



## Strategies to Increase Vaccination Coverage and Vaccine Confidence

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Vaccines are effective and cost-effective preventive interventions against infectious diseases occurring in children and adults. The importance of vaccines is emphasized by economic studies reporting that vaccines for children and adults are associated with low cost-effectiveness ratios and societal savings. Nevertheless, the percentages of vaccination coverage registered in developed and undeveloped countries in the target vaccination populations (children, adults, high-risk individuals, specific population groups) remains bellow recommended levels. Vaccine hesitance, defined as a “delay in acceptance or refusal of vaccines despite availability of vaccine services”, is one of the factors explaining suboptimal percentages of vaccination coverage. Vaccine hesitancy depends on the perceived risk of disease, accessibility of vaccines, and vaccine confidence. High confidence in vaccination programs is necessary to achieve high percentages of vaccination coverage. This Special Issue focuses on the strategies and practical solutions to increase the percentages of vaccination coverage by means of increasing vaccine confidence.





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