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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Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review will resume publication on Saturday, 26 August, following annual leave for the Editor.
2 August 2023
Dear friends and partners,

Twenty-three years ago, a new experiment in public-private partnerships was born. It had an incredibly ambitious but important mission: to extend access to immunisation in lower-income countries. I had been closely involved in an earlier attempt, the Children’s Vaccine Initiative, and I knew well the challenges this new endeavour must overcome if it were to reverse decades of stagnating progress. I gave Gavi my full support at the time and continued to collaborate actively with it, as CEO of IAVI, throughout the following decade.

It is testament to the energy, craft and innovative spirit of Gavi’s early leaders that it was able to succeed in lifting immunisation levels in that first decade where the previous attempt had failed. When I joined as CEO in 2011, it was with heartfelt pride and also a strong sense of gravity, because I knew exactly how important it was that the Alliance flourish.

Gavi today is a very different organisation to the one I joined 12 years ago, and in this final message to you, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported and contributed to all we have accomplished. I am honoured and humbled to have worked alongside and engaged with so many during this transformative era. Time after time, we have set ambitious goals, gone beyond our comfort zones, and partnered closely with Gavi implementing countries to help them strengthen their systems and deliver incredible results.

As we celebrated in Madrid at the Mid-Term Review in June, the Alliance has surpassed 1 billion unique children immunised. This means that we have had a direct engagement in protecting the health of more than one eighth of the world’s population through immunisation – an entire generation...

...Gavi is more than ever the best buy in global health with a US$ 54 return on every US$ 1 spent on immunisation. With an unparalleled track record of success which serves as a solid foundation for future endeavours, Gavi is no longer the best-kept secret in global health. My hope is that the Alliance continues to wield the transformative power it possesses and always keeps in mind the lives we save and improve when we maintain our conviction and strive for excellence.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude – it has been an honour and privilege to partner and engage with so many individuals and institutions in the course of my tenure at Gavi. I am filled with immense pride for what we have accomplished together as a community, and I look forward to witnessing the continued success and impact of this vital work in the years to come.

With warmest regards,
Dr Seth Berkley
Cholera

Multi-country outbreak of cholera, External situation report #5 - 4 August 2023

Highlights

Data as of 15 July 2023

▪ Since the last situation report on the multi-country outbreak of cholera was published on 6 July 2023 (covering data reported until 15 of June), and as of 15 July 2023, one new outbreak of cholera was reported from India on 15 May 2023. In total, 25 countries have reported cases since the beginning of 2023.

▪ **The overall capacity to respond to the multiple and simultaneous outbreaks continues to be strained due to the global lack of resources, including shortages of the Oral Cholera Vaccine (OCV) and cholera supplies, as well as overstretched public health and medical personnel, who are dealing with multiple parallel disease outbreaks and other health emergencies.**

▪ Based on the large number of outbreaks and their geographic expansion, as well as a lack of vaccines and other resources, **WHO continues to assess the risk at global level as very high.**

▪ The WHO African Region remains the most affected region with 14 countries reporting cholera cases since the beginning of the year. The outbreaks in many Southeast African countries, including Burundi, Malawi, Mozambique, and South Africa appear to have stabilized in recent weeks. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, over 900 cases are reported each week with an upward trend observed in some provinces such as North-Kivu and Tanganyika.

▪ In the Horn of Africa, the major region of concern remains the so-called ‘Mandera triangle’, where the borders of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia meet. While the overall epidemiological situation has been plateauing, around 1000 cases are reported each week across the three affected countries in the region with further spreads in new areas. Ongoing security concerns and forced displacement remain the major challenges in the response operations.

▪ WHO continues to work with partners at global, regional and country level to support Member States in outbreak response activities.

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**Vaccination**

▪ Since the start of 2023 and as of 24 July 2023, a total of 49.9 million doses have been requested, of which 19.3 million (39%) have been approved for 11 countries. The available (not yet allocated) global OCV stockpile on 24 July was 2.7 million doses.

