



Rapporteur's report panel discussion 'How to improve the vaccination offer?'

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Offer immunisations that are part of the routine schedule **free of charge** to all children **regardless of legal status and sickness insurance status.**

- Important to offer immunisations free of charge, including the doctor visit to administer the vaccine; **contributes to improving immunisation uptake**
- A **prioritisation** needs to be made of which vaccines should be part of the 'free schedule'
- Avoid using word 'free' (~low value), rather use '**paid by the healthcare system/government**'
- Make it **easy** for doctors to offer vaccination (example of automatic replenishment of stock via *vaccinnet.be*)
- Offering **incentives for healthcare professionals** should be considered with care: in particular financial incentives can be criticised by anti-vaccine groups

Require informed **opt-out** from childhood vaccinations; **immunisation check** upon entry to kindergarten and school entry

- There needs to be an **obligation** before requiring opt-out (e.g. obligation to be vaccinated before school-entry, however, it is **ethical** to link vaccination to right of education?)
- Opt-out **may work in some countries but not in others** (~historical and cultural background)
- Require **opt-in** (parents signing that they have been informed) instead of opt-out
- Immunisation check can be useful, but would come at a **too late stage** to be effective in e.g. eliminating measles
- Any immunisation check should be done **as early as possible**: rather upon entry in creche (if data are public on % of unimmunised children in creche, parents could use this to choose creche)

Make vaccination **more accessible**, i.e. offer immunisation opportunities/days/campaigns out of office hours and/or in convenient locations

- **Vaccination at creche, kindergarten, school can help increasing coverage**
- **No evidence** available whether **out of office hours** offer would help increasing coverage ⇒ **studies** should be funded (Health Programme?) to provide evidence what measures to improve access really do help
- Make vaccination **as easy as possible**; e.g. 'one-stop-shop' instead of parents having to run to different places (get prescription from doctor → buy vaccine at pharmacy → go to doctor to get shot) for having their child vaccinated)



Thank you for your attention

