

Ensuring Healthy Ageing: An Underutilized Strategy of Vaccinations



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CONTEXT

Between 2000 and 2050, the proportion of the world's population of people 60 years and older will double from 11% to ~22%, representing ~2.1 billion older adults 60 years and older.

Increased longevity is one of the greatest achievements of the modern era and a valuable asset to societies however longevity without good health and functional ability is a poor outcome. Ensuring people live long healthy lives is the next challenge of our times.

Managing vaccine preventable diseases (VPD) through sound vaccine policies is a critical step especially in older age to maintain and improve health, well-being and functional capacity; and decrease unnecessary or premature admissions to an acute care setting which in turn may lead to the need for home care and long term care services.

It is important now, more than ever before to ensure that adult vaccination is a central part of the strategy and implementation of healthy ageing policies at all levels of government.

AIM

The main objectives of the session is to:

- Raise awareness of the impact of poor uptake rates of adult vaccination on the health, well-being and contribution of older people in society;
- Position the issue of adult vaccinations within the WHO World Report on Ageing and Health and the UN Sustainable Development Goals;
- Discuss concrete policies and strategies that have been implemented to improve the uptake rates of vaccinations; and
- Identify opportunities for government and non-government to help maintain and build the capacity of older people through access to appropriate vaccinations

AGENDA

- Introduction that also outlines structure
- Speakers providing evidence to support the adult vaccination as an important part of healthy ageing policy
- Moderated panel discussion with questions from the floor
- Concluding remarks and next steps

SPEAKERS



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