

# Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review 27 January 2024 :: Issue 735 Center for Vaccine Ethics & Policy (CVEP)

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# Milestones, Perspectives

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#### WHO - 154th session of the Executive Board

The 154th session of the Executive Board takes place on **22–27 January 2024**. Proceedings were webcast from <u>this page</u> which now includes recordings of all sessions. *Main Documents page*: https://apps.who.int/gb/e/e\_eb154.html

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# WHO Executive Board appoints Regional Directors for Eastern Mediterranean, South-East Asia, and Western Pacific regions

23 January 2024 News release

Three new Regional Directors were appointed today by WHO's Executive Board to lead the Organization in the Eastern Mediterranean, South-East Asia, and Western Pacific Regions. Regional Directors are nominated by Regional Committees and appointed by the Executive Board. Dr Hanan Hassan Balkhy will serve as Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, Ms Saima Wazed will serve as Regional Director for South-East Asia, and Dr Saia Ma'u Piukala will serve as Regional Director for the Western Pacific, all starting on 1 February 2024. Each Regional Director serves for a five-year term.

"I congratulate our three new Regional Directors on their appointment. I wish them much luck in their new roles and look forward to working with them to advance our mission to achieve Health for All." WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

From the Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office in Cairo, Egypt, Dr Hanan Balkhy will direct international health work in 22 countries and territories with 745 million people.

A graduate of King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, Dr Balkhy completed her paediatric residency training at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, USA, and completed a paediatric infectious diseases fellowship with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and Case Western Reserve University, also in the USA. She has served as Assistant Director-General for Antimicrobial Resistance at WHO headquarters since 2019. Over 20 years of her career, she has led many public health initiatives in her country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Previously, she was Executive Director for Infection Prevention and Control at the Saudi Arabian Ministry of National Guard. She led the Gulf Cooperation Council Centre for Infection Control and the WHO Collaborating Centre on Infection Prevention and Control and Antimicrobial Resistance.

From the South-East Asia Regional Office in New Delhi, India, Ms Saima Wazed will direct international health work in 11 countries with over 2 billion people. She holds a bachelor degree and a master's degree in clinical psychology from Barry University in Florida, USA, and is a candidate for a doctorate in organizational leadership from Barry University. She has served as Advisor to the Director-General of WHO on Mental Health and Autism. Previously, she was Chief Advisor on the National Mental Health Strategic Plan for the Government of Bangladesh, and Chairperson of the National Advisory Committee on Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders. She was also Associate Fellow in the Global Health Programme at Chatham House, and Chairperson of the Shuchona Foundation in Bangladesh.

From the Western Pacific Regional Office in Manila, Philippines, Dr Saia Ma'u Piukala will direct international health work across 37 countries and areas with almost 1.9 billion people. A politician, public health leader and surgeon with nearly 30 years of experience, Dr Piukala served as Minister of Health of Tonga. He trained in medicine and surgery at the Fiji School of Medicine and was Medical Superintendent at Tonga's main referral hospital. He also served in the Legislative Assembly of Tonga, and championed initiatives on noncommunicable diseases, safe surgery, climate change and health, and disaster preparedness and response. He served as a designated member of Tonga on the WHO's Executive Board.

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# **Featured Analysis**

#### 100 Days Mission – Implementation Report – 2023

Reducing the impact of future pandemics by making diagnostics, therapeutic, and vaccines available within 100 days

An independent report from the International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat PDF: <a href="https://d7npznmd5zvwd.cloudfront.net/prod/uploads/2024/01/3rd-100DM-Implementation-Report-IPPS-WEB.pdf">https://d7npznmd5zvwd.cloudfront.net/prod/uploads/2024/01/3rd-100DM-Implementation-Report-IPPS-WEB.pdf</a>

# **Executive Summary**

The 100 Days Mission (100DM) remains a crucial ambition in the wake of COVID-19's profound global impact. With 1.6 million lives lost1 before the first vaccine's availability, and a staggering US\$12.5 trillion economic loss forecasted by 20242, the urgency for faster diagnostic, therapeutic, vaccine (DTV) development is undeniable3. As shown by the data in our 100DM scorecard, despite the lessons of COVID-19 we simply do not have approved, widely accessible, DTVs to respond to a pandemic from any other pathogen.

#### 2023 PROGRESS AGAINST 100DM OBJECTIVES

In 2023, the International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat (IPPS) tracked progress through research, interviews, and partner feedback; focusing on key determinants of progress such as funding, political support, and leadership.

Despite a challenging backdrop of competition for funding and so called 'pandemic fatigue' setting in, there have still been areas of progress toward a 100DM ready world in several areas:

- :: Structural progress in the implementation of the 100DM, with the creation of the 100DM Science and Technology Expert Group (STEG), which has been driving progress through five subgroups, a
- published opinion piece in The Lancet and catalysing scientific exchange on some of the most challenging aspects of the mission, including via an event on the margins of the UN General Assembly 2023
- :: The independent nature of the IPPS has also **enabled the mission to be put on a shared global and regional footing.** In the course of 2023, informative discussions were facilitated with regional partners through a series of listening exercises, aimed at better understanding regional capacities and challenges in implementing a 100DM preparedness framework. A key takeaway from these discussions is that any global solutions have to be translated into regionally appropriate strategies if we are to truly make an impact at a national or community level. Simultaneously, regional, national and community strategies work to inform global solutions.

- :: Continued political support from Japan's G7 presidency and India's G20 presidency. in the alignment of this year's G7 and G20 agendas, facilitated discussions on surge financing, access to medical countermeasures MCMs and a potential future medical countermeasures network to replace the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A), as well as commitments to the aims of the 100DM.
- **:: Vaccines research has seen promising progress** with the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of a Chikungunya vaccine and Phase 1 trials beginning for Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic fever, supplemented by multiple new Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) partnerships around the globe working towards optimising vaccine production covering everything from simplified administration routes to sustainable regional manufacturing strategies.
- :: Nascent beginnings of a more coordinated approach to pandemic therapeutics, through the development of the 100DM Therapeutics Roadmap and the collaboration of multiple partners

around this effort. Industry groups, international organisations and publicly funded research groups have come together to map a route to achieving the goal of having at least two 'Phase 2 ready' therapeutic candidates for each of the priority pathogen families.



#### **Featured Analysis**

The State of Innovation in Vaccines and Prophylactic Antibodies for Infectious Diseases
BIO INDUSTRY ANALYSIS December 2023

by David Thomas, CFA and Chad Wessel

**Executive Summary** 

# Pipeline & Investment

The global clinical pipeline for infectious disease vaccines consists of 249 active novel clinical-stage programs that are company sponsored. There are 31 infectious diseases represented in the clinical pipeline for which there is no currently available approved vaccine. The clinical pipeline has breadth, but lacks the depth likely required for successful product development for many important pathogens.

- For programs against viral pathogens, there are 187 clinical-stage programs. This consists of 69 SARS-CoV-2 vaccines, 84 for other RNA viruses (more than half of these for influenza, RSV, and HIV), and 34 DNA virus vaccines (half of these target HPV and Varicella-Zoster).

- For programs against bacterial pathogens, there are 44 clinical-stage programs. Although 18 total bacterial pathogens are targeted, more than half of the programs target Streptococcus pneumoniae, Mycobacterium tuberculosis, and meningococcus.
- For programs against parasitic pathogens, there are eight clinical-stage programs for malaria and schistosomiasis.
- There are 10 novel combination vaccines in development covering a total of 10 pathogens.

