and the IPC, in 2025

Sabin Vaccine Institute [24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest News & Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNAIDS [24 Oct 2026]

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

News, Stories, Updates

Feature Story

New prevention tools, old barriers: Young people shaping the HIV response in Asia and the Pacific

23 October 2026

UNICEF [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]

Statement 22 October 2026

Statement by UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa, Edouard Beigbeder, on the ongoing killings of children across the Gaza Strip

AMMAN, 20 October 2026 –, "Fourteen-year-old Mohamed was walking home from a UNICEF-supported learning centre on 17 October in Deir al Balah in the Gaza Strip when he was reported hit in the street by an armed drone strike and killed. His school bag was left lying beside his body. "The next day, six-year-old Misk...

News note 22 October 2026

Gavi and UNICEF secure lower malaria vaccine price, saving US\$50 million for childhood immunization programmes

COPENHAGEN/GENEVA/NEW YORK, 22 October 2026, – An agreement announced today will cut the price of the RTS,S/AS01 malaria vaccine by approximately 40 per cent. The deal, executed by UNICEF and financially backed by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, is expected to generate around US\$50 million in savings between 2027 and ...

Unitaid [24 Oct 2026]

<https://unitaid.org/>

News releases

Republic of Korea backs Unitaid with US\$13 million to advance health innovation and pandemic preparedness

20 October 2026

Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative] [24 Oct 2026]

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

News

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

Vaccine Confidence Project [24 Oct 2026]

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

News, Research and Reports

No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Education Center – Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia [24 Oct 2026]

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

News

Vaccine Update Newsletter September 2026

Wellcome Trust [24 Oct 2026]

<https://wellcome.org/>

News. Opinion, Reports

No new digest announcements identified.

The Wistar Institute [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

World Bank [to 24 Oct 2026]

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

News [Selected]

Opening remarks by Sangbu Kim, World Bank Group Vice President for Digital and AI, at the Global AI and Digital Summit

Opening remarks by Sangbu Kim at the Global AI & Digital Summit, outlining the World Bank Group's

new Digital and AI Strategy to connect one billion people to digital opportunity and create jobs by 2030.

October 20, 2026| *Speeches and Transcripts*

World Bank Group Launches First Digital Strategy to Expand Access and Create Jobs

The World Bank Group today launched its first digital strategy, bringing together its public and private sector capabilities to help developing countries expand affordable digital access, improve services, and create jobs.

October 20, 2026| *Press Release*

WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations [24 Oct 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

World's physicians call for urgent global action against false health information

21.10.2026

Rotterdam, the Netherlands – October 2026 – The World Medical Association (WMA) has adopted a new Statement on Addressing False Health Information at its 77th General Assembly in Rotterdam. The policy warns that inaccurate health claims, spreading rapidly on social media and increasingly generated by artificial intelligence, are a serious threat to patient safety and public health worldwide.

False health claims can lead people to reject effective treatments, delay or abandon needed care, or adopt harmful practices. They can also undermine vaccination efforts and erode trust in physicians. Marginalised communities are often the most affected due to limited access to reliable health information.

"Physicians have an ethical duty to provide accurate, evidence-based health information," says Dr. Jung Yul Park, WMA President. "But that trusted voice is increasingly competing with a flood of false and misleading content online, particularly on social media. With AI now able to produce convincing medical deepfakes at scale, this is a global threat to patient safety and public trust that demands an urgent, coordinated international response."

The statement draws a clear line between false information and legitimate scientific debate: physicians may hold views that differ from consensus, provided they act in good faith and are transparent about the evidence and its uncertainties.

The statement calls on physicians to give evidence-based advice and correct false claims they encounter, and on medical associations to promote health literacy and ensure licensing bodies can act against professionals who deliberately spread falsehoods. It urges governments to require platforms to remove harmful content and medical deepfakes quickly and to curb financial incentives for spreading false information. Social media, search engines and AI companies are asked to strengthen moderation and stop algorithms from amplifying false health content.

