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Saint-Herblain (France), November 10, 2023 –
Valneva SE announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved IXCHIQ®, Valneva’s single-dose, live-attenuated vaccine indicated for the prevention of disease caused by chikungunya virus (CHIKV) in individuals 18 years of age and older who are at increased risk of exposure to CHIKV. This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on anti-CHIKV neutralizing antibody titers. Continued approval for this indication is contingent upon verification of clinical benefit in confirmatory studies...

As sponsor of the first chikungunya vaccine approved in the U.S., Valneva has received a Priority Review Voucher (PRV) from the FDA, which it intends to monetize to help finance its research and development (R&D) programs...

FDA Approves First Vaccine to Prevent Disease Caused by Chikungunya Virus
November 09, 2023
Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Ixchiq, the first chikungunya vaccine. Ixchiq is approved for individuals 18 years of age and older who are at increased risk of exposure to chikungunya virus.

The chikungunya virus is primarily transmitted to people through the bite of an infected mosquito. Chikungunya is an emerging global health threat with at least 5 million cases of chikungunya virus infection reported during the past 15 years. The highest risk of infection is in tropical and subtropical regions of Africa, Southeast Asia, and parts of the Americas where chikungunya virus-carrying mosquitoes are endemic. However, chikungunya virus has spread to new geographical areas causing a rise in global prevalence of the disease...

“Infection with chikungunya virus can lead to severe disease and prolonged health problems, particularly for older adults and individuals with underlying medical conditions,” said Peter Marks, M.D., Ph.D., director of the FDA’s Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research. “Today’s approval addresses an unmet medical need and is an important advancement in the prevention of a potentially debilitating disease with limited treatment options.”

Ixchiq is administered as a single dose by injection into the muscle. It contains a live, weakened version of the chikungunya virus and may cause symptoms in the vaccine recipient similar to those experienced by people who have chikungunya disease.

The safety of Ixchiq was evaluated in two clinical studies conducted in North America in which about 3,500 participants 18 years of age and older received a dose of the vaccine with one study including about 1,000 participants who received a placebo. The most commonly reported side effects by vaccine recipients were headache, fatigue, muscle pain, joint pain, fever, nausea and tenderness at the injection site...
Accelerating Vaccine Development for Global Health Impact - a WHO Initiative to Prioritize Key Endemic Pathogens

10 November 2023  WHO Departmental news

In a significant stride towards facilitating and informing priorities in global vaccine development for endemic pathogens, the World Health Organization (WHO) has commissioned 16 "Vaccine Value Profiles" (VVPs) to be published in a groundbreaking Supplement in the journal Vaccine.

This milestone is the result of collaborations with several pathogen and vaccine experts, led by the Product Development and Research (PDR) team in WHO's Immunization, Vaccines & Biologicals department, with the primary objective of advancing the development of vaccines for pathogens that pose a substantial public health and socio-economic burden, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

The forthcoming Supplement is set to feature value profiles focused on 16 pathogens with vaccines in late-stage clinical development. These profiles, meticulously prepared by independent teams of global subject matter experts, compile state of the art, publicly available data and information to establish the current understanding of anticipated vaccine development and implementation feasibility, use cases and potential public health impact of vaccines, once they receive licensure and are deployed for public health purposes.

Vaccine value profiles serve as comprehensive summaries of critical evidence, essential for guiding vaccine funding, research initiatives, and clinical and policy development strategies. These tools aim to serve as key resources for multiple stakeholders in the vaccine development and immunization community, to inform their investment, prioritization and strategic decision-making. The Vaccine Value Profiles are helping to inform Gavi's Vaccine Investment Strategy (VIS), facilitating evidence-based prioritization of vaccines as well as a regional and global initiative to establish priority endemic pathogens for development of new vaccines, as part of the Immunization Agenda 2030.

"These Vaccine Value Profiles have the potential to catalyze vaccine development and activate new research collaborations by providing a comprehensive understanding of what is currently known – and not known – about the potential value that vaccines could bring to the world. Our goal is to provide stakeholders, including R&D funders, policymakers, regulators, manufacturers, and the public, with the insights necessary to make informed decisions and accelerate the development of vaccines that will have the greatest impact," says Professor Ruth Karron from Johns Hopkins University.

The Supplement's first volume will feature the Vaccine Value Profile for respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), along with profiles for Group B Streptococcus, CMV (cytomegalovirus), Shigella, Salmonella paratyphi A, enterotoxigenic E. Coli Norovirus, and Leishmaniasis. Additionally, the issue will include commentary on neglected tropical diseases, underscoring the comprehensive scope of this monumental initiative. A second volume will follow later in 2023, and will include vaccines such as against Klebsiella pneumoniae or Neisseria gonorrhoea...

NIH

Monica Bertagnolli, M.D., takes the helm at NIH
November 9, 2023 —
Monica M. Bertagnolli, M.D., started today as the 17th director of the National Institutes of Health, the nation’s biomedical research agency and largest public funder of biomedical research in the world.

She is the first surgeon and the second woman to hold the position. Nominated by President Biden, Dr. Bertagnolli was confirmed on a bipartisan basis by the U.S. Senate on November 7. She transitioned from her role as the 16th director of the National Cancer Institute, a position she has held since October 2022. NCI Principal Deputy Director Douglas R. Lowy, M.D., will serve as the NCI acting director until President Biden appoints a new director.