There is a wide range of vaccine modalities in the clinical pipeline, including 87 protein-based vaccines, (24 are part of virus-like particles (VLPs), 53 RNA-based vaccines (40 mRNA and 13 saRNA), 27 recombinant viral vector-based vaccines, 24 glyco-conjugate vaccines, 14 inactivated and 14 live attenuated viral vaccines, 12 DNA vaccines, 12 whole cell vaccines, and seven peptide vaccines.

**Clinical success rates have been above average** for vaccines during the period 2013-2022. With an 11% likelihood of FDA approval (LOA) from Phase I, vaccines outperformed non-vaccine biologics, which have a 7.6% LOA over the same time frame. By comparison, novel small molecules across all diseases had only 5.6% LOA.

**Venture capital investments in global companies with infectious disease vaccine programs totaled \$6.5 billion over the last 10 years**. This represents 3.4% of total venture capital raised for biopharmaceutical companies during the same period. By contrast, oncology drug development companies raised \$72.6 billion over the last decade, a 12-fold greater investment than in vaccines. Public companies with infectious disease vaccine programs raised \$8.7 billion, \$3.2 billion from IPOs and \$5.5 billion from secondary offerings. \$6 billion of the \$8.7 billion was raised during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The clinical pipeline for prophylactic antibodies is small relative to vaccines, with only 16 in clinical-stage development. However, the antibody pipeline targets 11 different pathogens.

Prophylactic antibodies have been used in broad populations to protect against seven unique pathogens.

In total, vaccines for 34 unique pathogens have been approved in the U.S. or globally. Licensed vaccines utilize a wide range of modalities: direct antigen delivery (protein, carbohydrate, pathogen inactivation and pathogen attenuation) and indirect antigen delivery (mRNA and viral vector-based vaccines).

# Proposed Solutions to Expand the Depth/Breadth of the Vaccine Pipeline

#### :: Capitalize on use of Platform Technologies:

Platform technologies can speed development of novel approaches to improve efficacy and/or safety of vaccines, spur investment in new technologies in disease areas that have been difficult to tackle and help in pandemic preparedness. The policy environment must facilitate the use of platform technologies to spur investment in R&D across viral families.

# :: Expand Access to Vaccines:

Given the broad benefits of primary prevention to individuals and society, especially for persons with underlying chronic conditions, facilitating access to immunizations through both financial policies and policies that increase the types of vaccinators (for example pharmacists) will have a significant impact on overall healthcare outcomes and costs.

#### :: Rebuild Vaccine Confidence Worldwide:

Combatting vaccine misinformation and disinformation and bolstering vaccine confidence is crucial to realizing the broadest benefits of vaccines and a stronger vaccine infrastructure overall.

# :: Evolving ACIP and NITAG Review Processes:

Evaluation and recommendation by ACIP and other NITAGs define the size and patient utilization for the vaccine market. This process must adapt to the changing vaccine landscape and create a predictable review environment that encourages increased investment in the space.

#### COMPANY-SPONSORED GLOBAL CLINICAL PIPELINE FOR NOVEL VACCINES

Pathogen Type	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	BLA	Total
Non-CoV-2 RNA viruses	49	22	10	3	84
SARS-CoV-2 RNA virus	32	23	14	0	69
DNA viruses	14	14	6	0	34
Bacteria	12	20	11	1	44
Parasites	4	4	0	0	8
Multiple Pathogen Types	8	2	0	0	10
Total	119	85	41	4	249

Figure 4. The company-sponsored global vaccine clinical pipeline by pathogen type (top) and phase (bottom) as of July 2023. Only novel vaccines for infectious disease are included.

# :::::: Featured Journal Content

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# <u>Strategic vaccine stockpiles for regional epidemics of emerging viruses: a geospatial modeling framework</u>

Colin J. Carlson, Romain Garnier, Andrew Tiu, Stephen Luby, Shweta Bansal medRxiv 2024.01.19.24301505; doi: https://doi.org/10.1101/2024.01.19.24301505 Abstract

Multinational epidemics of emerging infectious diseases are increasingly common, due to anthropogenic pressure on ecosystems and the growing connectivity of human populations. Early and efficient vaccination can contain outbreaks and prevent mass mortality, but optimal vaccine stockpiling strategies are dependent on pathogen characteristics, reservoir ecology, and epidemic dynamics. Here, we model major regional outbreaks of Nipah virus and Middle East respiratory syndrome, and use these to develop a generalized framework for estimating vaccine stockpile needs based on spillover geography, spatially-heterogeneous healthcare capacity and spatially-distributed human mobility networks. Because outbreak sizes were highly skewed, we found that most outbreaks were readily contained (median stockpile estimate for MERS-CoV: 2,089 doses; Nipah: 1,882 doses), but the maximum estimated stockpile need in a highly unlikely large outbreak scenario was 2-3 orders of magnitude higher (MERS-CoV: ~87,000 doses; Nipah ~1.1 million doses). Sensitivity analysis revealed that stockpile needs were more dependent on basic epidemiological parameters (i.e., death and recovery rate) and healthcare availability than any uncertainty related to vaccine efficacy or deployment strategy. Our results highlight the value of descriptive epidemiology for real-world modeling applications, and suggest that stockpile allocation should consider ecological, epidemiological, and social dimensions of risk. Competing Interest Statement

The authors have declared no competing interest.

Funding Statement

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# Polio - PHEIC

# Polio this week as of 24 Jan 2024 - GPEI

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

- Pakistan: nine WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Algeria: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Congo: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Côte d'Ivoire: four cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- DR Congo: one cVDPV1 case
- Egypt: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Guinea: two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Indonesia: one cVDPV2 case
- Mauritania: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Sudan: four cVDPV2-positive environmental samples
- Zimbabwe: one cVDPV2 case

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28 January 2024 Statement

<u>Joint Message by Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization and Mr Yohei Sasakawa, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination</u>

25 January 2024 Departmental news

WHO releases a web version of the second edition of its Global Accelerated Action for the Health of Adolescents (AA-HA!) guidance

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# WHO and partners bring fuel to Al-Shifa, as remaining hospitals in Gaza face growing threats

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WHO Executive Board appoints Regional Directors for Eastern Mediterranean, South-East Asia, and Western Pacific regions

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#### **WHO Regional Offices**

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# **WHO African Region**

:: 26 January 2024

Tackling challenges to improve cholera treatment in Zambia's hardest-hit district

:: 25 January 2024

Angola reinforces cholera preparedness and response measures

:: 24 January 2024

Ramping up response to curb Zimbabwe cholera outbreak

:: 22 January 2024

Cameroon kicks off malaria vaccine rollout

#### **WHO Region of the Americas PAHO**

# :: Antimicrobial resistance, and climate change key issues for the Americas at 154th WHO Executive Board

Geneva, Switzerland, 27 January 2024 (PAHO) – Accelerating action to tackle the escalating threat posed by antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and ensuring that health equity is taken into consideration in national climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts were among the top issues discussed at the World Health Organization's 154th Executive...

# :: <u>PAHO and International Hospital Federation sign agreement to strengthen hospital management in the Americas</u>

Washington DC, 25 January 2024 (PAHO)- The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the International Hospital Federation (IHF) signed a technical cooperation agreement to strengthen hospital management capacity in the region, especially in Latin America and the Caribbean. The collaboration will focus on three core aims: supporting the...

# **WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO**

:: 23 January 2024 News release

Ms Saima Wazed appointed WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia

# WHO European Region EURO

Website not responding at inquiry.

#### WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

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:: WHO and partners bring fuel to Al-Shifa, as remaining hospitals in Gaza face growing threats

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:: <u>Dr Saia Ma'u Piukala appointed WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific</u> 23 January 2024 News release ::::::

#### **WHO - Emergency situation reports**

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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 digest content identified.

