

The Adult Vaccination Advocacy Toolkit (AVAT)

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Vaccines4Life is a knowledge mobilization platform that serves as a point of connection on the most urgent matters related to adult vaccination.



Driving the agenda of the world's ageing population

Global point of connection and networks of experts and expertise to influence and shape age-related policy.

A world of healthy older people whose rights to safe and appropriate vaccines are protected and respected through programs that hold high the principles of *prevention, access and equity*.



Healthy Ageing

“as the process of developing and maintaining the functional ability that enables wellbeing in older age”

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UN Decade of Healthy Ageing

2021-2030

A **global collaboration**, aligned with the last ten years of the SDGs that brings together governments, civil society, international agencies, professionals, academia, the media, and the private sector to improve the lives of older people, their families, and the communities in which they live.

Decade Action Areas



Integrated Care



Long-term Care



Age-friendly Environments

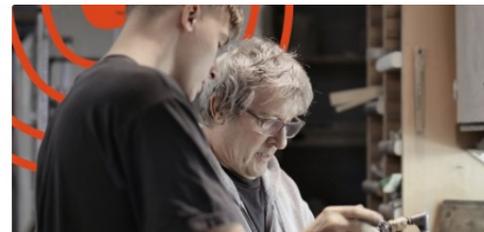


Combatting Ageism

Decade Enablers



Voice and engagement



Leadership and capacity building



Connecting stakeholders



Strengthening research, data and innovation

<https://www.who.int/initiatives/decade-of-healthy-ageing>

Prioritise immunisation as a key pillar of expanded prevention strategies

Remove barriers to access to ensure all people are protected and no one is left behind

Equity through timely, affordable access throughout life

Immunisation For All Ages

Pathways to improve uptake rates of adult vaccination



The Problem

Vaccines are an effective public health intervention



Adult Vaccination rates globally are sub-optimal



Evidence-based tools to influence and shape policy

Adult Vaccination Advocacy Toolkit

4 key policy issues:

1. Simplification of vaccination **pathways**
2. Expansion of **vaccination administrators**
3. Targeted vaccination **campaigns**
4. Vaccination **equity**

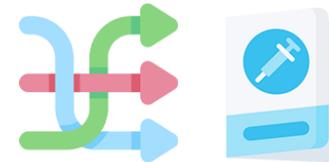


Simplification of Vaccine Pathways

Policy Issues you should know

Vaccination Pathways

There is no wrong pathway to be vaccinated.



The pathway can be complicated, complex, and time-consuming.

To help folks become vaccinated by a qualified professional, we need an environment that:

- 1) Informs
- 2) Simplifies
- 3) Streamlines

the step-by-step process for individuals and specific populations.

Expansion of the Pool of Vaccine Administrators

Policy Issues you should know

Vaccine Administration

Different countries, and regions within countries, have varying regulations on who can administer vaccines .



- The capacity and capability of health care professionals as qualified vaccinators is central to an effective vaccination policy that intersects with the flexibility of various vaccination pathways.
- As policy innovations lean towards mainstreaming vaccination throughout life, some countries may consider a universal system of vaccination.
- While the expansion of qualified vaccinators is important, improved rates of vaccination can only be achieved and sustained through enhanced and sustained infrastructure such as refrigeration, workplace flexibility, and continuous education.

Targeted Adult Vaccination Campaigns

Policy Issues **you should know**

Targeted public health messages

Targeted public health messages on vaccinations are vital to building and maintaining a healthy society.



However, developing and implementing *effective public health campaigns* is a complex enterprise and science in itself.

Vaccination Equity

Policy Issues you should know

Equity in Vaccination

Answering why countries are consistently below the vaccination rate is a pressing issue as suboptimal rates of adult vaccination persist within and among countries, with rates even falling in some areas.



Understanding and executing the steps to address situational and societal barriers reflecting the social determinants of health is key to reducing immunisation inequities especially in high-risk populations.

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AVATs Next Steps



“The potential of older persons is a powerful basis for sustainable development”, Antonio Guterres flagged.

“More than ever, we must listen to their voices, suggestions and ideas to build more inclusive and age friendly societies”.

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2020/10/1074362>

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