▪ Fifteen reactive vaccination campaigns (Cameroon, the Dominican Republic, DRC, Ethiopia (2), Haiti, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique (3), Somalia, Northwest Syria (2), Zambia) have been implemented (with start date in 2023), and five new campaigns will start late July, early August (Cameroon, Ethiopia, Kenya (2), Somalia).

▪ Coordination between WHO offices in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia to address the required strategy for the reactive campaign in the border regions of the three countries (Mandera Triangle)

▪ Zimbabwe, DRC, Ethiopia and Uganda are considering placing OCV request for reactive campaigns.
In the current outbreak context, only one-dose courses have been validated and implemented in these reactive campaigns. Doses for preventive campaigns cannot be supplied due to the low global stockpile.

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Key Challenges
As noted above, the geographical spread and global surge in cases is due to and has resulted in numerous challenges:
- Exacerbation of cholera outbreaks due to natural disasters and climatic effects
- Data quality and reporting, including issues in consistency of reporting and insufficient disaggregation of data for vulnerable groups, especially for children under 5 years of age
- Constrained availability of critical cholera supplies, including case management materials and kits
- Insufficient OCV stock to respond to all concurrent cholera outbreaks, with OCV shortage leading to suspension of preventive campaigns and change from a two dose to a one dose strategy
- Exhausted national cholera response capacities and overall overstretched emergency response capacity due to numerous parallel large-scale and high-risk outbreaks and other public health emergencies
- Insufficient experienced cholera response staff available for deployments to support national emergency response
- Inadequate financial resources to respond in a timely and effective manner across all levels
- A lack of resources (financial and material) for readiness and preparedness activities.

PHEIC
Polio

Polio this week as of 2 August 2023 - GPEI
Headlines
:: The 6th report of the Transition Independent Monitoring Board has been published, evaluating the progress and challenges of the polio transition process, and making a series of recommendations to strengthen work at the global, regional and country level. The Board’s guidance will be used to shape the post-2023 strategic framework for transition, which is currently under development.

Summary of new polioviruses this week:
- Pakistan: one wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1)-positive environmental sample
- Algeria: two circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2)-positive environmental samples
- DR Congo: ten circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1 (cVDPV1) cases and four cVDPV2 cases
- Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Yemen: Five cVDPV2-positive environmental samples

Editor’s Note
We assess that the 6th report of the Transition Independent Monitoring Board referenced above might well have received more thoughtful treatment in the “Headlines” above. In the 111 pages of the report, the Transition IMB presents important historical perspectives, careful analysis of country program status, and concludes with 10 recommended actions going forward. The report’s title – not referenced above – is indicative of the challenges it addresses: Ambiguities and certainties: Meeting the diverse expectations of polio transition. We recommend a careful reading.

::: Coronavirus [COVID-19]:::  
https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

**WHO Weekly Epidemiological and Operational updates**

*Last update: 2 August 2023*

| Confirmed cases :: | 768 983 095 |
| Confirmed deaths :: | 6 953 743 |
| Vaccine doses administered: | 13 492 099 754 |

**Weekly epidemiological update on COVID-19 - 3 August 2023**

**Overview**

Globally, over one million new COVID-19 cases and over 3100 deaths were reported in the last 28 days (3 to 30 July 2023). While five WHO regions have reported decreases in the number of both cases and deaths, the Western Pacific Region has reported an increase in the number of cases and a decrease in the number of deaths. As of 30 July 2023, over 768 million confirmed cases and over 6.9 million deaths have been reported globally. Currently, reported cases do not accurately represent infection rates due to the reduction in testing and reporting globally. During this 28-day period, 46% (107 of 234) of countries and territories reported at least one case to WHO – a proportion that has been declining since mid-2022.