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# **Weekly Epidemiological Record**

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

Vol. 99, No. 04, pp. 23-48 26 January 2024

https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/375827/WER9904-eng-fre.pdf

:: Editorial

:: Examining the threat of cyber-attacks on health care during the COVID-19 pandemic

:: Understanding disinformation in the context of public health emergencies: the case of COVID-19

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#### **New WHO Publications**

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

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**Nineteenth meeting of the WHO Vector Control Advisory Group** 

25 January 2024

Towards a malaria-free world: elimination of malaria in Uzbekistan

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Mekong malaria elimination: epidemiology summary, volume 23, July-September 2023

25 January 2024

Evidence and research gaps identified during development of policy guidelines for tuberculosis, 2nd ed

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Workshop on malaria surveillance and malaria elimination in the Greater Mekong Subregion, Siem Reap,...

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**USA – HHS, FDA, CDC** 

HHS

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# Readout of HHS Meeting with Health Care Providers on COVID-19 Therapeutics Commercialization

January 23, 2024 News Release

#### **FDA**

<u>Press Announcements</u> No new digest content identified.

# **FDA VRBPAC**

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**CDC/ACIP [U.S.]** [to 27 Jan 2024] http://www.cdc.gov/media/index.html

Latest News Releases No new digest content identified.

# **ACIP Meetings**

Next ACIP Meeting February 28-29

# **MMWR Weekly**

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

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[Selected items]

- <u>Underuse of Antiviral Drugs to Prevent Progression to Severe COVID-19 — Veterans Health Administration, March—September 2022</u>

# Europe

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# **European Medicines Agency [EMA]**

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

News & Press Releases

# **EMA to support establishment of the African Medicines Agency**

EMA will harness its unique experience in coordinating intra-regional medicines regulation to support the strengthening of the African regulatory network.

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# Meeting highlights from the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) 22-25 January 2024

EMA's human medicines committee (CHMP) recommended three medicines for approval at its January 2024 meeting.

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# **European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control**

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

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Vaccination coverage in the EU/EEA during Autumn 2023 campaigns

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<u>Interim COVID-19 vaccination coverage in the EU/EEA during the 2023–24 season campaigns</u>

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Africa CDC [to 27 Jan 2024]

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# **Africa CDC Support on Cholera Outbreak in Zambia**

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- ...Africa CDC will also offer support through the following interventions:
- Train and deploy 500 community health workers in Kanyama and Matara district to support RCCE and Social and Behavioural Change (SBC) interventions.
- Production of IEC materials, including 10,000 flyers and radio jingles in various local languages.
- Strengthening laboratory capacity for diagnostic and genomic sequencing.
- Training of 50 healthcare workers on sample collection and referral.
- Deploy 150 clinical management staff (doctors, clinical officers, nurses, laboratory technicians, environmental health technicians, and pharmacists).
- Procurement of medical supplies, including Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS) and disinfectants, and water quality monitoring.
- Strengthen cross-border surveillance to circumvent further spread control of the outbreak. The Africa CDC Director General has reaffirmed Africa CDC's readiness to provide technical support to the ongoing response efforts to control and end the ongoing Cholera outbreak in Zambia and the Southern African region.

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#### **China CDC**

http://www.chinacdc.cn/en/

**National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China** [to 27 Jan 2024]

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

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National Medical Products Administration – PRC [to 27 Jan 2024]

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#### How your immune system changes over time

01.24.2024

Study reveals a type of T cell that vanishes with age and time's toll on 'age-resistant' immune cells

#### **BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 27 Jan 2024]

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

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# <u>Gates Foundation CEO calls on philanthropists to step up giving to save and improve</u> millions of lives

SEATTLE (January 24, 2024) – In his <u>annual letter published today</u>, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation CEO <u>Mark Suzman</u> called for philanthropists to give more and give now to meet the unprecedented challenges nations across the globe face in combatting poverty, eradicating disease, and fighting inequality...

# Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute [to 27 Jan 2024]

https://www.gatesmri.org/news

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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#### **CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations** [to 27 Jan 2024]

http://cepi.net/

Latest News

# Promising new 'circRNA' vaccines explored in CEPI-HMRI collaboration

New funding will develop a promising type of disease-defence technology that could pave the way for mRNA vaccines that are more stable, durable and cost-effective.

News 25 Jan 2024

# <u>Serum Institute of India joins CEPI global network to boost production of affordable outbreak vaccines</u>

Capability expansion will support rapid development of outbreak vaccines for use in Global South countries when faced with a future 'Disease X'

End Pandemics 23 Jan 2024

# CIOMS - COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to

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https://cioms.ch/

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# DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [to 27 Jan 2024

https://www.darpa.mil/news

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#### **Establishing Qualification Processes for Point-of-Need Pharmaceutical Products**

DARPA's new Establishing Qualification Processes for Agile Pharmaceutical Manufacturing (EQUIP-A-Pharma) program seeks to demonstrate a real-time digital regulatory approval framework for multiple finished drug products produced on a single reprogrammable hardware platform. The program aims to support up to four pilot agile pharmaceutical manufacturing sites that will generate the data required to inform the creation of a future regulatory framework.

#### **Duke Global Health Innovation Center** [to 27 Jan 2024]

https://dukeghic.org/

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#### **EDCTP** [to 27 Jan 2024]

http://www.edctp.org/

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

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# **Emory Vaccine Center** [to 27 Jan 2024]

http://www.vaccines.emory.edu/ Vaccine Center News No new digest content identified.

# **European Vaccine Initiative** [to 27 Jan 2024]

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# Evidence Aid [to 27 Jan 2024]

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

http://www.evidenceaid.org/

Resources [Selected]

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# Fondation Merieux [to 27 Jan 2024]

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

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https://www.gavi.org/

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# **GE2P2 Global Foundation** [to 27 Jan 2024]

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- :: Informed Consent: A Monthly Review January 2024
- :: Genomic Medicine Governance, Ethics, Policy, Practice: A Monthly Digest Oct 2023
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# Global Fund [to 27 Jan 2024].

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# Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R] [to 27 Jan

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

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# Hilleman Laboratories [to 27 Jan 2024]

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# **HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 27 Jan 2024]

https://www.hhmi.org/news

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# Human Immunome Project [nee Human Vaccines Project] [to 27 Jan 2024]

http://www.humanvaccinesproject.org/

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**IAVI** [to 27 Jan 2024]

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ReiThera Srl, the Ragon Institute and IAVI announce collaboration to advance highly networked T-cell HIV vaccine candidate towards Phase I clinical evaluation

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**INSERM** [to 27 Jan 2024]

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

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# **International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities [ICMRA]**

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# ICH - International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use [to 27 Jan 2024]

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

What's New [Selected]

# Gaza at risk of complete medical shut down without urgent action to preserve services

Concrete actions must be taken to preserve access to life-saving and emergency medical care in the Gaza Strip, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said Thursday. 24-01-2024 | News release

# The protection of the civilian population during sieges: what the law says

The history of warfare is full of instances of sieges being used as a method of warfare. Some of them are notorious for their exceedingly high death tolls. 23-01-2024 | Article

#### **IFFIm**

http://www.iffim.org/ Press Releases/Announcements No new digest content identified.

IFRC [to 27 Jan 2024] http://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/news/press-releases/ Press Releases [Selected] No new digest content identified.

Institut Pasteur [to 27 Jan 2024] <a href="https://www.pasteur.fr/en/press-area">https://www.pasteur.fr/en/press-area</a> Press Documents

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# **ISC / International Science Council** [to 27 Jan 2024]

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.