In his nomination announcement earlier this year, President Biden stated: “Dr. Bertagnolli has spent her career pioneering scientific discovery and pushing the boundaries of what is possible to improve cancer prevention and treatment for patients and ensuring that patients in every community have access to quality care. Dr. Bertagnolli is a world-class physician-scientist whose vision and leadership will ensure NIH continues to be an engine of innovation to improve the health of the American people.”…

HHS Secretary Becerra’s Statement on the Bipartisan Confirmation of Monica Bertagnolli for NIH Director
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WHO, UNICEF, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance pass the mid-point of the global 10-year strategy to eliminate yellow fever epidemics
8 November 2023  WHO Departmental news
:: Full EYE Strategy mid-term evaluation report
:: Briefing document for the report
:: EYE Strategy

The Eliminate Yellow Fever Epidemics (EYE) Strategy – a partnership led by the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance – launches a report following its mid-term evaluation in 2022.

Following devastating outbreaks in Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 2016 that saw exportation of cases to China, the EYE Strategy – a global coalition of over 50 partners in 40 countries – was launched to accelerate efforts to prevent outbreaks, protect at-risk populations, and save lives across the continent.

The global strategy addresses several challenges including yellow fever’s changing epidemiology; the worldwide resurgence of the primary vector responsible for urban yellow fever outbreaks (aedes aegypti mosquito), and the increasing risk of international spread.

An independent mid-term evaluation of the EYE Strategy (covering 2017 to 2021), was undertaken by the Euro Health Group – with guidance from WHO, UNICEF, and Gavi evaluation offices – as an opportunity to take stock of the Strategy’s progress to date and to determine how best to move closer to protecting almost 1 billion people in Africa and in the Americas from yellow fever by 2026.
The evaluation report shows that despite the significant achievements of the Strategy, there are challenges. Key gaps include low prioritization of yellow fever due to competing public health priorities in countries, and the need for increased engagement by governments to implement prevention and control measures, which can include targeted catch-up vaccination campaigns to fill immunization gaps. There also needs to be a continued focus on outbreak preparedness, readiness, and response.

“In July 2023, WHO and UNICEF published updated data for 2022 on the number of children who have missed out on critical vaccinations as part of their country’s routine immunization schedules,” says Dr Ephrem Lemango, Associate Director and Chief of Immunization at UNICEF. “Although we are making good progress after the disruption of the pandemic, there is still work to be done to ensure that governments continue to prioritize yellow fever. It is possible to eliminate these epidemics in our lifetime.”

Tuberculosis response recovering from pandemic but accelerated efforts needed to meet new targets
7 November 2023  WHO News release
:: 2023 Global TB report

The World Health Organization (WHO) 2023 Global tuberculosis (TB) report underscores a significant worldwide recovery in the scale-up of TB diagnosis and treatment services in 2022. It shows an encouraging trend starting to reverse the detrimental effects of COVID-19 disruptions on TB services.

Featuring data from 192 countries and areas, the report shows that 7.5 million people were diagnosed with TB in 2022, making it the highest figure recorded since WHO began global TB monitoring in 1995.

The increase is attributed to good recovery in access to and provision of health services in many countries. India, Indonesia and the Philippines, which together accounted for over 60% of the global reductions in the number of people newly diagnosed with TB in 2020 and 2021, all recovered to beyond 2019 levels in 2022.

“For millennia, our ancestors suffered and died with tuberculosis, without knowing what it was, what caused it, or how to stop it,” said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. “Today, we have knowledge and tools they could only have dreamed of. We have political commitment, and we have an opportunity that no generation in the history of humanity has had: the opportunity to write the final chapter in the story of TB.”

Globally, an estimated 10.6 million people fell ill with TB in 2022, up from 10.3 million in 2021. Geographically, in 2022, most people who developed TB were in the WHO Regions of South-East Asia (46%), Africa (23%) and the Western Pacific (18%), with smaller proportions in the Eastern Mediterranean (8.1%), the Americas (3.1%) and Europe (2.2%).

The total number of TB-related deaths (including those among people with HIV) was 1.3 million in 2022, down from 1.4 million in 2021. However, during the 2020-2022 period, COVID-19 disruptions resulted in nearly half a million more deaths from TB. TB continues to be the leading killer among people with HIV.
Multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) remains a public health crisis. While an estimated 410,000 people developed multidrug-resistant or rifampicin-resistant TB (MDR/RR-TB) in 2022, only about two in five people accessed treatment.

There is some progress in the development of new TB diagnostics, drugs and vaccines. However, this is constrained by the overall level of investment in these areas.

Gaza

Risk of disease spread soars in Gaza as health facilities, water and sanitation systems disrupted

WHO – Eastern Mediterranean Region
8 November 2023 – As deaths and injuries in Gaza continue to rise due to intensified hostilities, intense overcrowding and disrupted health, water, and sanitation systems pose an added danger: the rapid spread of infectious diseases. Some worrying trends are already emerging.

Lack of fuel has led to the shutting down of desalination plants, significantly increasing the risk of bacterial infections like diarrhea spreading as people consume contaminated water. Lack of fuel has also disrupted all solid waste collection, creating an environment conducive to the rapid and widespread proliferation of insects, rodents that can carry and transit diseases.

The situation is particularly concerning for almost 1.5 million displaced people across Gaza, especially those living in severely overcrowded shelters with poor access to hygiene facilities and safe water, increasing risk of infectious diseases transmission. UNRWA, WHO, and the Ministry of Health are scaling up a flexible disease surveillance system in many of these shelters and health facilities. The current disease trends are very concerning.

