

## Special Issue

# Vaccine Hesitancy and Child Immunizations: Rationales, Issues and Knowledge Gaps 2022

### Message from the Guest Editor

Globally, infant and childhood vaccine coverage rates are still not high enough, with outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases occurring frequently, even in high-income countries. Vaccine hesitancy is one of the factors explaining suboptimal percentages of vaccination coverage, which is defined by the SAGE group as a “delay in acceptance or refusal of vaccines despite availability of vaccine services”. The decision not to vaccinate or to delay vaccine shots is derived from a complex decision-making process influenced by numerous factors related to population, context, environment, historical period and single vaccines. This Special Issue focuses on the current knowledge and strategies that may be used to reduce vaccine hesitancy and improve vaccination coverage rates in infant and childhood groups. The submission of original articles, systematic reviews, short communications and other work on related topics is welcome. Manuscripts will undergo standard journal peer-review practices, and those accepted for publication will appear in the Special Issue “Vaccine Hesitancy and Child Immunizations: Rationales, Issues and Knowledge Gaps”.

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