The World Medical Association General Assembly 2026 in summary

18.10.2026

... The declarations, resolutions and statements adopted or updated by the WMA General Assembly include:

- WMA Declaration of Rotterdam on the Protection of Medical Neutrality in times of Armed Conflict and Other Situations of Violence → related press release (10 October 2026): Global Physicians

Demand Accountability for Attacks on Healthcare

- WMA Statement on Addressing False Health Information
- WMA Resolution on Childhood Vaccination Schedules→ related press release (14 October 2026): Diseases we almost defeated could return, WMA warns over childhood vaccine schedule changes
- WMA Resolution on Escalating Global Armed Conflict and Violence and Restoring Peace
- WMA Resolution on the Critical Deterioration of the Healthcare System in the West Bank
- WMA Declaration of Delhi on Health and Climate Change→ related press release (13 October 2026): Climate Change Threatens the Health of Future Generations, Physicians warn
- WMA Declaration of Montevideo on Disaster Preparedness and Medical Response
- WMA Statement on Medical Education
- WMA Statement on Ethical Issues Concerning Patients with Mental Illness
- WMA Resolution on the Repression of Nicaraguan Doctors→ related press release (15 October 2026) World Medical Association urges Nicaragua to restore its national medical association and stop silencing physicians

World Organisation for Animal Health [WOAH/OIE] [24 Oct 2026]

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

Latest News

News

Shamonda virus: what do we know about its effects on animals?

Published on 22 October 2026

The first reported human infection with Shamonda virus in France has brought renewed attention to a virus detected in European livestock in 2026.

First isolated in cattle in Nigeria in 1965, Shamonda virus has since been identified in parts of Africa and Asia. Transmitted by biting midges, it affects cattle and other animals, including sheep, goats and horses. Reported signs include fever, reduced milk production and reproductive disorders, although the full impact of the variants circulating in Europe remains uncertain.

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ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine] [24 Oct 2026]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

BIO [24 Oct 2026]

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

No new digest announcements identified.

DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network [24 Oct 2026]

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

News, Events

October 17, 2026

DCVMN CEO at The World Bank Group–IMF Annual Meeting in Bangkok

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 [24 Oct 2026]

<https://internationalbiotech.org/>

News

No new digest announcements identified.

IFPMA [24 Oct 2026]

<https://ifpma.org/>

News & Resources

Statement 19 Oct 2026

17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP17)

IFPMA submitted a statement at the start of the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP17), which takes place 19-30 October in Yerevan, Armenia. Our statement is focused on item 11: digital sequence information (DSI) on genetic resources. IFPMA supports the conservation objectives of the Convention...

...IFPMA supports the conservation objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and is ready to constructively engage in finding a workable multilateral solution for the use of DSI. Voluntary benefit-sharing should be linked to actual, material use of publicly available DSI on genetic resources linked to biodiversity and to the value generated from direct use.

However, the Cali Fund as currently designed is not set up for success. We encourage negotiators to use this COP as an opportunity to start a fundamental rethinking of its architecture toward a mechanism that attracts broader participation, supports biodiversity, preserves scientific openness, and delivers benefits efficiently...

International Alliance of Patients' Organizations – IAPO [24 Oct 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

Global Biosimilars Week 2026 Launches: Realizing the Global Value of Biosimilars (October 2026)

Today marks the launch of Global Biosimilars Week 2026, running from 19-24 October, an online, international awareness campaign led by the International Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association (IGBA). This year's theme, "Realizing the Global Value of Biosimilars," aims to expand understanding of the powerful and life-changing impact biosimilar medicines can have for patients, healthcare systems, economies and societies around the world.

PhRMA [24 Oct 2026]

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

Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

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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

[AstraZeneca and Oracle launch global AI collaboration to advance clinical trial optimisation and support better patient outcomes](#)

20 October 2026

AstraZeneca and Oracle Health and Life Sciences today announced a unique collaboration to leverage AstraZeneca's scientific, clinical development and regulatory expertise with Oracle's real-world data, cloud infrastructure, and AI-enabled clinical capabilities to accelerate clinical research and bring evidence-driven insights into care workflows to accelerate clinical trial optimisation and help more patients receive the right care sooner.