Latest Updates Blogs

# Assessing the support offered to displaced Ukrainian scientists

A new report by #ScienceForUkraine quantifies and assesses the adequacy of the support mechanisms in meeting the needs of displaced Ukrainian scientists. The study also explores implications for policymakers and scientific institutions for the effective design and implementation of support programmes aimed at scientists in times of crisis. 26.01.2024

**Blogs** 

Kigali Declaration: Climate science for a sustainable future for all

Last October, climate scientists convened in Kigali, Rwanda, for the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) Open Science Conference. The outcome was the Kigali Declaration, a powerful call for greater ambition and urgent action to address climate change. 25.01.2024

# **International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)**

https://iuis.org/ News/Events [Selected] No new digest content identified.

**IVAC** [to 27 Jan 2024]

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

Updates; Events

No new digest content identified.

IVI [to 27 Jan 2024]
<a href="http://www.ivi.int/">http://www.ivi.int/</a>
IVI News & Announcements
No new digest content identified.

# Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security [to 27 Jan 2024]

https://centerforhealthsecurity.org/newsroom

Center News [Selected]

January 22:

WHO renames Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security as Collaborating Centre for Global Health Security

# MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 27 Jan 2024]

http://www.msf.org/

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Gaza-Israel war

With Nasser hospital out of commission, people in southern Gaza run out of healthcare options

Press Release 26 Jan 2024

Nigeria

# Tackling the spread of Lassa fever in Nigeria

Project Update 25 Jan 2024

#### National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 27 Jan 2024]

https://nam.edu/programs/

News [Selected]

100 Days Mission Shares New Report Highlighting Recommendations for Pandemic Preparedness

January 24, 2024

Today the International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat launched the third annual report on the 100 Days Mission for pandemic preparedness at the Accademia dei Lincei in Rome. The report assesses international [...]

# National Academy of Sciences - USA [to 27 Jan 2024]

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

News

January 24, 2024

# Nancy Hopkins to Receive Public Welfare Medal – Academy's Most Prestigious Award

WASHINGTON — The National Academy of Sciences is presenting its 2024 <u>Public Welfare Medal</u> to molecular biologist and women's equality advocate <u>Nancy Hopkins</u> for her courageous leadership over three decades to create and ensure equal opportunity for women in science. The medal is the Academy's most prestigious award, established in 1914 and presented annually to honor extraordinary use of science for the public good...

# National Vaccine Program Office - U.S. HHS [to 27 Jan 2024]

https://www.hhs.gov/vaccines/about/index.html Upcoming Meetings/Latest Updates February 22-23, 2024 (Virtual)

NIH [to 27 Jan 2024] http://www.nih.gov/ News Releases No new digest content identified.

**PATH** [to 27 Jan 2024] https://www.path.org/media-center/ Newsroom No new digest content identified.

#### Rockefeller Foundation [to 27 Jan 2024]

https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/ Press Releases and Speeches No new digest content identified.

#### Sabin Vaccine Institute [to 27 Jan 2024]

https://www.sabin.org/press/ Latest News & Press Releases No new digest content identified.

UNAIDS [to 27 Jan 2024]
<a href="http://www.unaids.org/en">http://www.unaids.org/en</a>
Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements
Press statement

UNAIDS welcomes Jamaica's expansion of protections against gender-based violence

Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act 2023 to Protect Women, Girls, Boys, and Men comes into effect

GENEVA, 22 January 2024

**UNICEF** [to 27 Jan 2024]

https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases Latest press releases, news notes and statements No new digest content identified.

Unitaid [to 27 Jan 2024]

https://unitaid.org/ Featured News No new digest content identified.

# **Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative]** [to 27 Jan 2024]

https://vaccineequitycooperative.org/news/

News

No new digest content identified.

# Vaccination Acceptance & Demand Initiative [Sabin) [to 27 Jan 2024]

https://www.vaccineacceptance.org/

Announcements, Blog

No new digest content identified.

# Vaccine Confidence Project [to 27 Jan 2024]

http://www.vaccineconfidence.org/

News, Research and Reports

No new digest content identified.

#### Vaccine Education Center - Children's Hospital of Philadelphia [to 27 Jan 2024]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

# Wellcome Trust [to 27 Jan 2024]

https://wellcome.org/

News. Opinion, Reports

News

# We're launching targeted funding for researchers of Black, Bangladeshi and Pakistani heritage in the UK

24 January 20245-minute read

Wellcome is launching £20 million in new funding. This is to support researchers of Black, Bangladeshi and Pakistani heritage in the UK to stay in research and advance their careers.

The Wistar Institute [to 27 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

**World Bank** [to 015 Oct 2022]

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

All News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

# WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations [to 27 Jan 2024]

https://www.wfpha.org/

No new digest content identified.

# World Medical Association [WMA] [to 27 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases

#### **Declaration of Helsinki – Phase I Public Comment Period**

In order to maximize input by all stakeholders and the public, we are providing two separate public comment periods. A phase 1 public comment period is being held now to address issues from the first few regional meetings, and a phase 2 comment period will follow in the spring when additional topics have been addressed.

Open Now: Phase 1 Public Comment Period Due: 7 February 2024.

The workgroup's proposed edits to date are now available for public comment. To submit your or your organization's feedback, download the <a href="mailto:phase1">phase 1</a> public comment document

# World Organisation for Animal Health [to 27 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases, Statements

100th Anniversary, Press Release

# The World Organisation for Animal Health turns 100: A century of improving animal health and welfare

Paris (France), 25 January 2024 - The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) proudly commemorates 100 years of unwavering commitment and its achievements in advancing animal health and welfare worldwide. The journey leading up to WOAH becoming the global authority on animal health is marked by a long history of pivotal moments.

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# ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine] [to 27 Jan 2024]

https://alliancerm.org/press-releases/ Selected Press Releases No new digest content identified.

**BIO** [to 27 Jan 2024]

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

Press Releases

# New BIO Report Finds More Innovation & Investment Needed in Vaccine Development

January 25, 2024

Today, the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) released a new report, "The State of Innovation in Vaccines and Prophylactic Antibodies for Infectious Diseases," examining the latest scientific and investment trends in vaccine development...

# **DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network** [to 27 Jan 2024]

http://www.dcvmn.org/ News; Upcoming events

No new digest content identified.

# ICBA – International Council of Biotechnology Associations [to 27 Jan 2024]

https://internationalbiotech.org/news/

News

No new digest content identified.

**IFPMA** [to 27 Jan 2024]

https://ifpma.org/

Selected Press Releases/Statements

Statement 26 Jan 2024

#### **EB154** individual statement on antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

On 24 January, IFPMA delivered a statement on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) at the WHO 154th Executive Board in Geneva, Switzerland.

Statement 25 Jan 2024

#### **EB154** individual statement on health emergencies

On 25 January, IFPMA delivered a statement on health emergencies at the WHO 154th Executive Board in Geneva, Switzerland.

Statement 24 Jan 2024

#### EB154 constituency statement on non-communicable diseases

On 24 January, IFPMA, GSCF, and IGBA delivered a joint constituency statement on non-communicable diseases and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) at the WHO 154th Executive Board in Geneva, Switzerland.

# International Alliance of Patients' Organizations – IAPO [to 27 Jan 2024]

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

#### Joint Industry Statement for WHO's Executive Board Meeting 154 (January 2024)

We welcome the Executive Board (EB) report on noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and WHO's continued efforts to tackle one of the greatest health challenges of our lifetimes. With childhood obesity and diabetes on an alarming rise, alongside population ageing, urbanization, climate change,

air pollution amongst other factors, a life-course approach to tackling NCDs is critical given the unsustainable pressures chronic conditions and comorbidities are placing on healthcare systems worldwide.