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**Breaking News! China National Health Commission Released "Implementation Plan for COVID-19 Vaccination for Key Groups in the Near Future"**

2023-08-01  [WestVac Media Release]

To further prepare for the response to the COVID-19 pandemic during the upcoming autumn and winter seasons and ensure the maximum protection of people’s lives and health, on July 31, 2023, the Joint Prevention and Control Mechanism of the State Council for Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia issued the "Implementation Plan for COVID-19 Vaccination for Key Groups in the Near Future" (hereinafter referred to as the "Implementation Plan").

According to the "Implementation Plan", the XBB variant of the novel coronavirus has become the main circulating strain in domestic outbreaks in China. Studies have shown that the XBB variant has a strong immune evasion capability, and the neutralizing ability of serum antibodies from the Chinese population against the XBB variant is relatively weak, making breakthrough infections more likely. The XBB variant poses a greater risk to key groups such as the elderly. To maximize the protection of people’s lives and health, the Implementation Plan is released for COVID-19 vaccination for several key groups, including the elderly.
The target population for this vaccination campaign, as stated in the "Implementation Plan," must meet two conditions simultaneously: First, they should be either aged 60 and above or between 18 and 59 years old with significant underlying health conditions, compromised immune function, or a high risk of infection. Second, they should have completed their primary immunization or have already been infected with the COVID-19 virus. For non-target populations, the Implementation Plan specifies that the previously issued guidelines for vaccination should continue to be followed.

Vaccination is an important measure for preventing and controlling the spread of COVID-19 infections. Regarding vaccine selection, it has been clarified that during the prevalence of the XBB variant of the novel coronavirus, particularly during the autumn and winter seasons this year, priority should be given to recommending vaccines that contain the antigenic components of the XBB variant...

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**Our World in Data**

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccinations**  [Accessed 05 Aug 2023]

:: 70.48 [%] of the world population has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.
:: 13492053551 [doses] have been administered globally, and 52170 are now administered each day.
:: 32.52 [%] of people in low-income countries have received at least one dose.

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**MPOX**

[https://www.who.int/emergencies/situation-reports](https://www.who.int/emergencies/situation-reports)

*Latest Report:*

**Multi-country outbreak of mpox, External situation report #26 – 14 July 2023**

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**UN OCHA – Current Emergencies**

*Current Corporate Emergencies*

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**Somalia**

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**Ukraine**

News and Press Release
Attacks on health care in Ukraine are a grave violation of international humanitarian law - statement by the Humanitarian Coordinator for Ukraine, Denise Brown, on the strike that hit a hospital in Kherson [EN/RU/UK]
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31 July 2023   Departmental news
Register now to join the second UN High-Level Meeting on TB: Deadline-11 August

31 July 2023   News release
Governments hold fourth round of discussions on proposed amendments to International Health Regulations (2005)
Governments last week continued their detailed examination of a significant number of the over 300 proposed amendments to the WHO International Health Regulations 2005 (IHR). In this fourth round of intensive discussions, taking place under the aegis of the Working Group on Amendments to the IHR (WGIHR), the 196 State Parties to the IHR – which include WHO’s 194 Member States(1) - discussed proposed amendments...

31 July 2023   Departmental news
Message by the Director of the Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals at WHO - July 2023

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Iraq eliminates trachoma as a public health problem

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WHO Region of the Americas PAHO
**As dengue cases increase globally, vector control, community engagement key to prevent spread of the disease**

*Cases in the Americas reach 3 million in 2023, surpassing numbers from previous record years*

Washington D.C. 3 August 2023 (PAHO/WHO) - While the incidence of dengue increases across regions, especially in parts of the Americas, experts this week reviewed the global situation and methods to help control the spread of the mosquito-borne disease...

**31 Jul 2023**

**Essential health services continue to face significant disruptions three years into pandemic: PAHO regional report**

Washington, DC, 31 July 2023 (PAHO)- The Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Dr Jarbas Barbosa, called on countries of the Americas to maintain investments in health, promote innovation in primary care with a focus on digital technologies, and move from theory to practice through specific policies to overcome challenges in...

