

Special Issue

The Health Economic Value of Vaccines

Message from the Guest Editors

The health economic value of vaccines has received increasing attention over the last couple of years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but is not always comprehensively understood for other non-COVID vaccines. Alleviating (seasonal) capacity pressure on healthcare systems, keeping young as well as elderly populations as healthy as possible, tackling antimicrobial resistance, and maintaining a healthy and productive workforce are just a few examples of the broader healthcare and societal impacts of vaccination programs. Health economic evaluation plays a key role in quantifying the broader value of vaccines to inform healthcare policy and resource allocation decisions, and its methods are evolving. This Special Issue aims to provide an overview of the recent developments in this area from theoretical, methodological, and practical (illustrations) angles.

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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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