

Vaccines: They've Got To Be Used To Work - Lessons from the 2015 Measles Outbreak

Satellite Conference and Live Webcast

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Vaccines are among the most significant medical advances in the history of the world.

Hundreds of millions of lives have been saved or kept whole through vaccination programs. In our global world though, all vaccine-preventable diseases except smallpox are a mere 18 hours away by plane. Diseases that were common only 20 years ago now are exceedingly rare, but without continued vigilance in the use of the vaccines that led to this success we risk reemergence of these pathogens, with related death and devastation. The measles outbreak spreading across the United States is a prime example of this risk.

We will discuss how the measles outbreak may impact the public's perception of the benefits of vaccination programs, and perhaps lead to improved vaccination rates in at-risk communities.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss the process for recommending new immunization schedules, as stated by the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Infectious Diseases (Red Book Committee) and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).
2. Review the scientific data on vaccine safety.
3. Review the current epidemiology of measles outbreaks around the United States.
4. Discuss strategies to counsel parents effectively on vaccine safety and effectiveness.

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CONFERENCE DETAILS:

Target Audience: Immunization program managers, emergency preparedness directors, nurses, social workers, academia, immunization providers (pediatricians, family doctors, obstetricians, pharmacists)

Continuing Education: None for this program

Registration: www.adph.org/alphtn

Technical Information: To receive complete technical information you must register at www.adph.org/alphtn.

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Conference Materials: Posted on our website approximately one week before the program for registered participants.

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