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

10.21.2026

[BioNTech and Australia's State of Victoria Celebrate Milestone in Strategic Partnership to Strengthen mRNA Ecosystem](#)

Boehringer

Press Releases

[Boehringer Ingelheim and Microsoft partner to drive patient-centric and AI-backed clinical development](#)

Cologne, Germany, Thu, 22/10/2026 - 13:30

- Two strong partners aim to accelerate AI-enabled clinical development
- Building a foundation for Digital Patient Twins to bring safe and effective therapies to patients sooner
- Potential co-development of projects in Animal Health and business functions

CanSinoBIO

News - *Website not responding at inquiry.*

CIGB

Latest News - *No new digest announcements identified.*

CinnaGen – Iran

CinnaGen News - *No new digest announcements identified.*

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 - No new digest announcements identified

Nanogen

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Novartis

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Novavax

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Pfizer

Recent Press Releases

[Pfizer's 25-Valent Pediatric Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine Candidate Shows Robust Phase 2 Data at IDWeek 2026](#)

October 24, 2026

Investigational vaccine shows strong immune responses in infants equivalent to PREVNAR 20® on shared serotypes and for five new serotypes, potentially offering the broadest protection against invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD) for pediatric population in the U.S.

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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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 17 2026 Issue 3

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

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American Journal of Human Genetics

Oct 01, 2026 Volume 113 Issue 10 p2023-2204

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

This month in The Journal

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

Large structural variants (SVs) impact a higher percentage of individual human genomes than SNVs or indels. Despite growing evidence that links them to a variety of phenotypes, SVs have received less attention during investigations into the genetic architecture of diseases, including Alzheimer disease (AD). While some population-based studies have been performed, few individual SVs, or genes repeatedly impacted by SVs, have been robustly identified. In this issue, Quenez et al. set out to expand the catalog of SVs associated with AD risk by using exome sequencing to identify copy-number variants (CNVs) in a large case-control AD cohort.

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American Journal of Infection Control

October 2026 Volume 54 Issue 10 p1045-1142

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

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American Journal of Preventive Medicine

November 2026 Volume 71 Issue 5

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

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American Journal of Public Health

October 2026 116(10)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 115 (2026): Issue 4 (Oct 2026)

<https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/115/4/tpmd.115.issue-4.xml>

Review Articles

Malaria Vaccine Rollout in Nigeria: Current Status and Challenges

Samuel Adeniyi Oyegbade, et al.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.26-0371>

Page(s): 702–708

Annals of Internal Medicine

October 2026 Volume 179, Issue 10

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

Original Research

[Economic Impact of the 2025 New Mexico Measles Outbreak: Highlighting the Cost of Efforts to Prevent Future Outbreaks](#)

Jamison Pike, PhD, et al.

Pages:1369–1374

Research and Reporting Methods

[Randomized Quality Improvement Trials: An Overview and Proposed Framework for Ethical Oversight](#)

Mark J. Pletcher, MD, MPH, Bernard Lo, MD and Deborah Grady, MD

Pages:1444–1452

Position Papers

[Ethics and Professionalism in Artificial Intelligence and Medical Practice: A Position Paper From the American College of Physicians](#)

Matthew DeCamp, MD, PhD... et al.

Pages:1453–1459

Editorials

[Ethical Oversight of Randomized Quality Improvement Trials: A Pragmatic Approach](#)

Stephanie R. Morain, PhD, MPH

Pages:1504–1505

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 358 September 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/358/suppl/C>

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BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

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BMC Health Services Research

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

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BMC Infectious Diseases

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BMC Medical Ethics

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BMC Medicine

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BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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[VACTivate: a proposal targeting conscious decision-making regarding vaccination in 20 cities in Colombia](#)

Laura Juliana Valderrama-Orbegozo

Laura Julieth Ramíerz-Lasprilla

Salomé Victoria-Mojica

Research Open access 24 October 2026

[Exploring caregivers' perspectives and anticipated acceptance of hepatitis B birth-dose vaccination before the national introduction in Sierra Leone: a qualitative study](#)

Edwin Nabie Sesay

Michael Jones

Desmond Maada Kangbai

Research Open access 23 October 2026

[Understanding parental influences on adolescents' vaccination in Italy](#)

