

Towards Influenza Vaccination Programmes for Health Care Professionals

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Chairs: Marc Van Ranst, University of Leuven and Belgian Flu Commissioner Marco Goeijenbier, Erasmus MC Rotterdam, The Netherlands

| 09:00 – 09:20 | Current recommendations and guidelines for healthcare workers vaccination: an overview Marc Van Ranst, University of Leuven and Belgian Flu Commissioner |
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| 09:20 - 09:30 | Questions & answers |
| 09:30 – 09:50 | The dangers of flu for at-risk groups and healthcare workers Ab Osterhaus, Research Center for Emerging Infections and Zoonoses, Hannover, Germany, and ESWI chair |
| 09:50 - 10:00 | Questions & answers |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | What are the roles and responsibilities of healthcare workers in preventing nosocomial influenza infections? George Kassianos, National Immunisation Lead Royal College of General Practitioners, UK, and ESWI member |
| 10:20 - 10:30 | Questions & answers |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | Mandatory vaccination for health care workers in the US Lydia Crutchfield, Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP) on their position statement on "Best Practices for Healthcare Worker Immunization" |
| 11:20 – 11:30 | Questions & answers |
| 11:30 – 11:50 | Measuring the impact of a mandatory province-wide vaccinate-or-mask policy on healthcare worker absenteeism in British Columbia, Canada Michelle Murti, Public Health Physician, Communicable Diseases, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Public Health Ontario |
| 11:50 – 12:00 | Questions & answers |
| 12:00 - 12:20 | Mandatory vaccination for health care workers in the US Litjen Tan, Immunization Action Coalition on the "influenza vaccination honor role" and influenza vaccination mandates of leading medical organisations in the US. |
| 12:20 – 12:30 | Questions & answers |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch |

| 13.30 – 14:10 | The ethics of influenza vaccination of healthcare workers: a critical appraisal Pros and cons by Sarah Edwards, Department of Science and Technology Studies, University College London, UK, and Hanna Noyhinek, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare |
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| 14.10 - 14.30 | Questions & answers |
| 14.30 – 15:00 | The role of healthcare professional organizations - Part 1 (Short statements by ESWI coalition partners) European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases (ESPID), Delane Shingadia European Respiratory Society (ERS), James Chalmers Pharmaceutical Group to the EU (PGEU), Stéphane Pichon European Academy of Paediatrics (EAP), Hans Jürgen Dornbusch European Medical Association (EMA), Damiano Cantone European Public Health Association (EUPHA), Maria Gańczak |
| 15:00 - 15:15 | Coffee break |
| 15:15 – 15:55 | The role of healthcare professional organizations - Part 2 |
| 15:55 – 16:45 | Audience debate How to establish and implement vaccination programmes for healthcare workers. What needs to be done? |
| 16.45 – 17:00 | Conclusions of the meeting |