

# MATERNAL IMMUNIZATION: FOR THE WOMAN, FETUS, AND INFANT

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# FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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I support influenza vaccination for healthcare workers including pregnant women in my hospital.



# MATERNAL IMMUNIZATION:

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## DEFINITION:

Giving a vaccine to a pregnant women to provide protection to the mother, fetus, and infant through active antibody production and transplacental antibody transfer

# CONCEPT OF MATERNAL IMMUNIZATION

Boosts maternal levels of pathogen-specific antibodies

Provides newborn and infant with sufficient concentration of antibodies to protect against infections

until able to adequately respond to active immunization or infectious challenge

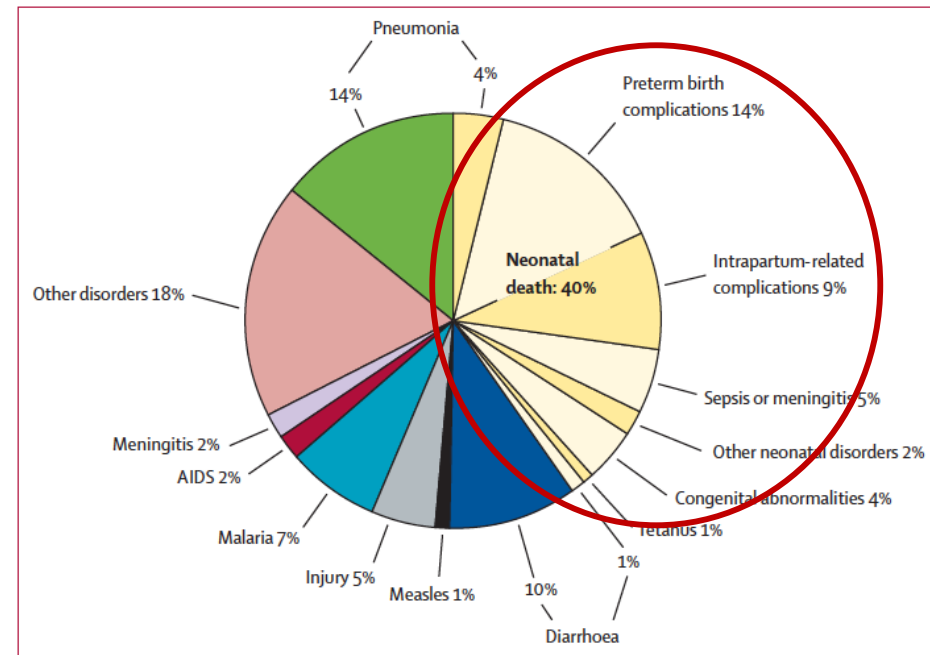




# WHY CONSIDER MATERNAL IMMUNIZATION? YOUNG INFANTS AT HIGHEST RISK FROM INFECTIONS

- Neonates are uniquely at risk for many different infections
- Neonatal infections cause morbidity and mortality worldwide\*
- Immune system of neonates is immature and relatively ineffective
- Active immunization in neonates is rarely successful

## Global Causes of Mortality in Children < 5 years\*



\*Liu L et al.  
Lancet 2012

# WHY IMMUNIZE A PREGNANT WOMAN?



- Immunization during pregnancy has the potential to protect the mother, fetus, and infant during a vulnerable period in their lives – “Two for one” protection
- Pregnant women are accessible to medical care and intervention –in both developed and developing countries
- Transplacental transfer of antibodies is NATURAL: it is safer and less expensive than administration of immunoglobulin to the infant

# WHO: Sustainable Development Target Goals

... Achieving universal health coverage -  
Sustainable Development Goal 3 targets



By 2030....