**PhRMA** [to 27 Jan 2024]

http://www.phrma.org/

Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

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# Vaccines/Therapeutics/Medicines - Selected Developer/Manufacturer Announcements

#### **AstraZeneca**

Press Releases \_ - No new digest announcements identified.

#### **Bharat Biotech**

<u>Press Releases</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

#### **BioCubaFarma** – Cuba

<u>Últimas Noticias</u> - No new digest announcements identified

### **Biological E**

News

#### **BE's CORBEVAX GETS WHO EUL AUTHORIZATION**

CORBEVAX is India's first indigenously developed RBD Protein Sub-unit Vaccine against COVID-19 CORBEVAX is India's first heterologous COVID-19 booster shot for adults 18 & above

Hyderabad, January 16, 2024: Biological E. Limited (BE), a Hyderabad-based Vaccines and Pharmaceutical company, today announced that the World Health Organisation (WHO) has granted an Emergency Use Listing (EUL) to their CORBEVAX vaccine, which is India's first indigenously developed COVID-19 vaccine that is based on protein sub-unit platform...

#### **BioNTech**

Press Releases

22 January 2024

<u>BioNTech and DualityBio Initiate Pivotal Phase 3 Trial Of Antibody-Drug Conjugate</u>
<u>Candidate BNT323/DB-1303 in Metastatic Breast Cancer</u>

# **Boehringer**

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

#### **CanSinoBIO**

News - Website not responding at inquiry

#### **CIGB**

<u>Latest News</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

#### Cinnagen

Recent News - No new digest announcements identified.

# **Clover Biopharmaceuticals** - China

News - No new digest announcements identified.

# **Curevac [Bayer Ag – Germany]**

News - No new digest announcements identified

# **Gamaleya National Center/Sputnik**

<u>Latest News and Events</u> - No new digest announcements identified <u>https://sputnikvaccine.com/</u> - No new digest announcements identified

#### **GSK**

<u>Press releases for media</u> - No new digest announcements identified

# IMBCAMS, China

Home - Website not responding at inquiry.

# Janssen/JNJ

<u>Press Releases</u> - No new digest announcements identified

#### Merck

News releases - No new digest announcements identified

#### Moderna

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified

#### Nanogen

News - No new digest announcements identified

#### **Novartis**

<u>News</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

#### **Novavax**

<u>Press Releases</u> Jan 24, 2024

COVID-19

Novavax's Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Authorized in the United Kingdom

Jan 23, 2024

Statement COVID-19

Novavax's Updated Protein-based Non-mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine Available in Taiwan Vaccination Centers

#### **Pfizer**

Recent Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

#### R-Pharm

https://rpharm-us.com/index.php
[No news or media page identified]

#### Sanofi Pasteur

<u>Press Releases</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

#### **Serum Institute of India**

**NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

<u>Serum Institute of India joins CEPI global network to boost production of affordable</u> outbreak vaccines ...

#### Sinopharm/WIBPBIBP

<u>News</u> - No new digest announcements identified [English translation function not operating]

#### **Sinovac**

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified

#### **SK Biosciences**

<u>Press Releases</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

#### **Takeda**

<u>Newsroom</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

#### **Valneva**

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

# **Vector State Research Centre of Viralogy and Biotechnology**

<u>Home</u> - Website not responding [404 error]

### WestVac Biopharma

<u>Media</u> - No new digest announcements identified.

# **Zhifei Longcom**, China

[Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biologic Pharmacy Co., Ltd.] <u>Website</u> [No News/Announcements page identified]

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#### Journal Watch

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

If you would like to suggest other journal titles to include in this service, please contact David Curry at: <a href="mailto:david.r.curry@centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.org">david.r.curry@centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.org</a>

# **AJOB Empirical Bioethics**

Volume 15, 2023 Issue 1

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

Article

Comparing Attitudes About Genomic Privacy and Data Sharing in Adolescents and Parents of Children Enrolled in a Genomic Research Repository

Courtney Berrios, Shelby Neal, Tricia Zion & Tomi Pastinen

Pages: 33-40 Published online: 24 Jul 2023

Article

**Toward Consent in Molecular HIV Surveillance?: Perspectives of Critical Stakeholders** 

Stephen Molldrem, Anthony K J Smith & Vishnu Subrahmanyam

Pages: 66-79 Published online: 24 Jan 2024

#### **AMA Journal of Ethics**

Volume 26, Number 1: E1-96 Jan 2024

https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/critical-pedagogies-health-professions-education

# Critical Pedagogies in Health Professions Education

Health professions training is mainly competency driven, with students' and trainees' learning and technical skill development regularly assessed, usually in terms of standardized outcomes. Yet, there are good ethical and clinical questions to ask about competency-based medical education, specifically about how schools' and academic health centers' curricula meaningfully motivate learning and skill development about social privilege, health equity, and structural determinants of patients' health and health outcomes. This theme issue considers whether and to what extent skill development about, for example, the affective features of, say, coming to terms with one's privilege is teachable and assessable in competency-based frameworks, especially when those frameworks have a history of excluding key perspectives. Critical pedagogies investigated herein suggest strategies for interrogating teaching and learning methods and curricular content that are socially, culturally, politically, and historically fraught.

#### **American Journal of Human Genetics**

Jan 04, 2024 Volume 111 Issue 1 p1-210

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

# **This Month in The Journal**

Alyson B. Barnes, Kylee L. Spencer, Sara B. Cullinan

Biobanks are becoming increasingly common, and although each has its own goals, strengths, and challenges, the standard recipe is a focus on scientific discovery through genetic data linked to electronic health records (EHRs). In this issue, Wiley et al. describe the development of the Colorado Center for Personalized Medicine Biobank (CCPM Biobank), which is not only designed to advance research but also to directly impact patient care. A few key elements were crucial to achieving these dual aims.

[Reviewed earlier]

#### **American Journal of Infection Control**

January 2024 Volume 52 Issue 1 p1-140

# http://www.ajicjournal.org/current

[Reviewed earlier]

#### **American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

January 2024 Volume 66 Issue 1 p1-194 <a href="https://www.ajpmonline.org/current">https://www.ajpmonline.org/current</a> [Reviewed earlier]

#### **American Journal of Public Health**

January 2024 114(1) <a href="http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current">http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current</a> [Reviewed earlier]

# **American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

Volume 110 (2024): Issue 1 (Jan 2024) <a href="https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/110/1/tpmd.110.issue-1.xml">https://www.ajtmh.org/view/journals/tpmd/110/1/tpmd.110.issue-1.xml</a> [Reviewed earlier]

# **Annals of Internal Medicine**

January 2024 Volume 177, Issue 1 https://www.acpjournals.org/toc/aim/current Original Research

HIV Testing and Preexposure Prophylaxis Prescriptions Among U.S. Commercially Insured Transgender Men and Women, 2014 to 2021

Ya-Lin A. Huang, PhD, MS, Asa Radix, MD, PhD, MPH, Weiming Zhu, PhD, MD, ... et al. Pages:12–17

# Ideas and Opinions

# An Ethical and Financial Obligation for Sickle Cell Disease Gene Therapy in the United States

Austin Wesevich, MD, MPH, Monica E. Peek, MD, MPH, MSc, and Mark J. Ratain, MD Pages:85–86

# **Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal**

Volume 327 February 2024 <a href="https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/327/suppl/C">https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/327/suppl/C</a> [Reviewed earlier]

#### **BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation**

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

(Accessed 27 Jan 2024)

Reimagining the relationship between economics and health— WHO 'Health for all' provisions

Authors: Stavros Petrou and Mihajlo Jakovljevic

Content type: Editorial 23 January 2024

#### **BMC Health Services Research**

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content (Accessed 27 Jan 2024) [No new digest content identified]

#### **BMC Infectious Diseases**

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content (Accessed 27 Jan 2024) [No new digest content identified]

#### **BMC Medical Ethics**

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

(Accessed 27 Jan 2024)

#### Integrating ethics in AI development: a qualitative study

Authors: Laura Arbelaez Ossa, Giorgia Lorenzini, Stephen R. Milford, David Shaw, Bernice S. Elger and Michael Rost

Content type: Research 23 January 2024

While the theoretical benefits and harms of Artificial Intelligence (AI) have been widely discussed in academic literature, empirical evidence remains elusive regarding the practical ethical challenges of developing AI for healthcare. Bridging the gap between theory and practice is an essential step in understanding how to ethically align AI for healthcare. Therefore, this research examines the concerns and challenges perceived by experts in developing ethical AI that addresses the healthcare context and needs.