Since mid-October 2023, over 33,551 cases of diarrhea have been reported. Over half of these are among children under age five -- a significant increase compared to an average of 2000 cases monthly in children under five throughout 2021 and 2022. 8944 cases of scabies and lice, 1005 cases of chickenpox, 12635 cases of skin rash and 54,866 cases of upper respiratory infections have also been reported.

Disrupted routine vaccination activities, as well as lack of medicines for treating communicable diseases, further increase the risk of accelerated disease spread. This is compounded by incomplete coverage of the disease surveillance system, including early disease detection and response capacities. Limited internet connectivity and phone system functioning further constrains our ability to detect potential outbreaks early and respond effectively.

In health facilities, damaged water and sanitation systems, and dwindling cleaning supplies have made it almost impossible to maintain basic infection prevention and control measures. These developments substantially increase the risk of infections arising from trauma, surgery, wound care and childbirth. Immunosuppressed individuals, such as patients with cancer, are especially at risk of complicating infections. Insufficient personal protective equipment means that health care workers themselves can acquire and transmit infections while providing care to their patients. The management of medical waste at hospitals has been severely disrupted, further increasing exposure to hazardous materials and infection.
WHO calls for urgent, accelerated access for humanitarian aid – including fuel, water, food, and medical supplies – into and throughout the Gaza Strip. All parties to the conflict must abide by their obligations under international humanitarian law to protect civilians and civilian infrastructure, including health care. WHO calls for the unconditional release of all hostages and a humanitarian ceasefire to prevent further death and suffering.

Note to editors
- Out of almost 1.5 million displaced people, nearly 725,000 are in 149 UNRWA facilities, 122,000 are sheltering in hospitals, churches, and other public buildings, and about 131,134 in 94 non-UNRWA schools and remainder in host families.
- Thousands of people are also forced to seek safety and shelter in streets near hospitals, UN offices and public shelters, putting pressure on already overstretched facilities.
- Prior to the escalation of hostilities, respiratory diseases were the sixth most common cause of death in the Gaza Strip. In 2022, almost 82,000 cases of COVID-19 were reported in the Gaza strip, resulting in over 400 deaths.
- As people face food shortages, malnutrition, and impending colder weather, they will be even more susceptible to contracting diseases. This is especially concerning for the more than 50,000 pregnant women and approximately 337,000 children under the age of five currently in Gaza.

Polio – PHEIC

Polio this week as of 01 Nov 2023 - GPEI

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Summary of new polioviruses this week, cases and positive environmental isolates:
- Pakistan: one WPV1-positive environmental sample
- Cameroon: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Guinea: one cVDPV2 case
- Madagascar: four cVDPV1-positive environmental samples
- Mali: three cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Niger: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample

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

Numbers at a glance
Last update: 8 Nov 2023
Confirmed cases :: 771 820 937
Confirmed deaths :: 6 978 175
Vaccine doses administered: 13 534 400 829
:: 70.6% of the world population has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.
:: 13.53 billion doses have been administered globally, and 20,499 are now administered each day.
:: 32.8% of people in low-income countries have received at least one dose.

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New UN report: 43.2 million people suffer from hunger in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the region has higher levels of overweight and obesity than the global estimate

The Regional Overview 2023 indicates that, despite halting the upward trend in the last period, hunger levels in the region remain above the 2019 figures prior to the outbreak of COVID-19. In addition, 8.6% of children under five years of age are overweight. November 9, 2023, Santiago, Chile – The new United Nations report, Regional Overview of...
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7 November 2023 (PAHO)- The World Health Organization (WHO) 2023 Global tuberculosis (TB) report underscores a significant worldwide recovery in the scale-up of TB diagnosis and treatment services in 2022. It shows an encouraging trend starting to reverse the detrimental effects of COVID-19 disruptions on TB services. Featuring data from 192...

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**WHO SAGE Roadmap for prioritizing uses of COVID-19 vaccines**

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This revised roadmap (10 November 2023) replaces the previous version (30 March 2023). It addresses evolving public health needs as the Omicron variant and its sub-lineages continue to circulate and provides updates for COVID-19 vaccination in relation to simplified vaccine schedules for programmatic use.

The Roadmap will be further adapted should new variants of concern emerge that do not have the characteristics of Omicron, or in the event of significant changes in COVID-19 disease epidemiology, or if significant changes in vaccine attributes warrant an update to the Roadmap.

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Africa CDC and China CDC Commit to Deepen their Cooperation
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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,— The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and the China Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC) leadership have committed to enhance their collaboration in advancing public health in Africa. The commitment was made during a visit by Dr. Shen Hongbing, the Director General of the China CDC along with H.E Ambassador Hu Changchun, the Head of China Mission to the African Union. Both parties expressed their commitment to strengthening disease diagnosis, infectious disease, workforce development, outbreak response, surveillance and early warning in Africa.

The visit presented a timely opportunity to unveil the state-of-the-art Reference Laboratory at Africa CDC Office buildings constructed through the support of the People’s Republic of China. The unveiling ceremony presented a chance to showcase the laboratory’s capabilities and its anticipated contributions to healthcare advancement in Africa...
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The Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute is a non-profit biotech organization. Our mission is to develop products to fight malaria, tuberculosis, and diarrheal diseases—three major causes of
mortality, poverty, and inequality in developing countries. The world has unprecedented scientific tools at its disposal; now is the time to use them to save the lives of the world's poorest people.

