

## Adult Vaccination Health Education Professionals ECHO (AV-HCP) Program Impact

TORONTO, Jan 26, 2023 – The International Federation on Ageing (IFA) is proud to have launched the AV-HCP ECHO program - an interactive learning series based upon the innovative ECHO model that virtually brought together health care providers (HCPs) in the field of ageing. The collaborative program responds to the need to improve the continuous education of HCPs in adult vaccination by fostering a learning community across that prioritizes peer-to-peer exchanges and collective problem-solving. A key objective of the program was to improve the capabilities and capacities of HCPs toward becoming champions for change in this pivotal policy dialogue and subsequently improving adult vaccination rates.

The AV-HCP ECHO project was delivered through a 10-session long training curriculum where the IFA was privileged to have a diverse network of experts with a wealth of knowledge in the field of vaccination. Members of the learning community presented didactic lectures and shared their personal experiences in the form of case presentations which served as an interactive learning opportunity.

The program received a high level of interest and engagement as 224 global leaders representing over 39 countries registered for the AV-HCP ECHO program. Key recommendations and good practices were proposed throughout the program that is highlighted in the AV-HCP ECHO Technical Report and supplementary infographic. A post-program evaluation survey revealed tremendous positive feedback from program attendees. Participants attested to the program's engaging and informative presentations, which proposed many practical recommendations for the learners. Among the positive feedback, one survey respondent wrote "It is a very enriching experience to participate in the AV-HCP ECHO program. The case presentations from around the world were remarkable, and the speakers were well chosen and impressive."

With the continued expansion and refinement of the AV-HCP ECHO program, the IFA aims to implement key recommendations, influence good practices and advance advocacy efforts amongst additional HCPs and professional organizations globally with the ultimate aim of improving adult vaccination rates.

To learn more about the AV-HCP ECHO program and access additional resources, visit [Vaccines4Life](#) and explore IFA social media platforms @IFAgeing.

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