

Special Issue

50 Years of Immunization— Steps Forward

Message from the Guest Editors

The Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) was launched to ensure that all children worldwide could have access to vaccines in 1974. The program aimed to provide vaccines for six diseases—diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, and tuberculosis—to every child globally by 1990. Today, every country has a national immunization program, frequently named the essential program on immunization. The program's scope has expanded to include vaccinations for older children, adolescents, and adults, with the World Health Organization (WHO) recommending 13 vaccines. In 2024, it will be 50 years since the inception of EPI; therefore, we invite you to submit your original manuscripts, reviews, position papers, and case studies on vaccine-related topics such as program implementation, research, and vaccination-related policies. We also welcome submissions exploring vaccination in diverse and marginalized communities and communities in humanitarian crises. We also welcome submissions on lessons learned from past and present health crises and their implications for pandemic preparedness in the future. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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Vaccines (ISSN 2076-393X), founded in 2013, now has a firm history of publishing peer-reviewed, state-of-the-art research papers on vaccines and vaccination in the broadest sense. Areas covered include, but are not limited to, novel and emerging vaccine technologies, building on in-depth knowledge of what constitutes a protective immune response. These can be new vaccines for old diseases, or old vaccines for new diseases. Vaccines against cancer and autoimmune diseases explicitly are also within the scope of the journal. Because public opinion and even government policies towards vaccines and vaccination have changed, vaccine policy and public health issues are major concerns. Climate change will also have an impact on the spread of infectious diseases, and thus also on vaccine and vaccination policies worldwide.

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