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**Actioning the Human Immunome Project**

With a scientific plan now in place, the Human Immunome Project (HIP) is gearing up to begin implementation in early 2024. To set the stage, HIP, together with our partner CaixaResearch Institute, is hosting an “Into Action,” Conference to stress test the plan alongside global representatives from science, industry, government, and civil society, to agree...
November 6, 2023  Liza Kane-Hartnet

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**ICRC** [to 11 Nov 2023]

**What’s New** [Selected]

**Israel and the Occupied Territories: ICRC demands protection of patients, healthcare workers, medical facilities in Gaza amid escalating attacks**

The ICRC is urgently calling for the respect and protection of medical facilities, patients and healthcare workers in Gaza.
10-11-2023 | News release

**ICRC President tells Gaza forum: civilians must be protected, hostages must be released unharmed**

A speech given by Mirjana Spoljaric, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, at the international humanitarian conference for the people of Gaza held in Paris.
09-11-2023 | News release
Israel and the Occupied Territories: ICRC decries the shooting of its humanitarian convoy in Gaza

The convoy of five trucks and two ICRC vehicles was carrying lifesaving medical supplies to health facilities, including to Al Quds hospital of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, when it was hit by fire.
07-11-2023 | Statement

Israel and the Occupied Territories: Horrific suffering of civilians must end

One month on, civilians in Gaza and Israel are being forced to endure tremendous suffering and loss. This needs to stop.
07-11-2023 | News release

The protection of hospitals during armed conflicts: What the law says

What kind of specific protection do the wounded and sick enjoy in times of armed conflict? In times of armed conflict, the wounded and sick include anyone, whether military or civilian, who needs medical attention and is not, or no longer, taking part
02-11-2023 | Article

The critical importance of neutrality: A humanitarian perspective into a multipolar world

Keynote Speech by Gilles Carbonnier, Vice-President, International Committee of the Red Cross, 10th Beijing Xiangshan Forum, 31 October 2023.
31-10-2023 | Article

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http://www.iffim.org/
Press Releases/Announcements
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IFRC  [to 11 Nov 2023]
Press Releases [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

Institut Pasteur  [to 11 Nov 2023]
Press Documents
No new digest content identified.

ISC / International Science Council  [to 11 Nov 2023]
https://council.science/current/

ISC is a non-governmental organization with a unique global membership that brings together 40 international scientific Unions and Associations and over 140 national and regional scientific organizations including Academies and Research Councils.
News, Blogs
Blogs
Reframing Trust in Science for Multilateral Policy: Insights from the Science Journalists Forum
Nick Ishmael-Perkins, Senior Consultant for the ISC, recently led a session focusing on trust in science at the Science Journalism Forum. Joined by leading science journalism editors, they discuss the role of science journalism to promote trustworthiness.

09.11.2023

**International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)**
https://iuis.org/
*News/Events [Selected]*
**18th International Congress of Immunology**
27 November - 2 December 2023 | Cape Town, South Africa

**IVAC** [to 11 Nov 2023]
https://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/ivac/index.html
*Updates; Events*
*No new digest content identified.*

**IVI** [to 11 Nov 2023]
http://www.ivi.int/
*IVI News & Announcements*
**New typhoid conjugate vaccine Bio-TCV® approved in Indonesia**
November 9, 2023, SEOUL, Republic of Korea and BANDUNG, Indonesia — The International Vaccine Institute (IVI) and Bio Farma, a biotechnology company based in West Java, Indonesia, announced today that Bio Farma’s Bio-TCV® typhoid conjugate vaccine (TCV) was licensed in Indonesia following marketing approval from Badan Pengawas Obat dan Makanan (BPOM), the national regulatory authority.

**Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security** [to 11 Nov 2023]
https://www.centerforhealthsecurity.org/news/center-news/
*Center News [Selected]*
November 08, 2023
**Introducing the WHO Generic All-Hazards Risk Assessment Tool for Mass Gathering Events: A Collaborative Effort by WHO and the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security**
The Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, in partnership with the World Health Organization, today launched the WHO Generic All-Hazards Risk Assessment Tool for Mass Gathering Events (All-Hazards MG RA Tool).

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 11 Nov 2023]
http://www.msf.org/
*Latest [Selected Announcements]*
**Gaza-Israel war**
**Patients and medical staff in Gaza trapped in hospitals under fire - Attacks must stop now**
11 Nov 2023

**Gaza-Israel war**
**Israeli forces and settlers ramp up violence against Palestinians in West Bank**
9 Nov 2023
Gaza-Israel war

**Israeli forces must stop attacks on medical care in Jenin**
9 Nov 2023

**National Academy of Medicine** - USA  [to 11 Nov 2023]
https://nam.edu/programs/
News [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

**National Academy of Sciences** - USA  [to 11 Nov 2023]
https://www.nationalacademies.org/newsroom?
News
**How AI Is Shaping Scientific Discovery**
Feature Story | November 6, 2023
By Sara Frueh

**National Vaccine Program Office** - U.S. HHS  [to 11 Nov 2023]
https://www.hhs.gov/vaccines/about/index.html
Upcoming Meetings/Latest Updates
No new digest content identified.