Vincenza Sansone

Giorgia Della Polla

Italo Francesco Angelillo

Research Open access 20 October 2026

[Hepatitis B vaccination coverage and factors associated with higher uptake among children aged 5–35 months in eight selected sub-Saharan African countries: a multilevel ordinal logistic regression analysis](#)

Victor A. Ochagu

Michael Ekholuenetale

Amit Arora

Research Open access 20 October 2026

BMC Research Notes

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

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Vaccine uptake patterns for COVID-19 and cholera among healthcare workers: a cross-sectional study in Yaoundé-Cameroon

Ariane Nouko

Fabrice Zobel Lekeumo Cheuyem

Innocent Takougang

Research Note Open access 16 October 2026

BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine

October 2026 - Volume 31 - 5

<https://ebm.bmj.com/content/31/5>

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BMJ Global Health

September 2026 - Volume 11 - 9

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/11/9>

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Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - July 2026

<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2026-05/>

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Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 104, Number 10, October 2026, 657-716

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

Articles

Bundibugyo virus disease and the unfinished countermeasure agenda.

Abrescia N, Capponi A, Maddaloni A, Molinaro G, D'Abbraccio M.

Bull World Health Organ. 2026 Oct 1;104(10):658-658A. doi: 10.2471/BLT.26.296654.

PMCID: PMC13628175

Capacity for national health policy modelling, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates.

Alibrahim A, El-Jardali F.

Bull World Health Organ. 2026 Aug 20;104(10):682-689. doi: 10.2471/BLT.25.294844.

PMCID: PMC13626532

Cell

Oct 15, 2026 Volume 189 Issue 21 p6561-6898

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

Featured Article

Toward autonomous science with agentic artificial intelligence

Lucie Y. Guo, Darren S.J. Ting, Xinyi Su, Alex Aliper, Alex Zhavoronkov, Daniel S.W. Ting

Summary

Artificial intelligence (AI) in biomedicine has evolved from pattern-recognition for medical image analysis to generative models like AlphaFold that predict protein structures. Tools such as Elicit, GPT-Rosalind, and Claude Science now bridge prediction and reasoning through literature synthesis, domain-tuned models, and agentic workbenches. Three recent systems (Co-Scientist, Robin, and Biomni) demonstrated agentic AI capable of generating hypotheses, designing experiments, computational analysis, and refining reasoning through experimental feedback. This perspective traces the emergence of agentic scientific reasoning, discusses scaling laws and autonomous laboratories, and argues that AI's transformative potential is inseparable from challenges in hallucination, bias, irreproducibility, and dual use. Scientific progress will depend on responsible human-AI collaboration.

Cell and Gene Therapy Insights

September 2026 Issue Volume 12 Issue 8

<https://www.insights.bio/cell-and-gene-therapy-insights/journal/283/volume-12-issue-8>

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Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 52, Issue 5 September 2026

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current>

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Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

Volume 120, Issue 4 Pages: 817-1148 October 2026

<https://ascpt.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15326535/current>

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Clinical Therapeutics

September 2026 Volume 48 Issue 9 p809-920

<http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current>

Special Issue on "Cannabis Research and Policy: A Joint Exploration of Past and Future Therapeutic Agency - Part II"

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 23 Issue 5, October 2026

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/CTJ/current>

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Conflict and Health

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>

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[Prevalence of zero-dose vaccination among children aged 12–59 months in conflict-affected settings in Africa: a systematic review and meta-analysis](#)

Hailay Gebretnsae, Gebretsadik Berhe, Mussie Alemayehu

Review Open access 21 October 2026

Abstract

Background

Although some individual studies have examined the prevalence of zero-dose vaccination, the pooled prevalence of zero-dose vaccination among children in conflict-affected African settings has not yet been estimated. Therefore, this systematic review and meta-analysis aimed to estimate the pooled prevalence of zero-dose vaccination among children aged 12–59 months in conflict-affected African settings.