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**WHO European Region EURO**

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**Türkiye earthquakes: six months of resilient response and support**

:: 1 August 2023  News release

**Barcelona: as the city celebrates Pride and gears up for more events, a community-based centre offers vital support to mpox-affected communities**

**WHO Western Pacific Region**

:: 5 August 2023  Media release

**Candidates announced for election of next WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific**

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**Disease Outbreak News (DONs)**

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

*No new DONs reported.*

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**New WHO Publications**

https://www.who.int/publications/i

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**Fifth annual workshop on surveillance and WHO policy for malaria elimination in the Greater Mekong Subregion,**

4 August 2023

**Pandemic influenza preparedness framework: annual progress report, 1 January - 31 December 2022**

3 August 2023
USA – HHS, FDA, CDC

HHS

News

HHS Announces the Formation of the Office of Long COVID Research and Practice and Launch of Long COVID Clinical Trials Through the RECOVER Initiative

July 31, 2023  News Release

... The Office of Long COVID Research will be located within HHS’s Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health under the leadership of the HHS Assistant Secretary for Health, Admiral Rachel Levine. The Office is charged with on-going coordination of the whole-of-government response to the longer-term effects of COVID-19, including Long COVID and associated conditions and the implementation of the National Research Action Plan on Long COVID - PDF and the Services and Supports for Longer-Term Impacts of COVID-19 - PDF. Currently 14 federal departments engage on Long COVID, including over a dozen HHS Operating and Staff Divisions with a goal to reduce the impacts of Long COVID by improving quality of life for people living with Long COVID and reducing disparities related to Long COVID...

The NIH RECOVER Initiative is a $1.15 billion nationwide research program designed to understand, treat, and prevent long COVID, which describes long-term symptoms following infection by SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. More than 200 symptoms are associated with long COVID, and the condition can cause problems throughout the body, affecting nearly all body systems...
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Latest News Releases
CDC Recommends a Powerful New Tool to Protect Infants from the Leading Cause of Hospitalization
August 3, 2023
CDC is recommending a new immunization starting this fall to help protect all infants under 8 months and some older babies at increased risk of severe illness caused by respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

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MMWR Weekly
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Notes from the Field: Measles Outbreak — Central Ohio, 2022–2023
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Call for applications: The Africa CDC and DCVMN Launches hands-on training in vaccine technology transfer at Hilleman Laboratories in Singapore
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Africa CDC Supports South Sudan in Investigating and Responding to Suspected Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Outbreak
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*Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Children’s Investment Fund Foundation, Pfizer and Becton, Dickinson & Company Expand Partnership for Greater Access to Injectable Contraceptive for Women in Low- and Lower-Middle-Income Countries*

Aug 03, 2023

- Increased manufacturing capacity combined with an expansion from 69 to 92 eligible countries, is expected to enable delivery of more than 320 million doses through 2030
- Previously guaranteed pricing of $0.85 per unit will be maintained for public-sector purchasers in low-income and lower-middle income countries
- Collaboration builds on agreement first established in 2014 that has provided contraceptive options to millions of women in low and lower middle-income countries to date

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

*News: Articles and Publications*

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GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO JOIN CARB-X PARTNERSHIP

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) plans to award $6.3 million to CARB-X over the next two years, with the objectives of advancing the development of new projects aimed at preventing, diagnosing and treating the most dangerous drug-resistant infections, and supporting a stronger antibacterial R&D ecosystem in Canada.

Center for Vaccine Ethics and Policy – GE2P2 Global Foundation

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CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations

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CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

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Duke Global Health Innovation Center

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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

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Living Mapping Review for COVID-19 funded research projects: Final update captures data from 20,000 projects and lays the foundation to build a powerful new research funding tracker
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Public Consultation: ICH E6(R3) Principles, Annex 1 and Annex 2
The E6(R3) EWG is working on the revision of the E6(R2) Guideline “Good Clinical Practice” (GCP) with a view to addressing the application of GCP principles to the increasingly diverse trial types and data sources being employed to support regulatory and healthcare related decision-making on drugs, and provide flexibility whenever appropriate to facilitate the use of technological innovations in clinical trials. Additional information may also be found in ICH Reflection Paper on “GCP Renovation” on the ICH Reflection Paper page. When complete, E6(R3) will be composed of an overarching principles and objectives document, Annex 1 and Annex 2.