**NIH**  [to 11 Nov 2023]
http://www.nih.gov/
News Releases
**Monica Bertagnolli, M.D., takes the helm at NIH**
November 9, 2023 — Monica M. Bertagnolli, M.D., started today as the 17th director of the National Institutes of Health, the nation’s biomedical research agency and largest public funder of biomedical research in the world.

**PATH**  [to 11 Nov 2023]
https://www.path.org/media-center/
Press Releases
**Join PATH at the 3rd International Conference on Public Health in Africa**
November 10, 2023 by PATH
PATH will showcase its innovations and partnerships at the 3rd International Conference on Public Health in Africa, where health leaders will convene to reflect on lessons learned in health and science and to align on a way forward for creating more resilient health systems.

**Rockefeller Foundation**  [to 11 Nov 2023]
https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/
Selected Reports/Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

**Sabin Vaccine Institute**  [to 11 Nov 2023]
UNAIDS [to 11 Nov 2023]
http://www.unaids.org/en
Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements
10 November 2023
Government leaders reaffirm their commitment to accelerate HIV prevention efforts to reduce new HIV infections

UNICEF [to 11 Nov 2023]
https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases
Latest press releases, news notes and statements
Press release 10 November 2023
Lives of one million children ‘hanging by a thread,’ as child health services almost collapse across the Gaza Strip
AMMAN, 10 November 2023 – The near total breakdown and attacks on medical and healthcare services across Gaza, in particular the northern areas, threatens the lives of every child in the Strip. Over the past 24-hours, medical care at Al-Rantisi and Al-Nasr children’s hospitals has reportedly almost ceased, with only a small generator powering the...

Press release 07 November 2023
Children account for half of dead and injured in Nepal earthquake - UNICEF
NEW DELHI/KATHMANDU, 7 November 2023 – Almost half of those reported killed and injured in Nepal’s recent earthquake are children. The 6.4 earthquake that struck remote parts of western Nepal on 3 November has claimed 153 lives and injured more than 338 people so far, according to local authorities. The earthquake took place while people were...

Statement 06 November 2023
Statement by UNICEF on over 200 days of war leaving a generation of children in Sudan on the brink
“As we mark 200 days since the ongoing brutal war in Sudan broke out on 15 April, UNICEF calls for the redoubled commitment by the international community and all parties in the conflict to address the plight of millions of children and families who are living through a relentless nightmare day after day. Children continue to pay the highest price...

Statement 05 November 2023
Statement by Principals of Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) on Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territory
NEW YORK/GENEVA/ROME, 5 November 2023 – For almost a month, the world has been watching the unfolding situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory in shock and horror
at the spiraling numbers of lives lost and torn apart. In Israel, some 1,400 people have been killed and thousands have been injured, according to

**Unitaid** [to 11 Nov 2023]
https://unitaid.org/
*Featured News*
09 November 2023
**Unitaid at the Union World Conference**
Unitaid-backed programs and research studies will feature prominently at the Union World Conference on Lung Health.

06 November 2023
**Unitaid partners with the Climate Action Accelerator**
... CAA will support Unitaid to cut our emissions in half by 2030 or earlier and to reach net-zero by 2050....

**Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative]** [to 11 Nov 2023]
https://vaccineequitycooperative.org/news/
*News*
*No new digest content identified.*

**Vaccination Acceptance & Demand Initiative [Sabin]** [to 11 Nov 2023]
https://www.vaccineacceptance.org/
*Announcements, Blog*
*No new digest content identified.*

**Vaccine Confidence Project** [to 11 Nov 2023]
http://www.vaccineconfidence.org/
*News, Research and Reports*
*No new digest content identified.*

**Vaccine Education Center – Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia** [to 11 Nov 2023]
http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center
*News*
*No new digest content identified.*

**Wellcome Trust** [to 11 Nov 2023]
https://wellcome.ac.uk/news
*News. Opinion, Reports*
*No new digest content identified.*

**The Wistar Institute** [to 11 Nov 2023]
*Press Releases*
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**World Bank** [to 015 Oct 2022]
All News [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

**WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations** [to 11 Nov 2023]
https://www.wfpha.org/
Latest News - Blog
**Global Public Health Week 2024**
Nov 8, 2023
Global Public Health Week 2024 The 3rd edition of Global Public Health Week (GPHW) commences on April 8, 2024, with the theme "Fostering Peace as a Prerequisite for Equitable Health". It will be a hybrid event, combining face to face and digital...

**World Medical Association [WMA]** [to 11 Nov 2023]
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

**World Organisation for Animal Health** [to 11 Nov 2023]
https://www.oie.int/en/
Press Releases, Statements
No new digest content identified.

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**ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine]** [to 11 Nov 2023]
Selected Press Releases
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**BIO** [to 11 Nov 2023]
Press Releases
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**DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network** [to 11 Nov 2023]
http://www.dcvmn.org/
News; Upcoming events
No new digest content identified.

**ICBA – International Council of Biotechnology Associations** [to 11 Nov 2023]
https://internationalbiotech.org/news/
IFPMA statement at the seventh meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body on Pandemic Accord
By IFPMA

Rather than preserve these elements that were so vital in our pandemic response, the proposals contained in the current draft of the Pandemic Accord would undermine this innovation ecosystem and in turn our ability to rapidly develop medical countermeasures in response to the next pandemic.

Firstly, the introduction of the Pathogen Asset Benefit Sharing (PABS) Model and complex legal frameworks, such as the Standard Material Transfer Agreements, risks creating unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles. These would deter the scientific research needed, particularly within the biotech sector, compromising the flexibility and cooperation that were vital in our recent pandemic response.