Methods

A comprehensive systematic search was performed across six major databases: PubMed, Cochrane Library, Scopus, Science Direct, African Journals Online (AJOL), and Google Scholar using Medical Subject Heading (MeSH) terms alongside relevant keywords. Before the screening, all retrieved records were imported into EndNote version 25, and duplicates were removed. Using Covidence software, two reviewers independently carried out data screening and extraction. The Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) critical appraisal checklist was used to evaluate the quality of the included studies. The extracted data were exported to STATA version 17 for statistical analysis. The pooled prevalence of zero-dose vaccination was estimated using random-effects model and presented using forest plots. The I^2 statistic was used to assess study heterogeneity, while funnel plot and Egger's and Begg's tests were used to evaluate publication bias.

Results

Of the 1,087 studies identified, 12 were included in the final analysis, comprising 30,423 children, with sample sizes ranging from 355 to 9,651. The reported prevalence of zero-dose vaccination ranged from 10.7% in Ethiopia to 60.2% in Somalia. In the country-level subgroup analysis, Nigeria had the lowest prevalence (22.0%; 95% CI: 18.0–26.9%), while Somalia had the highest prevalence (58.0%; 95% CI: 56.0–60.0%). The overall pooled prevalence of zero-dose vaccination in conflict-affected African settings was 36.0% (95% CI: 27.0–45.0%).

Conclusions

This study revealed that one in three children in conflict-affected African settings were zero-dose children. This striking gap highlights an urgent imperative for targeted, context-specific interventions to enhance routine vaccination services. Policymakers and partners should prioritize rebuilding immunization infrastructure and ensuring the availability and accessibility of vaccination services through mobilizing and allocating resources in conflict-affected settings. Furthermore, identifying and reaching zero-dose children through catch-up vaccination campaigns is essential to ensure that no child is left behind unvaccinated in conflict settings.

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 169 October 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/169/suppl/C>

Clinical Trial Management and Optimization

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The CRISPR Journal

Volume 9 Issue 4, August 2026

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/tcja/9/4>

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Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 14, Issue 1 December 2026

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/13-1>

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Current Medical Research and Opinion

Volume 42, Issue 6, 2026

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/icmo20/current>

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Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

October 2026 - Volume 39 - Issue 5

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Cytotherapy

December 2026 Volume 28 Issue 12

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Antonio Scatena, et al. on Behalf of the Manufacturing Materials Safety & Technology Working Group (formerly the Particulate Working Group) Within the ISCT Process Development & Manufacturing Committee

Published online: June 16, 2026 102929

[Comparative analysis of advanced therapy regulatory frameworks in Latin America: perspectives from the ISCT South and Central America Legal and Regulatory Affairs Committee](#)

Carolina Sepúlveda Márquez, et al.

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[Swissmedic Innovation Office: early regulatory engagement to accelerate ATMP clinical development—regulatory insights and recommendations](#)

Michel Hauser, et al.

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Developing World Bioethics

Volume 26, Issue 3 Pages: 133-255 September 2026

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Volume 44, Issue 5 September 2026

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Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 20 - 2026

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Disasters

Volume 50, Issue 4 October 2026

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>

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eBioMedicine

Volume 132 October 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ebiomedicine/vol/132/suppl/C>

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EMBO Reports

Volume 27, Issue 17 September 2026

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Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 32, Number 9—September 2026

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>

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Volume 56 September 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/56/suppl/C>

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Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 154 - 2026

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Research and pregnant women :: AI models and research ethics oversight

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Ethics & International Affairs

Volume 40 - Issue 1 - Spring 2026

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Ethics, Medicine and Public Health

Volume 33 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ethics-medicine-and-public-health/vol/33/suppl/Cc>

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The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 36, Issue 4, August 2026

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/36/4>

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Expert Review of Vaccines

Volume 25, 2026 Issue 1

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Foreign Affairs

September/October 2026 Volume 105, Number 5

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Forum for Development Studies

Volume 53, 2026 - Issue 2

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Frontiers in Genetics

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Perspective Published on 21 Oct 2026

[The spread of genomics](#)