E6(R3) Draft Guideline
Public consultation dates:
ANVISA, Brazil - Deadline for comments by 31 August 2023
EC, Europe - Deadline for comments by 26 September 2023
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HSA, Singapore - Deadline for comments by 30 September 2023
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NIH selects Dr. Jeanne Marrazzo as director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
August 2, 2023 — Dr. Marrazzo expected to begin her role as NIAID Director in the Fall.
NIH launches long COVID clinical trials through RECOVER Initiative, opening enrollment
July 31, 2023 — The clinical trials are designed to evaluate multiple treatments simultaneously to identify more swiftly those that are effective.

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ECOSOC adopts its 2023 resolution on the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
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Press statement
UNAIDS welcomes the launch of the Bureau of Global Health Security and Diplomacy at the U.S. Department of State
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UNICEF Deputy Executive Director Ted Chaiban’s remarks on the situation of children in Sudan, at the Daily Press Briefing by the Office of the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General
NEW YORK, 4 August 2023 — "Good afternoon. Last week I was in Sudan, a country I have visited many times over the past 25 years, a country I lived in 18 years ago, and a country where children
have consistently borne the brunt of recurring violence, upheaval and displacement. "It is no exaggeration to say that the situation facing children in...

Statement 31 July 2023
Joint statement by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell and WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on the occasion of World Breastfeeding Week

NEW YORK/GENEVA, 1 August 2023 - "In the last 10 years, many countries have made significant progress to increase exclusive breastfeeding rates. Yet even greater progress is possible when breastfeeding is protected and supported, particularly in the workplace. "This World Breastfeeding Week, under its theme, “Let’s make breastfeeding at work,...

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**BioNTech Completes Acquisition of InstaDeep**

- Acquisition aims to strengthen BioNTech’s pioneering position in the field of AI-powered drug discovery, design and development
- InstaDeep to operate as London based subsidiary of BioNTech and will be the centerpiece of its growing portfolio of initiatives around artificial intelligence and machine learning
- Approximately 290 highly skilled professionals and a global network of research partners in the fields of artificial intelligence, machine learning and data science based in the world’s leading global technology hubs

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**CureVac Announces Dosing of First Participant in Phase 2 Study of Modified COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine Candidates Developed in Collaboration with GSK**

- Phase 2 study initiated at clinical sites in Australia with monovalent and bivalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccine candidates
- Vaccine candidates developed in collaboration with GSK within COVID-19 vaccine development program

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Cabotegravir is the first and only long-acting injectable option for pre-exposure prophylaxis to reduce the risk of sexually acquired HIV-1

U.S. FDA Approves Merck’s ERVEBO® (Ebola Zaire Vaccine, Live) for Use in Children 12 Months of Age and Older

...the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved an expanded indication for ERVEBO, which is now indicated for the prevention of disease caused by Zaire ebolavirus in individuals 12 months of age and older. The vaccine was previously approved for use in individuals 18 years of age and older. ERVEBO does not protect against other species of Ebolavirus or Marburgvirus and the duration of protection conferred by ERVEBO is unknown...
August 3, 2023

Press Release: U.S. CDC Advisory Committee unanimously recommends routine use of Beyfortus™ (nirsevimab-alip) to protect infants against RSV disease

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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

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Volume 14, 2023 Issue 3
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Article
A Cross Sectional Survey of Recruitment Practices, Supports, and Perceived Roles for Unaffiliated and Non-scientist Members of IRBs
Stuart G. Nicholls, Holly A. Taylor, Richard James, Emily E. Anderson, Phoebe Friesen, Toby Schonfeld & Elyse I. Summers
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Published online: 23 Feb 2023
Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) [in the U.S.] are federally mandated to include both nonscientific and unaffiliated representatives in their membership. Despite this, there is no guidance or policy on the selection of unaffiliated or non-scientist members and reports indicate a lack of clarity regarding members’ roles. In the present study we sought to explore processes of recruitment, training, and the perceived roles for unaffiliated and non-scientist members of IRBs.