Secondly, the draft does not adequately tackle the existing impediments posed by Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) laws that try to monetize pathogens. The rapid sharing of pathogen data was central in COVID vaccines being developed at record speed. The proposed Accord would slow the sharing of pathogen samples, and, in turn, slow our response to the next pandemic.

Moreover, the draft lacks a clear strategy for a robust procurement mechanism for low-income countries and fails to adequately address trade barriers that could hinder the global distribution of medical supplies. The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the negative impacts of not having immediate funding for procurement, leading to unequal vaccine distribution—a mistake that should not be replicated...

Press release 6 Nov 2023
IFPMA announces leadership change in 2024
IFPMA's Thomas Cueni to retire in April 2024, with Dr. David Reddy succeeding him as Director General

International Alliance of Patients’ Organizations – IAPO
https://www.iapo.org.uk/news
Press and media [Selected]
No new digest announcements identified

International Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association [IGBA]
https://www.igbamedicines.org/
News
No new digest announcements identified

PhRMA
http://www.phrma.org/
Press Releases
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**Vaccines/Therapeutics/Medicines – Selected Developer/Manufacturer Announcements**

**AstraZeneca**
*Press Releases* - No new digest announcements identified.

**Bharat Biotech**
*Press Releases* - No new digest announcements identified.

**BioCubaFarma** – Cuba
*Últimas Noticias* - Website not responding at inquiry

**Biological E**
*News* - No new digest announcements identified

**BioNTech**
*Press Releases*

**BioNTech Announces Third Quarter 2023 Financial Results and Corporate Update**
6 November 2023
- Positive clinical data updates across multiple drug classes including antibody-drug conjugate (ADC) candidates BNT323/DB-1303, BNT325/DB-1305, CAR-T candidate BNT211, T cell therapy candidate BNT221 and mRNA cancer vaccine candidate BNT116
- Progress across the oncology pipeline with multiple late-stage trials initiated since third quarter start
- New and expanded strategic collaborations reflect BioNTech’s commitment to delivering transformational therapies for oncology and infectious diseases
- Successful launches of Omicron XBB.1.5-adapted monovalent COVID-19 vaccine in markets worldwide
- Updated 2023 COVID-19 vaccine revenue guidance of around €4 billion...

**Boehringer**
*Press Releases* - No new digest announcements identified.

**CanSinoBIO**
*News* - Website not responding at inquiry

**CIGB**
*Latest News* - No new digest announcements identified.

**Cinnagen**
*Recent News* - No new digest announcements identified.

**Clover Biopharmaceuticals** - China
*News*
Nov 7, 2023
**Clover Completes BLA Submission for Seasonal Influenza Vaccine in Brazil**

**Curevac** [Bayer Ag – Germany]
*News* - No new digest announcements identified.
Gamaleya National Center/Sputnik
Latest News and Events - No new digest announcements identified
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GSK
Press releases for media - No new digest announcements identified.

IMBCAMS, China
Home - Website not responding at inquiry.

Janssen/JNJ
Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Merck
News releases - No new digest announcements identified

Moderna
Press Releases
11/08/2023
Moderna Highlights its Digital and AI Strategy and Progress at Second Digital Investor Event

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 - No new digest announcements identified.

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Sanofi Pasteur
Press Releases
November 9, 2023
Media Update: Sanofi completes closing for potential first-in-class vaccine against extraintestinal pathogenic E.coli (ExPEC)

Serum Institute of India
NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - No new digest announcements identified

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

Sinovac
**Press Releases**

2023/11/09 | Press Releases

**Turkish Ambassador to China Visits SINOVAC in Beijing**

Ambassador Musa and SINOVAC Chairman Explore Continued Investment and Cooperation On November 8, Dr. Ismail Hak Musa, Turkish Ambassador to China, visited Sinovac Biotech Ltd.

**SK Biosciences**

**Africa CDC Director General Visits SK bioscience to Discuss Vaccine Localization in Africa**

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**Takeda**

*Newsroom* - No new digest announcements identified.

**Valneva**

**Press Releases**

November 10, 2023

**Valneva Announces U.S. FDA Approval of World’s First Chikungunya Vaccine, IXCHIQ®**

**Vector State Research Centre of Viralology and Biotechnology**

*Home* - Website not responding [404 error]

**Zhifei Longcom, China**

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

[No website identified]

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**Journal Watch**

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

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

Human experiences of loneliness come from perceived deficits in social interaction. Loneliness first became a health concern due to its associations with increased mortality and functional decline, especially among elders. However, its increasing prevalence across age groups in the US calls for our health care system to pay clinical and ethical attention to loneliness as a common experience in American life. This theme issue considers loneliness as a key source of health vulnerabilities that remains underappreciated and provides insights as to how our health care system can more fully respond to the needs of patients with limited social networks.
Massively parallel sequencing techniques, such as whole exome sequencing (WES) and whole genome sequencing (WGS), may reveal unsolicited findings (UFs) unrelated to the diagnostic aim. Such techniques are freq...

Authors: Candice Cornelis, Wybo Dondorp, Ineke Bolt, Guido de Wert, Marieke van Summeren, Eva Brilstra, Nine Knoers and Annelien L. Bredenoord

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2023 24:98

Content type: Research Published on: 11 November 2023

Developing a digital informed consent app: opportunities and challenges of a new format to inform and obtain consent in public health research

Informed consent procedures for large population-based cohort studies should be comprehensive and easy-to-use. This is particularly challenging when participants from different socio-economic groups and multi...

