

Second International Workshop on Procedures for the Development of Evidence-based Recommendations for Immunization

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- Background:**
- In November 2010 a first international workshop was held in Berlin to review current procedures and experiences of National Technical Advisory Groups (NITAGs) in developing evidence-based vaccination recommendations.
- Objectives of the second international workshop:**
- To continue the dialogue and to provide an update on recent experiences and procedures in developing evidence-based vaccination recommendations
 - To further discuss the applicability of GRADE for the development of evidence-based vaccination recommendations
 - To discuss challenges of developing vaccination recommendations at the country-level and possibilities for providing international support to NITAGs

Scientific Programme

Thursday 15 September 2011		
9.00 – 9.30	Registration	
9.30 – 9.45	Welcome	MOH, RKI
9.45 – 10.00	Introduction and background	Ole Wichmann, RKI
10.00 – 10.30	Evidence-based methodologies for public health. Report from a working group at ECDC	Frode Forland, ECDC
10.30 – 11.00	Which criteria are used by National Technical Advisory Groups for making recommendations? – Results from a Survey in 2011	Guillaume Dedet, Kamel Senouci, SIVAC
11.00 – 11.30	Using GRADE to develop recommendations for immunization: recent advances	Holger Schünemann, GRADE Working Group
11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break		
12.00 – 12.30	WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE): Update on the SAGE approach to develop evidence-based vaccination recommendations	Philippe Duclos, WHO
12.30 – 13.00	Country experience: The US Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the application of GRADE	Faruque Ahmed, CDC, United States
13.00 – 13.30	What to do when country-specific data are lacking? Minimum requirements and procedures when developing vaccination recommendations in Finland	Hanna Nohynek THL, Finland
13.30 – 14.30 Lunch Break		
14.30 – 17.00	<p>Group work on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Group 1</u>: The GRADE approach and immunisation recommendations. Challenges and possible solutions - <u>Group 2</u>: Challenges to develop country-level immunisation recommendations. How can international support be provided to NITAGs 	<p><u>Facilitators:</u></p> <p>Doug Campos-Outcalt ACIP, United States</p> <p>Matthias Perleth The Federal Joint Committee, Germany</p> <p>Kamel Senouci SIVAC</p> <p>Piotr Kramarz ECDC</p>
18.30 Welcome reception and dinner		

Friday 16 September 2011		
9.00 - 9.30 Warm up Coffee		
9.30 – 12. 30	Group work (contd.) Continue discussion Summarize group discussions, refine key messages and recommendations, and prepare 10 min presentation	
12.30 – 13.30 Lunch		
13.30 – 14.30	Plenary discussions Presentations of Group 1 & 2	Rapporteur Group 1 & 2
14.30 – 15.00	Résumé and closing discussions to identify main key messages and further conceivable procedures	Gérard Krause, RKI
15.00 End of the Workshop		