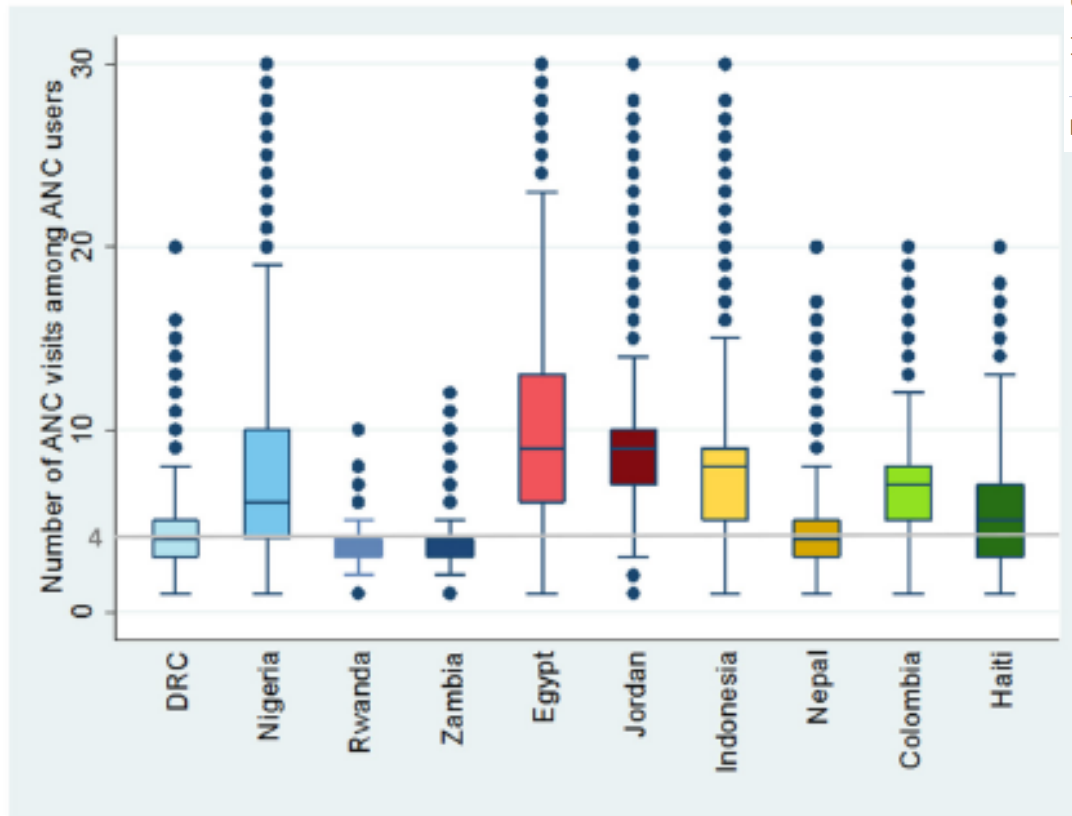
Target 3.1 Reduce global maternal mortality ratio to  $< 70$  per 100,000 live births

Target 3.2 End preventable deaths of newborns and children  $< 5$  years of age

Neonatal mortality to at least as low as 12 per 1000 live births and  
Under-5 mortality to at least as low as 25 per 1000 live births

**UNIGME: To achieve targets, targeted low cost interventions to prominent causes of mortality needed**

# Antenatal care visits among women increasing, 2019



Box plot of number of antenatal care (ANC) visits among ANC users, by country. DRC, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Not just a number: examining coverage and content of antenatal care in low-income and middle-income countries

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BMJ Global Health

2018 BMJ

**Results** In all 10 countries, the majority of women in need of ANC reported 1+ ANC visits and over two-fifths reported 4+ visits. Receipt of the six routine components varied widely; blood pressure measurement was the most commonly reported component, and urine test and information on complications the least. Among the subset

**Conclusion** Our findings suggest that even among women with patterns of care that complied with global recommendations, the content of care was poor. Efficient

# PREGNANT WOMEN

- Deserve appropriate routine medical care as medically indicated - regardless of pregnancy status. **EXAMPLES: antibiotics**
- Should not be excluded from beneficial treatments/potentially beneficial therapies based on pregnancy status. **EXAMPLE: antiretroviral drugs**
- Can help protect their infants against some diseases by medical intervention during pregnancy.  
**EXAMPLE: Rh disease/Rhogam, tetanus vx**
- Have mature immune systems which are far more competent than the fetus or neonate. They respond well to protein, polysaccharide, and conjugate vx **EXAMPLE: Flu vx, Tdap vx**



Thanks to my sister-in-law



# IMMUNIZATION DURING PREGNANCY: RECENT HISTORY

- Routine immunization during pregnancy with diphtheria, influenza and polio vaccines (1950-60's)
- Safety and benefit of polio vaccine to entire population including pregnant women during polio outbreaks (Finland, Israel), and meningococcal outbreaks (Brazil) between 1970 – 90's
- Concerns of vaccine safety, vaccine components, and lack of efficacy data: cessation of maternal vaccination EXCEPT tetanus vaccine globally by 1980's
- 2009-10 pandemic H1N1 outbreak demonstrated risk of influenza (flu) during pregnancy and benefits of flu vx
- 2012-2014 pertussis epidemic emphasized high risk of neonatal pertussis deaths and benefit of maternal Tdap