Andrew H. Paterson, Brock A. Harpur

Frontiers in Genetics doi 10.3389/fgene.2026.1985860

Abstract

Once a very specialized area limited to a few model systems and well-equipped labs, genomics has become routine with sophisticated methods commercially available at manageable cost. Leveraging

technologies developed for biomedical applications, plants and plant-associated organisms are experiencing a revolution in the characterization of their genomic 'hardware' (genes and genomes), 'software' (regulatory cues), and variation therein. Their experimental facility made plants an early model for dissection of complex traits into individual genetic components, initially in designed populations -- however economies of scale permit genome-wide scans in feral or natural populations, exemplified by a plant-associated organism, the honey bee (*Apis mellifera*). Similarly, massively parallel methods enable comprehensive study of genome-wide gene expression, documentation of spectra of genetic variation within and among gene pools, and composition of and interactions among ecosystem constituents. The ability to reach beyond controlled experimental crosses is exemplified by study of 'Columbian Exchange' taxa, in which genetic bottlenecks a few hundred generations ago still provide sufficient linkage disequilibrium for genome scans using current methods. Already permeating biomedicine, genomics may have even greater implications that are yet to be fully appreciated across life sciences, for example, documenting and deploying natural variation to improve agricultural productivity and sustainability.

Frontiers in Genome Editing

<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/genome-editing>

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[**Generative AI and health misinformation: a lifecycle-based communication framework**](#)

Xiaoli Nan

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Volume 33 Issue 5, September 2026

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Volume 28, Issue 9 September 2026

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Genome Medicine

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Global Legal Monitor & Legal Reports – Library of Congress/USA

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/global-legal-monitor/>

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Health and Human Rights

Volume 28, Issue 2, June 2026

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Special Section: Children's Right to Health

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Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 21 - Issue 3 - July 2026

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue>

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Health Policy and Planning

Volume 41, Issue 8, September 2026

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Health Research Policy and Systems

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Volume 37 Issue 19-20, October 2026

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P. Paul Pletnikoff

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Talia Shapiro

Harry Kuperstein

Cora MacPherson

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Matthew R. Boyce

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Editorial

Digital technology for health, not harm

The Lancet

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Louise Holly, et al.

the Digital Determinants of Health Youth Advisory Group

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Governing the digital determinants of health for children and young people: a global public health imperative

Barbara Prainsack, et al.

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Molecular Therapy

Oct 07, 2026 Volume 34 Issue 10 p5613-6166

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Commentaries

A renewed role for DNA vaccines for tuberculosis

Claudio Counoupas, Warwick J. Britton

Tuberculosis (TB) remains a leading cause of infection-related mortality worldwide, with an estimated 10.7 million incident cases and 1.23 million deaths recorded in 2024.¹ The Bacillus Calmette-Guérin vaccine (BCG), despite over a century of use, provides unreliable protection against pulmonary disease in adolescents and adults, and the identification of antigens capable of inducing durable protective immunity in these populations remains an unsolved challenge. Against this backdrop, the emergence of plasmid DNA as a vaccine platform in the mid-1990s generated considerable scientific optimism.

Reviews

Recent progress in the rational design of mRNA vaccines

Zijia Guo, et al.

Jin and colleagues review recent advances in mRNA vaccines for infectious diseases and cancer, covering sequence optimization, circRNA/saRNA platforms, delivery systems, and clinical translation challenges, while highlighting the role of computational technologies.

Nature

Volume 658 Issue 8137, 22 October 2026

<https://www.nature.com/nature/volumes/657/issues/8137>

Editorial 21 Oct 2026

How a new wave of science philanthropists can have the greatest impact

Tech entrepreneurs are bringing an engineer's eye to research funding. They must be open about their findings to reap maximum benefit.

Comment 19 Oct 2026

Three reasons why AI is not conscious and perhaps never will be

Large language models can mimic thought and feeling with uncanny skill. But evidence from neuroscience suggests that intelligence alone is not enough for subjective experience.

Anil K. Seth, Ned Block, Giulio Tononi

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Perspective 11 Sept 2026

[Recommendations for return of secondary genomic findings in observational cohort studies](#)

This Perspective presents an integrated ethical framework for the return of secondary findings from observational cohort studies, including polygenic risk scores, somatic mosaicism and pharmacogenomic results, for which prior guidance is limited.