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Robotic Surgery
Robotic assisted minimally invasive surgical procedures have become increasingly common since FDA approval in 2000. First integrated into urologic care, robots now assist general, gynecologic, cardiothoracic, colorectal, and head and neck operations. Indications for and applications of robotic surgical technology continue to evolve, as do ethical questions generated by robotics about informed consent, surgical training and decision making, bias and risk management, and conflict of interest mitigation at the intersection of surgical technique selection and organizational investments. This theme issue looks to motivate conversations about clinical, ethical, and equity standards in a rapidly evolving robotic surgical frontier.

Medicine and Society
Opportunities for Global Health Diplomacy in Transnational Robotic Telesurgery
Esha Bansal, MD, MPH, Saran Kunaprayoon, MD, and Linda P. Zhang, MD
Telesurgery is a form of global health diplomacy, and negotiations between LMICs and HICs can have transnational consequences.

American Journal of Infection Control
Inventory management practices: implications on the pharmaceuticals expenditure of rabies vaccine in public health facilities, Namibia

To achieve well-regulated distribution, storage, and utilization of the rabies vaccine, health facilities should adhere to standard operating procedures. In Namibia, information on inventory management, utiliz...

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New tuberculosis vaccines in India: modelling the potential health and economic impacts of adolescent/adult vaccination with M72/AS01E and BCG-revaccination

India had an estimated 2.9 million tuberculosis cases and 506 thousand deaths in 2021. Novel vaccines effective in adolescents and adults could reduce this burden. M72/AS01E and BCG-revaccination have recently co...

Authors: Rebecca A. Clark, Chathika K. Weerasuriya, Allison Portnoy, Christinah Mukandavire, Matthew Quaife, Roel Bakker, Danny Scarponi, Rebecca C. Harris, Kirankumar Rade, Sanjay Kumar Mattoo, Dheeraj Tumu, Nicolas A. Menzies and Richard G. White
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Investigation of non-National Immunization Program vaccination intentions in rural areas of China

Authors: Xiuli Wang, Yaru Fan and Wei Wang
Citation: BMC Public Health 2023 23:1485
Content type: Research Published on: 4 August 2023

China’s current immunization program was revised in 2007. Some common childhood vaccines such as those for influenza, pediatric pneumonia, Haemophilus influenzae, varicella, and rotavirus have not been included in the National Immunization Program (NIP) and need to be purchased by children’s guardians at their own expense. Rural areas, constrained by economic development and vaccine awareness, have a low non-NIP vaccination rate and more family medical expenses and social burden. This study aims to examine the awareness and attitude of rural parents about non-NIP vaccines and relevant factors influencing their vaccination intention to provide strategic suggestions for expanding and improving the Chinese government’s NIP policy.

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Special Section: Global Voices for Global Justice: Expanding Right to Health Frameworks
...The papers in this special section work together to move toward a global social medicine for the 22nd century. They envision a global social medicine that confronts and moves beyond the traditionally colonial, xenophobic, heteronormative, patriarchal, gender-binary-bound, capitalist, and racist histories of the fields of global health and human rights. They seek to instantiate a global social medicine that centers knowledge and experiences from the Global South and works toward social justice and health equity at scale. In this special section, the authors are particularly interested in understanding, challenging, and expanding our perspectives and enactments of the right to health. Unlike neoliberal perspectives on health that often limit their explanatory capacity to how individuals behave in the world, the papers here move beyond the focus on lifestyles and on the phantasmagoria of a sovereign subject with supposedly free agency. Instead, authors work toward critical consciousness that accounts for structural processes—with their inequities and disruptions, as well as their effects on individuals—and how this consciousness can open new horizons for collective transformation and social emancipation in health...