#### **BMC Medicine**

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/content (Accessed 27 Jan 2024) [No new digest content identified]

# **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content (Accessed 27 Jan 2024) [No new digest content identified]

# **BMC Public Health**

http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles

(Accessed 27 Jan 2024)

Relationship between religiosity and HPV vaccine initiation and intention in urban black and hispanic parents

Religion is believed to be an important sociocultural influence in the U.S., but little is known about how religiosity shapes the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine decision in racial/ethnic minorities. The pu...

Authors: Deidra Carroll Coleman, Christine Markham, Vincent Guilamo-Ramos and Diane Santa Maria

Citation: BMC Public Health 2024 24:265

Content type: Research Published on: 23 January 2024

#### **BMC Research Notes**

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresnotes/content (Accessed 27 Jan 2024) [No new digest content identified]

#### **BMJ Evidence-Based Medicine**

February 2024 - Volume 29 - 1 https://ebm.bmj.com/content/29/1 [Reviewed earlier]

#### **BMJ Global Health**

January 2024 - Volume 9 - 1 https://gh.bmj.com/content/9/1 [Reviewed earlier]

#### **Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists**

January 2024 https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2024-01/ [Reviewed earlier]

# **Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

Volume 102(1); 2024 Jan 1 <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/issues/451803/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/issues/451803/</a> [New issue; No digest content identified]

#### Cell

Jan 18, 2024 Volume 187 Issue 2 p217-510 <a href="https://www.cell.com/cell/current">https://www.cell.com/cell/current</a> [New issue; No digest content identified]

# **Child Care, Health and Development**

Volume 50, Issue 1 January 2024 <a href="https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current">https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current</a> [Reviewed earlier]

# **Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics**

Volume 115, Issue 1 Pages: 1-157 January 2024 <a href="https://ascpt.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15326535/current">https://ascpt.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15326535/current</a> [Reviewed earlier]

#### **Clinical Therapeutics**

January 2024 Volume 46 Issue 1 p1-84 http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current

#### **Clinical Trials**

Volume 20 Issue 6, December 2023 <a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/20/6">https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/20/6</a> [Reviewed earlier]

#### **Conflict and Health**

http://www.conflictandhealth.com/ [Accessed 27 Jan 2024] [No new digest content identified]

# **Contemporary Clinical Trials**

Volume 135 December 2023 <a href="https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/135/suppl/C">https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/135/suppl/C</a> [Reviewed earlier]

# The CRISPR Journal

Volume 6, Issue 6 / December 2023 <a href="https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/6/6">https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/6/6</a> [Reviewed earlier]

# **Current Genetic Medicine Reports**

Volume 11, issue 1-2, June 2023 <a href="https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/11-1">https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/volumes-and-issues/11-1</a> [Reviewed earlier]

# **Current Medical Research and Opinion**

Volume 40, Issue 1 2024 <a href="https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/icmo20/current">https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/icmo20/current</a> [Reviewed earlier]

# **Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases**

February 2024 - Volume 37 - Issue 1 <a href="https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx">https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx</a> [Reviewed earlier]

#### **Current Protocols in Human Genetics**

https://currentprotocols.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/19348258 [Accessed 27 Jan 2024] [No new digest content identified]

# **Developing World Bioethics**

Volume 23, Issue 4 Pages: 293-377 December 2023 <a href="https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current">https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current</a> ORIGINAL ARTICLES [Reviewed earlier]

# **Development in Practice**

Volume 33, Issue 8, 2023 <a href="http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current">http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current</a> [Reviewed earlier]

# **Development Policy Review**

Volume 42, Issue 1 January 2024 <a href="https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current">https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current</a> [Reviewed earlier]

# **Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness**

Volume 17 - 2024

https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latest-issue

[Reviewed earlier]

#### **Disasters**

Volume 47, Issue 4 Pages: 847-1173 October 2023 <a href="https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/2023/47/4">https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/2023/47/4</a> [Reviewed earlier]

#### **EMBO Reports**

Volume 25 Issue 1 12 January 2024 <a href="https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current">https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current</a> [New issue; No digest content identified]

#### **Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 29, Number 12—December 2023 <a href="http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/">http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/</a> [New issue; No digest content identified]

#### **Epidemics**

Volume 45 December 2023 <a href="https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/45/suppl/C">https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/45/suppl/C</a> [Reviewed earlier]

# **Epidemiology and Infection**

Volume 152 - 2024

https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue

# **Ethics & Human Research**

Volume 46, Issue 1 Pages: 1-48 January—February 2024 <a href="https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current">https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current</a>

• Local context and emergency research • Participant fraud in online research Passing demands in autism research :: Women missing in phase I trials

[Reviewed earlier]

#### **Ethics & International Affairs**

Volume 37 - Issue 4 - Winter 2023 <a href="https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/ethics-and-international-affairs/latest-issue">https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/ethics-and-international-affairs/latest-issue</a> [Reviewed earlier]

# **Ethics, Medicine and Public Health**

Volume 31 (December 2023) <a href="https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ethics-medicine-and-public-health/vol/31/suppl/C">https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/ethics-medicine-and-public-health/vol/31/suppl/C</a> [Reviewed earlier]

# The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 33, Issue 6, December 2023 <a href="https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/33/6">https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/33/6</a> [Reviewed earlier]

# **Expert Review of Vaccines**

Vol 22 (1) 2023 https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/ierv20/current [Reviewed earlier]

#### **Foreign Affairs**

January/February 2024 Volume 103, Number 1 <a href="https://www.foreignaffairs.com/issues/2023/103/1">https://www.foreignaffairs.com/issues/2023/103/1</a> [Reviewed earlier]

#### **Forum for Development Studies**

Volume 50, 2023 - Issue 3 <a href="http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current">http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current</a> [Reviewed earlier]

#### **Genetics in Medicines**

Volume 26, Issue 1 January 2024 <a href="https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/genetics-in-medicine/vol/25/issue/12">https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/genetics-in-medicine/vol/25/issue/12</a> [Reviewed earlier]

#### **Genome Medicine**

https://genomemedicine.biomedcentral.com/articles [Accessed 27 Jan 2024] [No new digest content identified]

#### **Global Health Action**

Volume 17, Issue 1 (2024) <a href="https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/current?nav=tocList">https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/current?nav=tocList</a> [Reviewed earlier]

#### **Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)**

Vol. 11, No. 6 December 22, 2023 <a href="http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current">http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current</a> [Reviewed earlier]

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

https://www.loc.gov/collections/global-legal-monitor/ https://www.loc.gov/books/?q=legal+reports&fa=partof%3Alegal+reports+%28publications+of+thehide+law+library+of+congress%29&sb=date\_desc [Accessed 27 Jan 2024] [No new digest content identified]

# **Global Public Health**

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#### **Globalization and Health**

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V. Kalidasan and Kumitaa Theva Das

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Jan 09, 2024 Volume 57 Issue 1 p1-192 https://www.cell.com/immunity/current Resource

<u>Multi-omics analysis of innate and adaptive responses to BCG vaccination reveals epigenetic cell states that predict trained immunity</u>

Simone J.C.F.M. Moorlag, et al.