Authors: Luuk V. Haring, Joy T. Hall, Anton Janssen, J. Marleen Johannes, Arnoud P. Verhoeff and Joanne K. Ujcic-Voortman

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2023 24:97

Content type: Research Published on: 8 November 2023
Childhood vaccine refusal and what to do about it: a systematic review of the ethical literature

Parental refusal of routine childhood vaccination remains an ethically contested area. This systematic review sought to explore and characterise the normative arguments made about parental refusal of routine vaccination.

Authors: Kerrie Wiley, Maria Christou-Ergos, Chris Degeling, Rosalind McDougall, Penelope Robinson, Katie Attwell, Catherine Helps, Shevaun Drislane and Stacy M Carter

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2023 24:96
Content type: Research Published on: 8 November 2023

BMC Medicine

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmmed/content
(Accessed 11 Nov 2023)

Impact of vaccination against severe COVID-19 in the French population aged 50 years and above: a retrospective population-based study

Given the widespread implementation of COVID-19 vaccination to mitigate the pandemic from the end of 2020, it is important to retrospectively evaluate its impact, in particular by quantifying the number of severe cases...

Authors: Laetitia Tan-Lhernould, Cynthia Tamandjou, Guilhem Deschamps, Johnny Platon, Cécile Sommen, Fanny Chereau, Isabelle Parent du Châtelet, Simon Cauchemez, Sophie Vaux and Juliette Paireau

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BMC Public Health

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To vaccinate or not to vaccinate? The interplay between pro- and against-vaccination reasons

By mid 2023, European countries reached 75% of vaccine coverage for COVID-19 and although vaccination rates are quite high, many people are still hesitant. A plethora of studies have investigated factors assoc...

Authors: Marta Caserotti, Paolo Girardi, Roberta Sellaro, Enrico Rubaltelli, Alessandra Tasso, Lorella Lotto and Teresa Gavaruzzi

Citation: BMC Public Health 2023 23:2207
Content type: Research Health Published on: 9 November 2023

BMC Research Notes

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Factors underlying COVID-19 booster vaccine uptake among adults in Belgium
This study aimed to investigate factors influencing the uptake of first and second COVID-19 booster vaccines among adults in Belgium, particularly age, sex, region of residence and laboratory confirmed COVID-1...

Authors: Elias Vermeiren, Joris A. F. van Loenhout, Léonore Nasiadka, Veerle Stouten, Matthieu Billuart, Izaak Van Evercooren, Lucy Catteau and Pierre Hubin

Citation: BMC Research Notes 2023 16:328

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Clinical Therapeutics
October 2023 Volume 45 Issue 10 p925-1014
http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current
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Clinical Trials
Volume 20 Issue 5, October 2023
https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/20/5
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Conflict and Health
http://www.conflictandhealth.com/
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Contemporary Clinical Trials
Volume 133 October 2023
https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/133/suppl/C
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The CRISPR Journal
Volume 6, Issue 5 / October 2023
https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/6/5
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Current Genetic Medicine Reports
Volume 10, issue 3, September 2022
https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/10-3
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Current Medical Research and Opinion
Volume 39, Issue 10 2023
https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/icmo20/current
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Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases
December 2023 - Volume 36 - Issue 6
https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx
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Current Protocols in Human Genetics
https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/19348258
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**Development in Practice**
Volume 33, Issue 8, 2023
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**Development Policy Review**
Volume 41, Issue 6  November 2023
https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current
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**Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness**
Volume 16 - Issue 6 - December 2022
https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latest-issue
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**Disasters**
Volume 47, Issue 3  Pages: 543-846  July 2023
[Reviewed earlier]

**EMBO Reports**
Volume 24  Issue 11  6 November 2023
https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current
*Interview* 19 October 2023 Free Access
*Getting the message right: An interview with mRNA vaccine pioneer Katalin Karikó*
Adam Gristwood
An interview with Katalin Karikó who received the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine for her groundbreaking work on mRNA modifications that enabled the development of mRNA vaccines.

*Science & Society*  17 October 2023
*The four fronts of immunotherapy: The development of new immunotherapeutic approaches against a wide range of diseases*
Philip Hunter
Research on harnessing the immune system to fight against diseases from cancer to allergies has been making progress but unintended side effects still pose challenges.

**Emerging Infectious Diseases**
Volume 29, Number 10—October 2023
http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/
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**Epidemics**  
Volume 44  September 2023  
https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/44/suppl/C  
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**Epidemiology and Infection**  
Volume 151 - 2023  
https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue  
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**Ethics & Human Research**  
Volume 45, Issue 5 Pages: 1-47  September–October 2023  
https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current  
*Adaptive clinical trials :: Deprioritizing ongoing clinical trials*  
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Volume 37 - Issue 2 - Summer 2023  
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**Ethics, Medicine and Public Health**  
Volume 30  October 2023  
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**The European Journal of Public Health**  
Volume 33, Issue 5, October 2023  
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**Expert Review of Vaccines**  
Vol 22 (1) 2023  
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**Foreign Affairs**  
September/October 2023  Volume 102, Number 5  
https://www.foreignaffairs.com/issues/2023/102/5  
[Reviewed earlier]
Building blocks for better biorepositories in Africa

Biorepositories archive and distribute well-characterized biospecimens for research to support the development of medical diagnostics and therapeutics. Knowledge of biobanking and associated practices is incom...