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The interplay of social constraints and individual variation in risk tolerance in the emergence of superspreaders
Matthew J. Young, et al.
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Abstract
Individual host behaviours can drastically impact the spread of infection through a population. Differences in the value individuals place on both socializing with others and avoiding infection have been shown to yield emergent homophily in social networks and thereby shape epidemic outcomes. We build on this understanding to explore how individuals who do not conform to their social surroundings contribute to the propagation of infection during outbreaks. We show how non-conforming individuals, even if they do not directly expose a disproportionate number of other individuals themselves, can become functional superspreaders through an emergent social structure that positions them as the functional links by which infection jumps between otherwise separate communities. Our results can help estimate the potential success of real-world interventions that may be compromised by a small number of non-conformists if their impact is not anticipated, and plan for how best to mitigate their effects on intervention success.

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Editorial
Indigenous health: self-determination is key

The Lancet
August 9 marks the UN's International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, a day to raise awareness and highlight the rights of the 476 million Indigenous people across 90 countries. The anniversary comes in what could be a landmark year for Indigenous people and their health.

In May, 2023, the World Health Assembly passed an unprecedented resolution aimed at strengthening the health of Indigenous people. As well as tasking WHO with developing a global plan of action by 2026, the resolution contains several ambitious obligations for member states to improve Indigenous health, including the development of national plans to improve access to health care for Indigenous peoples; the integration, where possible, of traditional and complementary medicine in health systems,
particularly in primary care and mental health; and the training and recruiting of Indigenous people as health workers. It hopes to reduce some of the stark inequalities faced by many Indigenous peoples as a result of colonisation, displacement, and repression.

The term “Indigenous peoples” is in many ways a crude one, isolating and homogenising 5000 diverse cultures with vastly different experiences, needs, hopes, challenges, opportunities, and ways of life. But there are areas of common cause and solidarity, especially with regards to health. Our 2016 Series on Indigenous health found that life expectancy was more than 5 years lower in Indigenous than in non-Indigenous populations in Australia, Cameroon, Canada (First Nations and Inuit), Greenland, Kenya, New Zealand, and Panama. Maternal mortality, infant mortality, and mental health are often of particular concern. A recent Health Policy on environmental equity argues that Indigenous communities face a disproportionate burden of illness and mortality due to climate change, yet their inclusion and involvement in environmental health policy has been tokenistic at best.

Respect, support, and prioritisation of different Indigenous leadership, knowledges, cultural expression, and continuity and resilience are essential across health, as shown most recently by the COVID-19 pandemic. First Nations peoples in Australia were able to reverse initial disparities in the burden of COVID-19 when empowered by the government to lead their own response early in the pandemic. Indigenous sovereignty, coupled with a community-centred approach focused on cultural relevance and the use of Indigenous health-care providers, appears to have played a crucial role in mitigating the effects of COVID-19 in the Arctic.

Self-determination is central to these aims. But in Brazil, there is disappointment. Indigenous people suffered hugely under Jair Bolsonaro—a network of Cuban doctors that supported Indigenous health was dismantled, the rainforest destruction which so often affects Indigenous land increased by 52%, and the Brazilian Ministry of Justice is looking into accusations of genocide against the Yanomami people, whose protected lands were neglected and destroyed by an explosion of illegal mining. One of the first steps taken by Lula’s new government at the beginning of 2023 was to prioritise Indigenous health with the creation of a new Indigenous health ministry led by an Indigenous woman, Sônia Guajajara. But Congress has already stripped the ministry of its key powers, taking away its right to delimit Indigenous lands, while moving for a vote on annulling many previous Indigenous claims to land. Guajajara denounced the move as “genocidal”.

In Australia, there is trepidation. The issue of Indigenous self-determination is at a critical juncture. Australians will vote later this year in a referendum on a constitutional amendment to create the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice, an independent body that will advise the government on matters affecting the lives of First Nations peoples, including housing, employment, and health. Australia’s First Nations peoples have seen repeated failures by Government to close the gap in health inequalities. If the amendment is adopted, the Voice would be an important milestone in improving Indigenous health. But polls show that support for the amendment has dropped in the past 6 months.