Open Access

The response to vaccination and immune stimuli varies widely between individuals. To dissect population variation in immune function, Moorlag, Folkman, ter Horst, Krausgruber, et al. perform multi-omics analysis before and after BCG vaccination. They find that trained immunity induction is most effective in individuals with a dormant immune state at baseline.

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Calvin R. Wei, Chenyue Fan, Maria Rizwan, Godwin C. Lang'at, Malachy B. Peter

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#### **Is Vaccination Approaching a Dangerous Tipping Point?**

Peter Marks, MD, PhD; Robert Califf, MD free access

JAMA. 2024;331(4):283-284. doi:10.1001/jama.2023.27685

This Viewpoint discusses declining vaccination rates in the US, specifically against COVID-19, and the ways in which clinicians and the Food and Drug Administration can counter the current large volume of vaccine misinformation.

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#### **Economic storms threaten to cast health adrift**

The Lancet

Is anyone listening to the World Bank's Chief Economist? Many countries, says Indermit Gill, are "on a path to crisis". The poorest countries are "stuck in a trap" that threatens to "obstruct progress on many global priorities". "Without a major course correction, the 2020s will go down as a decade of wasted opportunity." Gill's main concern, as outlined in a series of World Bank reports, is the paralysing amount of debt, exacerbated by soaring interest rates, faced by many low-income and middle-income countries (LMICs). As governments struggle to service their debt obligations, spending on public services, such as health and education, is likely to be slashed. Gill's comments are a dire warning of difficulties ahead for the global health community. How should countries respond?...

The obvious international response is debt relief. The Bridgetown Initiative is a proposal by Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados, to reform the international financial system. Mottley recommends giving countries immediate liquidity support, low-interest debt restructuring, drastically increased development lending, and private sector green investment. She also called for more representative and equitable financial governance and a more just trade system. Her ideas will feed into this year's Summit of the Future in September and next year's Finance for Development Conference. However, the acute threat facing countries cannot await this pedestrian timetable. With wars and imminent elections distracting many world leaders, prospects for action seem bleak. But countries need to invest in their people, and many require debt relief to do so effectively. To ignore Gill's warnings risks devastating human consequences.

#### The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health

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# A call for spatial omics submissions

The field of spatial omics is developing rapidly, with a potentially transformative effect across many areas of biology. Nature Genetics invites authors to submit papers that use these techniques to answer questions of broad interest to researchers working in genetics and genomics.

#### **Nature Human Behaviour**

Volume 7 Issue 12, December 2023
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#### **Nature Medicine**

Volume 30 Issue 1, January 2024 https://www.nature.com/nm/volumes/30/issues/1 Editorial 19 Jan 2024

#### A life-course approach to women's health

We are launching a new Series as a starting point for discussions on how to improve the health of women and girls as part of a route to achieving global health equity.

Comment 04 Jan 2024

# A society-wide conversation is needed about germline genome editing using CRISPR

Therapeutic genome editing has great potential to cure some rare diseases, but germline editing is banned. With a broad societal discussion supported by national and transnational legislation, it could be allowed in certain circumstances.

Ewan Birney

# **Nature Reviews Drug Discovery**

Volume 23 Issue 1, January 2024 https://www.nature.com/nrd/volumes/23/issues/1 COMMENT 29 November 2023

# A call to adapt the regulation of HLA testing for T cell receptor-based therapeutics

Current regulation of T cell receptor (TCR)-based therapeutics may require repeated testing of patients for specific HLA alleles as well as companion diagnostics development, despite the invariant nature of the HLA genotype and availability of robust clinical HLA tests. This increases the burden on patients and the organizations developing these products. We propose regulatory flexibility to facilitate the development of and access to TCR-based therapeutics. By Miriam Meyer, et al.

Review Article 29 Nov 2023

# Tailor made: the art of therapeutic mRNA design

The recent success of mRNA vaccines has boosted the prospects for the development of a new class of designer medicines based on mRNA. This Review discusses the multiple design parameters that need to be carefully considered to create highly effective mRNA medicines. Mihir Metkar, Christopher S. Pepin, Melissa J. Moore

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Volume 25 Issue 1, January 2024 <a href="https://www.nature.com/nrg/volumes/25/issues/1">https://www.nature.com/nrg/volumes/25/issues/1</a> [Reviewed earlier]

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Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and policy response on access to and utilization of reproductive, maternal, child and adolescent health services in Kenya, Uganda and Zambia

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Robin C. Nesbitt, Vincent Kinya Asilaza, Etienne Gignoux, Aybüke Koyuncu, Priscillah Gitahi, Patrick Nkemenang, Jetske Duncker, Zelie Antier, Melat Haile, Primitive Gakima, Joseph F. Wamala, Fredrick Beden Loro, Duol Biem, Monica Rull, Andrew S. Azman, John Rumunu, Iza Ciglenecki Research Article | published 22 Jan 2024 PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases <a href="https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0011661">https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0011661</a>

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<u>Predicting the next pandemic: VACCELERATE ranking of the World Health Organization's Blueprint for Action to Prevent Epidemics</u>

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Exploring Vaccination Challenges among Syrian Refugees in Jordan: Insights from Camps and Communities, and Perceived Parental Barriers to Childhood Vaccination Uptake

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<u>Dynamic Profiling and Prediction of Antibody Response to Booster Inactivated Vaccines</u> <u>by Microsample-driven Biosensor and Machine Learning</u>

Sumin Bian, Min Shang, Ying Tao, Pengbo Wang, Yankun Xu, Yao Wang, Zhida Shen, Mahamad Sawan

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# <u>Evaluation of a new dengue 3 controlled human infection model for use in the evaluation of candidate dengue vaccines.</u>

Kristen K Pierce, Steve S Whitehead, Sean A. Diehl, Gill Naro, Marya P Carmolli, Helen He, Cecilia Tibery, Dorothy M Dickson, Beulah P Sabundayo, Beth D Kirkpatrick, Anna P Durbin medRxiv 2023.06.07.23291100; doi: https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.06.07.23291100 Revision

All four serotypes of dengue virus (DENV) cause the full spectrum of disease. Therefore, vaccines must protect against all serotypes. To evaluate candidate vaccines, a human challenge model of dengue serotype 3 (rDEN30 $\Delta$ 30) was developed. All challenge virus recipients safely met the primary endpoint of viremia and secondary endpoints of rash and seroconversion to DENV-3. Competing Interest Statement

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Katherine E. Gallagher, Ruth Lucinde, Christian Bottomley, Mary Kaniu, Badaud Suaad, Mary Mutahi, Laura Mwalekwa, Sarah Ragab, Louise Twi-Yeboah, James A. Berkley, Mainga Hamaluba, Angela Karani, Jimmy Shangala, Mark Otiende, Elizabeth Gardiner, Daisy Mugo, Peter G. Smith, Collins Tabu, Fred Were, David Goldblatt, J. Anthony G. Scott FMedSci medRxiv 2024.01.24.24301730; doi: https://doi.org/10.1101/2024.01.24.24301730

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# <u>Strategic vaccine stockpiles for regional epidemics of emerging viruses: a geospatial modeling framework</u>