Iftikhar J. Kullo, Carol R. Horowitz, Ronit I. Yarden

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Nature Reviews Drug Discovery

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Comment 29 May 2026

[Better data for better medicines: a path to data-driven medicines regulation](#)

Over the last decade, progress in science and technology has not only spurred biomedical innovation but has also led to an exponential growth in healthcare and regulatory data. When such data are carefully managed, they can inform medicines developers and regulators to further improve decision making and accelerate medicines innovation, to the benefit of patients.

Francois Domergue, Peter Arlett, Karl Broich

Review Article 03 Jun 2026

[Towards mRNA therapeutics 2.0](#)

mRNA technology is being applied to develop a new generation of therapies for rare and common diseases. This Review discusses insights from clinical studies on mRNA-based therapeutics, including enzyme replacement therapies, cancer immunotherapies, genome-modifying therapies and immune cell

reprogramming therapies, which illustrate how technological advances are paving the way for the wider adoption of mRNA technology in drug development.

Kenneth R. Chien, Kylie S. Foo, Nevin Witman

Perspective 13 Jul 2026

Design, simulate, refine: simulation-guided clinical trials for accelerated drug development

Simulation-guided clinical trial design can enable identification of the optimal design to bring safe and effective therapies to patients as efficiently as possible, and it is particularly useful when exploring innovative strategies such as adaptive designs and master protocols. This Perspective discusses the value of trial simulations from the perspective of different stakeholders involved in drug development, presents best-practice recommendations, and highlights case studies that illustrate the impact of the approach.

Elias Laurin Meyer, Tim Friede, Franz König

Nature Reviews Genetics

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Volume 5 No. 9 September 2026

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NEJM Evidence, a new monthly digital journal from NEJM Group, presents innovative original research and fresh, bold ideas in clinical trial design and clinical decision-making.

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[Changes in attitudes toward the HPV vaccine in Kenya](#)

Corrina Moucheraud, Jinghong Miao, Eric Ochieng, Suyanpeng Zhang, George Ganda, Ginger Golub, Risa M. Hoffman, Peter G. Szilagyi, Sze-Chuan Suen

Research Article | published 23 Oct 2026 PLOS Global Public Health

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgph.0007508>

[Barriers to prevention and healthcare-seeking in a fragile humanitarian setting: Evidence from Yemen during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Ola El Hajj Hassan, Ahmed Asa'ad Al-Aghbari, Huda Omer Basaleem, Khaled Abdulla Al-Sakkaf, Dalia Hyzam, Ahmad Siyar Noormal, Albrecht Jahn, Fekri Dureab

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October 20, 2026 vol. 123 no. 42

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Psychological and Cognitive Sciences

Research Article October 15, 2026

[Interpersonal value regulates infection-risky social contact across 61 societies](#)

Interpersonal contact is essential for cooperation and care, but it also provides a route for pathogen transmission between individuals. Hence, a key challenge for social organisms involves maintaining beneficial social contact while also limiting ...

Hongyu Sun, et al.

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Volume 73 September–October 2026

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Religion and vaccination: beyond hesitancy

Haaris Tiwana, Ananya Tina Banerjee, Joao Luiz Dornelles Bastos, Julia Smith

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The Malaria Vaccine Implementation Cascade: From introduction to programme performance

Marielle Karine Bouyou-Akotet, Denise Patricia Mawili-Mboumba

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Temporal trends in Tdap vaccination coverage during pregnancy in the Vaccine Safety Datalink, 2016 through 2023

Stephanie A. Irving, Bradley Crane, Eric S. Weintraub, Hilda Razzaghi, ... Allison L. Naleway

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Beyond disease prevention: rotavirus vaccine rollout and child stunting in Tanzania

Steven Lee Mwaseba, Ronelle Burger, Dieter von Fintel

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Trust in government institutions and influenza vaccine acceptance among U.S. adults

Sudipta Hyder, Hannah Melchinger, Fauzia Malik, Krutika Kuppalli, ... Aryn A. Malik

Article 129212

Research article Open access

Real-world safety of dengue vaccines in Brazil: A pharmacovigilance study

Matheus Negri Boschiero, Nathália Mariana Santos Sansone, Fernando Augusto Lima Marson

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<https://www.mdpi.com/journal/vaccines>

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Article

[Mapping the Evolution of Vaccine–Microbiome Research: A 30-Year Bibliometric Analysis \(1995–2025\)](#)

Bingrui Gao, et al.