Discussion of Indigenous health is often focused on disadvantage. But it is more than simply some global health problem to be solved. As WHO’s constitution recognises, health is not merely the absence of disease or infirmity; it is a state of complete physical, mental, and social wellbeing. For Indigenous communities and their health to flourish, they must be in control of their own destinies.

The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health
Scientific discovery in the age of artificial intelligence

The advances in artificial intelligence over the past decade are examined, with a discussion on how artificial intelligence systems can aid the scientific process and the central issues that remain despite advances.

Hanchen Wang, Tianfan Fu, Marinka Zitnik
Science is international, but scientific publishing is dominated by English-language publications. This disproportionately benefits native or fluent English speakers. We want to take steps to address the imbalance this creates, and new technology may help.

Feature, 13 Jul 2023
The future of academic publishing

Academic publishing is the backbone of science dissemination — but is the current system fit for purpose? We asked a diverse group of scientists to comment on the future of publishing. They discuss systemic issues, challenges, and opportunities, and share their vision for the future.
Abubakari Ahmed, Aceil Al-Khatib, J. Andrew Pruszynski

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**Participatory research in mental health care services of Low-and Middle-Income Countries: A Scoping Review Protocol**

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Objective: The objective of this scoping review is to understand the types of participatory research approaches in mental health that have been done in the context of Low-and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs)  

Introduction: Developing countries have a treatment gap of 76-85% for mental disorders. Participatory research can enhance the understanding of the types of participatory research approaches in mental health that have been done in LMICs.

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Abstract  

Introduction: Despite having high unmet health need, people with severe and multiple disadvantage (SMD, including combinations of homelessness, substance misuse, poor mental health and domestic violence and abuse) have poor access to general practice. This realist review will examine the existing evidence on interventions or aspects of routine care in general practice that are likely to increase or decrease access to general practice for people with SMD.  

Methods and analysis: The aim of this review is to identify how these interventions or aspects of routine care increase or decrease access to general practice for people with SMD, in which contexts and for which patients. This review will involve a process comprising five sequential phases: (1) identifying established theories, (2) conducting an extensive search for proof, (3) selecting appropriate articles, (4) gathering and organising relevant data, and (5) utilising a realist analytical approach to synthesise evidence and make conclusions. Local implementation documents, in addition to published research studies, will be incorporated to enrich the analysis. We will collaborate with a stakeholder group consisting of people with lived experience of SMD and those who support them to advise us throughout.  

Ethics and dissemination: Ethical approval is not required. Our findings will be disseminated through
peer-reviewed publications, conference presentations and lay summaries and will be used to develop a complex intervention for improving access to general practice for and with people with severe and multiple disadvantage.

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This essay explores the emerging field of rapid evaluation in health and social care, drawing out the ways in which it is distinctive from or similar to other forms of applied research. It draws closely on the experience of two National Institute for Health and Care Research rapid service evaluation teams established in 2018, of which all authors of this essay are members. Reflection on the rapid evaluation teams’ body of work is used to highlight methodological and operational considerations for researchers, practitioners and policy-makers interested in the commissioning, conduct and application of rapid evaluations in health and social care. The essay is organised according to the ‘evaluation pathway’, from project selection and scoping, stakeholder involvement, research methods and activity, through skills and team working to feedback and dissemination. Its conceptual framing draws on Riley et al.’s rapidity, responsiveness and relevance framework, proposing a fourth dimension of rigour. Novel insights include: the primacy of scoping thoroughly a rapid evaluation; the trade-offs to be made in respect of patient and community engagement and rapid working; the opportunities presented by virtual and mixed research methods; the particular challenges of supervising and leading multiple studies undertaken simultaneously; and the need for flexible and dynamic approaches to disseminating emerging findings in as close to real time. The essay concludes by setting out key lessons about how to conduct rapid evaluations.