

NORDIC VACCINE MEETING 2024

12-13 September, Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel Copenhagen

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 9.30-17.30

Themes: RS-virus, maternal vaccination and evaluation of new vaccines

Session 1:

RS-virus – Burden of disease and new possibilities for prevention

Objective of the session:

New RSV prevention tools have become available in the form of vaccines targeting both infants (via the pregnant mother) and the elderly as well as passive protection of infants from new monoclonal antibodies. What is the burden of RSV disease in different subpopulations and how do we make best and most cost-effective use of these new tools?

Session 2:

Perspectives on maternal vaccination

Objective of the session:

During the last 10-15 years a paradigm shift has happened from reluctance in offering vaccines to pregnant women to now offering routine vaccinations against an increasing number of diseases, some of which aim to protect the newborn and not the mother per se. Vaccination in pregnancy is considered safe for most vaccines but do health care providers and the pregnant women agree?

Session 3:

Evaluating new vaccines for national programmes

Objective of the session:

New vaccines are expensive and the diseases they prevent are not always very common or very serious. It is therefore no longer a given that they should be implemented in national vaccination programs.
So how do we select which vaccines to evaluate and how do we evaluate them in a critical but fair way?

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 9.30-15.00

Theme: Disparities in vaccination: Who is less likely to get vaccinated and how can we reach them?

Session 4:

Epidemiological Insights: Demographics of the Unvaccinated

Objective of the session:

The overall vaccination coverage is high in the Nordic countries; however, important disparities exist in certain subgroups. In this session, we will discuss disparities in vaccination and explore groups less likely to be vaccinated.

Session 5:

How to reach under-served groups – best practices for mitigating disparities in vaccination adherence amongst different population groups

Objective of the session:

Inequality in health also applies to the area of vaccination. This session will focus on the “why” and “what can we do about it”. We will focus on hard-to-reach groups and present examples of barriers and drivers for vaccinations amongst different population groups, as well as examples of best practices for mitigating disparities in vaccination.