

Special Issue

Vaccination Uptake and Public Health

Message from the Guest Editors

Despite vaccination being acknowledged as one of the most successful public health measures, many individuals choose not to be vaccinated, citing concerns around safety and questioning the necessity of immunization, and there is evidence that vaccine refusal and hesitancy by individuals across the world have been increasing. Vaccine attitude determines people's intention to vaccinate and consequential vaccine uptake behaviors and preferences. Understanding people's general affect, attitude, behaviors and preferences towards vaccination is therefore crucial to the successful implementation of a large-scale vaccination program. Therefore, we welcome contributions to this Special Issue focused on attitudes, behaviors and preferences towards vaccination. a) the behavior of getting vaccinated; b) attitudes towards vaccination; c) the level of perceived knowledge about vaccines; d) preferences for vaccines among different populations; e) psychological factors associated with vaccine apathy and hesitancy; f) interventions to overcome and prevent vaccine apathy and hesitancy.

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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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