Vaccines 2026, 14(11), 922; <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14110922> (registering DOI)

24 October 2026

Background: Vaccine efficacy shows marked inter-individual heterogeneity, and the gut microbiome critically shapes vaccine-induced immune responses. However, the field’s developmental trajectory remains uncharacterized. Methods: Publications on...

Article

[Factors Associated with Vaccination Delay and Refusal Among Children Under 12 Months of Age](#)

Malena Gonçalves Almeida, et al.

Vaccines 2026, 14(11), 919; <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14110919> (registering DOI)

23 October 2026

Background: Delayed and refused vaccination remain challenges to timely immunization during infancy and may involve different underlying factors. Objective: To analyze the factors associated with vaccination delay and refusal among children younger t..

Review

[Human Organoids in Infectious Disease Research: From Host–Pathogen Interactions to Vaccine Development](#)

Dorota Zielinska, et al.

Vaccines 2026, 14(10), 908; <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14100908>

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Background/Objectives: Human organoids have emerged as physiologically relevant models bridging conventional two-dimensional cultures and animal models. This review summarizes advances in their application to infectious disease modeling and vaccine r...

Value in Health

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Ebola Disease Knowledge and Vaccine Acceptance in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Sydney Merritt, Jason Kindrachuk, Dalau Nkamba, Nicole A. Hoff, Handdy Kalengi, Megan Halbrook, Leonard Kamba, Michael Beya, Skylar Petrichko, Hannah L Wallace, Christophe Luhata, Didine K Kaba, Anne W Rimoin

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Patterns of Influenza Vaccine Uptake by Age Group and Product Type in Michigan, 2017-2021

Zirui Zhou, Ryan Malosh, Sukhesh Sudan, Abram Wagner, Marisa C Eisenberg, Arnold Monto, Emily Toth Martin

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Epidemiologic shifts predict spatial patterns of measles re-emergence in the United States

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Changing COVID-19 vaccine eligibility could reshape disease burden for all

Soren L Larsen, Pamela P. Martinez, Ayesha Mahmud

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Research NoteOpen Access

REVISED - Did the emergence of the Omicron variant impact the COVID-19 vaccine sentiments in the Arab world? A Twitter-based comparative analysis

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Nada Dimashkieh Chehab

Abstract

Background

Vaccine hesitancy constitutes a major obstacle for achieving herd immunity against coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Research has shown high vaccine hesitancy rates and low compliance among Arabic-speaking populations in the 2021–2022 period. The aim of this study was to analyze sentiments related to COVID-19 vaccines before and after the emergence of the COVID-19 Omicron variant in the Arab-speaking world...

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[The Devil Is in the DLIs: What Program-for-Results Health Operations Can Teach the State Department About Results-Based Financing](#)

Jocelyn Estes and Rosie Eldridge

October 22, 2026

As the US State Department officials craft implementation plans for more than 30 bilateral agreements signed with partner countries, the question of how to design results-based indicators is more urgent than ever. We think the devil is in the DLIs—the disbursement-linked indicators, that is. The Ame...

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[Can Africa maximize its global influence?](#)

In this week's episode of Independent Thinking, our experts discuss how African states are increasing their leverage on the global stage.

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Broad Public Confidence in Elections in the U.S. – but Partisans Differ Over Concerns About Access, Security

Most voters expect well-run 2026 midterms, but Republicans and Democrats differ on noncitizen voting safeguards and whether eligible citizens can vote if they choose to.

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The Bioethics of Evidence-Informed Practice

This free virtual training program integrates bioethics and evidence-informed practice for complementary and integrative health care professionals.

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Genomics, Healthcare and You: Healthcare Professional Engagement Report

This report presents healthcare professionals' views on using genomic testing and genetic information in adult population healthcare in England, to inform a planned Genomics England national research study.

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Biosecurity in the AI Era

RAND's Steph Guerra breaks down a layered defense strategy to mitigate the risks of AI-enabled bioweapons while preserving open science.

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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...

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