Colin J. Carlson, Romain Garnier, Andrew Tiu, Stephen Luby, Shweta Bansal medRxiv 2024.01.19.24301505; doi: https://doi.org/10.1101/2024.01.19.24301505 Abstract

Multinational epidemics of emerging infectious diseases are increasingly common, due to anthropogenic pressure on ecosystems and the growing connectivity of human populations. Early and efficient vaccination can contain outbreaks and prevent mass mortality, but optimal vaccine stockpiling strategies are dependent on pathogen characteristics, reservoir ecology, and epidemic dynamics. Here, we model major regional outbreaks of Nipah virus and Middle East respiratory syndrome, and use these to develop a generalized framework for estimating vaccine stockpile needs based on spillover geography, spatially-heterogeneous healthcare capacity and spatially-distributed human mobility networks. Because outbreak sizes were highly skewed, we found that most outbreaks were readily contained (median stockpile estimate for MERS-CoV: 2,089 doses; Nipah: 1,882 doses), but the maximum estimated stockpile need in a highly unlikely large outbreak scenario was 2-3 orders of magnitude higher (MERS-CoV: ~87,000 doses; Nipah ~1.1 million doses). Sensitivity analysis revealed that stockpile needs were more dependent on basic epidemiological parameters (i.e., death and recovery rate) and healthcare availability than any uncertainty related to vaccine efficacy or deployment strategy. Our results highlight the value of

descriptive epidemiology for real-world modeling applications, and suggest that stockpile allocation should consider ecological, epidemiological, and social dimensions of risk.

Competing Interest Statement

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# What to Watch in 2024: The Latest Health Cost and Affordability Issues and Trends

January 24, 2024 News Release

While issues of health care costs and affordability may not be at the forefront of this year's election issues, they remain a major concern among the public. About a quarter of Americans say they or a family member struggled to pay their medical bills just in the past year, and...

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# The Operational Risks of AI in Large-Scale Biological Attacks: Results of a Red-Team Study

In this report, the authors share final results of a study of potential risks of artificial intelligence (AI) in the context of biological weapon attacks. The findings indicate that AI did not measurably change the operational risk of such an attack.

Jan 25, 2024

Christopher A. Mouton, Caleb Lucas, Ella Guest

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# **Supporting Community-Based Organizations in Advancing Vaccine Equity**

January 26, 2024

Evaluation of Urban Institute's Technical Assistance and Grant Management Support in the First Year of the Partnering for Vaccine Equity Program

Annie Heinrichs, Ebonie Megibow, Amaya Taylor, Susanna Emmet, Arezo Azizi, Eva H. Allen PDF: https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/2024-

01/Supporting%20CBOs%20in%20Advancing%20Vaccine%20Equity.pdf

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) launched the Partnering for Vaccine Equity (P4VE) program in 2020 to address racial and ethnic disparities in adult immunization rates, particularly for COVID-19 and influenza. In 2021, P4VE directed \$156 million to over 500 national, state, and community-based organizations (CBOs) to improve equitable access to vaccination in communities by promoting vaccine confidence and addressing barriers to vaccination opportunities.

The Urban Institute (Urban) is one of several national intermediary entities responsible for recruiting, overseeing, and supporting CBOs participating in the P4VE program. In the first year of the P4VE initiative, the Urban Institute worked with 29 CBOs focused on addressing barriers to COVID-19 vaccines in racially and ethnically diverse and underresourced communities. This report describes and assesses Urban's technical assistance and grant management support delivered to CBO awardees to help them implement program activities, comply with federal grant requirements, and grow organizational capacity to promote vaccine equity...

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#### **Public Consultations/Call for Inputs/Call for Papers**

# Concept paper on the revision of the Non-clinical and Clinical Module of the influenza vaccines guideline (PDF/177.49 KB)

**EMA** 

First published: 31/10/2023 **Consultation dates: 01/11/2023 to 30/01/2024** *Summary/Problem statement [Excerpt]* 

The proposed guideline will replace Guideline on influenza vaccines, non-clinical and clinical modules (EMA/CHMP/VWP/457259/2014).

...The current guideline text addresses collection of vaccine effectiveness data for approved vaccines by season. The collection of reliable data, especially brand-specific data, has proven difficult even within countries with high quality influenza disease surveillance. There is a need to rediscuss the feasibility of the current recommendations, while still acknowledging the utility of such data to detect unexpected effectiveness signals.

Overall, there is some degree of urgency to revise the guideline on non-clinical and clinical development of influenza vaccines. In particular, to add sections relevant to the development of mRNA-based influenza vaccines and to reflect on how lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic could be relevant to the development of influenza vaccines, including those intended only for pandemic usage.

Comments should be provided using this EUSurvey <u>form</u>. For any technical issues, please contact the <u>EUSurvey Support</u>

#### **Declaration of Helsinki - Phase I Public Comment Period**

World Medical Association

In order to maximize input by all stakeholders and the public, we are providing two separate public comment periods. A phase 1 public comment period is being held now to address issues from the first few regional meetings, and a phase 2 comment period will follow in the spring when additional topics have been addressed.

Open Now: Phase 1 Public Comment Period **Due: 7 February 2024.** 

The workgroup's proposed edits to date are now available for public comment. To submit your or your organization's feedback, download the phase 1 public comment document

# <u>Call for Papers: Establishing the impact of WHO's normative and standard-setting functions: a call for papers</u>

WHO - Bull World Health Organ. 2023 Oct 1; 101(10): 618-618A. Published online 2023 Oct 1.

# The deadline for submissions is 1 March 2024

Editorial

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Normative leadership is a core function of the World Health Organization's (WHO) mandate, as outlined in its founding principles. This leadership role is realized by developing evidence-based and ethically sound guidelines as well as other normative products that guide Member States in their public health decisions and actions, and by ensuring their recommendations are implemented. WHO exercises its capacity for normative leadership to influence the development of legal norms and health policy and practice within its Member States...

... In the past five years, WHO has initiated a major change process, driven by its current Thirteenth Global Programme of Work, 6 the transformation agenda, and the need to respond to major global events including the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and other crises. More recently, WHO has developed a comprehensive strategy to enhance its capacities and capabilities at country level, to ensure that its normative work drives measurable impact for all people more effectively.

Despite these initiatives, to date it is unclear whether these changes have improved WHO's credibility and impact as a normative organization. Questions remain as to how successful WHO's normative leadership role has been, how it can be further strengthened and how the impact of WHO's work in countries should be measured and rated in the future. The recent COVID-19 pandemic exposed both the strengths of and the challenges to WHO's normative leadership and global reach. While realizing the crucial role of WHO as a key directing and coordinating authority, the global health community has also witnessed the unprecedented rise of misinformation and mistrust in science.

Considering the spotlight on WHO's global normative leadership role during the pandemic, and looking to prepare for future threats such as the health effects of climate change and ongoing conflict situations, the Bulletin of the World Health Organization calls for papers to help shape and inform WHO's mandate going forward. Topics of interest include: where has WHO succeeded in its normative leadership role? In what specific areas has it successfully shaped global health, and why were these initiatives successful? Where has WHO normative guidance been less impactful? If so, why was this the case, and what lessons can be learnt to improve impact in the future? What does the future of WHO's normative function look like, particularly in the context of digital technology and artificial intelligence? What aspects of the Organization's mandate, structure, function and administration need to be further strengthened or changed?

The Bulletin welcomes contributions from all stakeholders including public health decision-makers, researchers, and civil society and community representatives. Articles that propose innovative but

feasible ways by which WHO can further strengthen its normative leadership and guidance role, are encouraged.

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