Authors: Talishiea Croxton, Emmanuel Jonathan, Kareemah Suleiman, Olasinbo Balogun, Petronilla J. Ozumba, Sharley M. Aloyo, Gideon Nsubuga, Rogers E. Kamulegeya, Lwanga Newton, John Mukisa, Mukthar Kader, Vuyo Damaneite, Sunji Nadoma, Ezenwa James Onyemata, Abbas Abel Anzaku, Emmanuel Nasinghe...

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Content type: Research Published on: 6 November 2023
Globalization and Health
http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/
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Healthcare workers’ freedom of movement in times of pandemics: an emerging norm of customary international law
A shortage of healthcare workers can hinder the ability to prepare for and respond to global security threats caused by diseases that are prone to pandemics. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the shortage of health...
Authors: Andrés Constantin and Aliya Sternstein
Citation: Globalization and Health 2023 19:83
Content type: Research Published on: 10 November 2023

Policies to prevent zoonotic spillover: a systematic scoping review of evaluative evidence
Emerging infectious diseases of zoonotic origin present a critical threat to global population health. As accelerating globalisation makes epidemics and pandemics more difficult to contain, there is a need for...
Authors: Chloe Clifford Astbury, Kirsten M. Lee, Ryan McLeod, Raphael Aguiar, Asma Atique, Marilen Balolong, Janielle Clarke, Anastassia Demeshko, Ronald Labonté, Arne Ruckert, Priyanka Sibal, Kathleen Chelsea Togño, A. M. Viens, Mary Wiktorowicz, Marc K. Yambayamba, Amy Yau...
Citation: Globalization and Health 2023 19:82
Content type: Review Published on: 8 November 2023

Health and Human Rights
Volume 25, Issue 1, June 2023,
https://www.hhrjournal.org/special-section-global-voices-for-global-equity-expanding-right-to-health-frameworks/

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...

Health Economics, Policy and Law
Volume 18 - Special Issue 4 - October 2023
https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue

SPECIAL ISSUE: On the roof top of health policy change
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Health Policy and Planning
Health Research Policy and Systems
http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content
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Human Gene Therapy
Volume 34, Issue 19-20 / October 2023
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Humanitarian Practice Network
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Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics (formerly Human Vaccines)
Volume 19, Issue 3, 2023
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Oct 10, 2023 Volume 56 Issue 10 p2177-2456
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Infectious Diseases of Poverty
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The importance of getting the ethics right in a pandemic treaty
G Owen Schaefer, Caesar A Atuire, Sharon Kaur, Michael Parker, Govind Persad, Maxwell J Smith, Ross Upshur, Ezekiel Emanuel

Summary
The COVID-19 pandemic revealed numerous weaknesses in pandemic preparedness and response, including underfunding, inadequate surveillance, and inequitable distribution of countermeasures. To overcome these weaknesses for future pandemics, WHO released a zero draft of a pandemic treaty in February, 2023, and subsequently a revised bureau's text in May, 2023. COVID-19 made clear that pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response reflect choices and value judgements. These decisions are therefore not a purely scientific or technical exercise, but are fundamentally grounded in ethics. The latest treaty draft reflects these ethical considerations by including a section entitled Guiding Principles and Approaches. Most of these principles are ethical—they establish core values that undergird the treaty. Unfortunately, the treaty draft's set of principles are numerous, overlapping, and show inadequate coherence and consistency. We propose two improvements to this section of the draft pandemic treaty. First, key guiding ethical principles should be clearer and more precise than they currently are. Second, the link between ethical principles and policy implementation should be clearly established and define boundaries on acceptable interpretation, ensuring that signatories abide by these principles.
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Antonio Fernando Boing, Alexandra Crispim Boing, Lorena Barberia, Marcelo Eduardo Borges, Sankaran Venkata Subramanian
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Global fight against HIV is at risk
BY Wafaa M. El-Sadr, Myron S. Cohen
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**East-West mortality disparities during the COVID-19 pandemic widen the historical longevity divide in Europe.**
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Esther Alice Nalugga, et al.

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Chido Dziva Chikwari, et al.

Abstract
Background
Youth have poorer HIV-related outcomes when compared to other age-groups. We describe the protocol for a cluster randomised trial (CRT) to evaluate the effectiveness of community-based, integrated HIV and sexual and reproductive health services for youth on HIV outcomes.

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**Call for Contributions - OHCHR analytical study on key challenges in ensuring access to medicines, vaccines and other health products (HRC resolution 50/13)**

*Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights | Call for input | Treaty bodies*

**Deadline: 30 November 2023**

**Purpose:**
To inform the OHCHR analytical study on key challenges in ensuring access to medicines, vaccines and other health products (HRC resolution 50/13)

**Background:**
Vaccine equity and access to medicines is a fundamental component of the full realization of the right to health. Vaccines, medicines and other health products must not only be produced and made available - they must also be accessible to all persons. Yet, access to vaccines, medicines and other health products remains disturbingly uneven in many places.

Council resolution 50/13 requests the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to prepare an analytical study on key challenges in ensuring access to medicines, vaccines and other health products to be presented to the Human Rights Council at the fifty-sixth session in June 2024. In order to collect inputs for this forthcoming report, OHCHR has published a short questionnaire available in English, Français and Español.

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