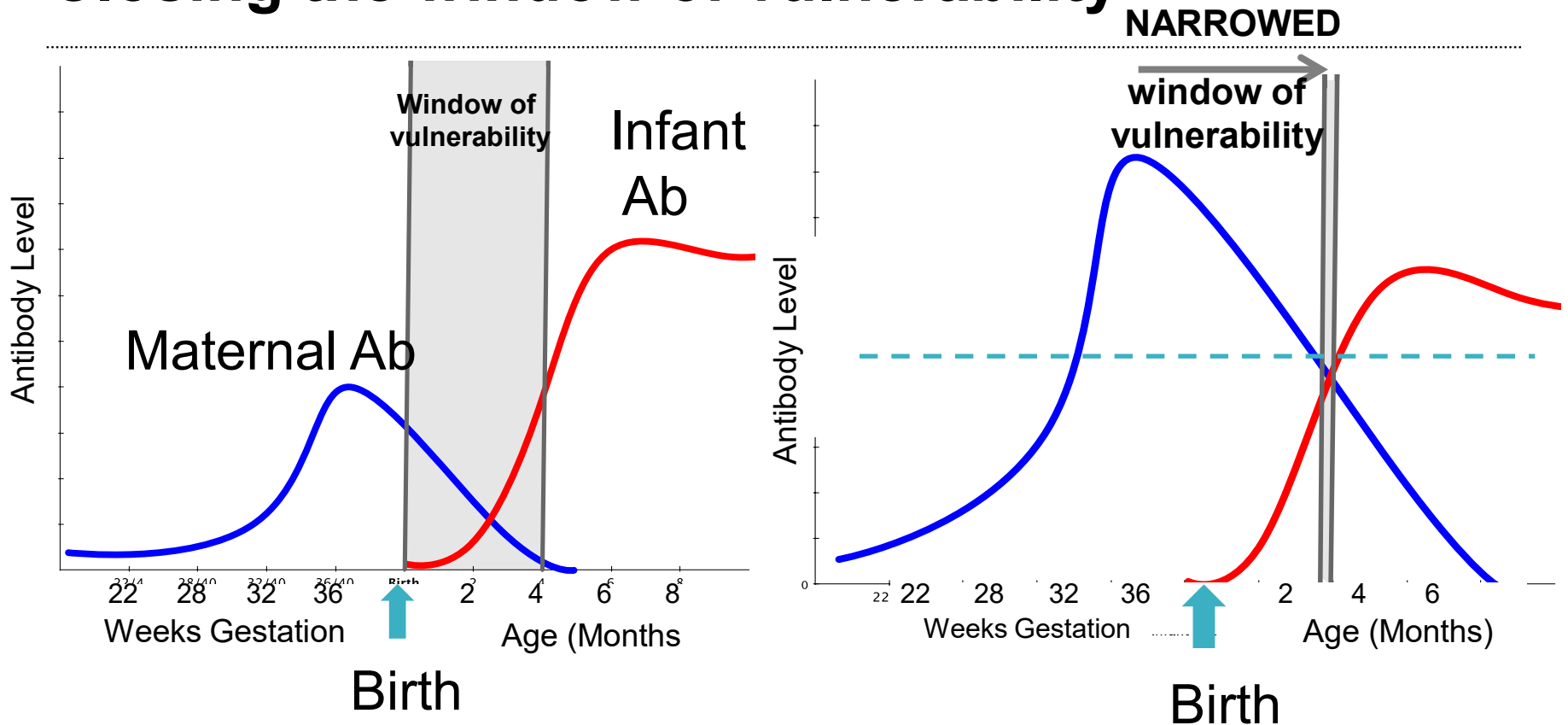
# Current Status of Vaccines Recommended during Pregnancy - 2019

Vaccine: Licensed	Maternal Benefits	Fetal/ Neonatal Benefits	When to give	Safety Concerns
Tetanus	X	X	3 <sup>rd</sup> trimester	None identified
Influenza multivalent	X	X	Any trimester	None identified
Pertussis -Acellular	X	X	2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> trimester	None identified
SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Hep A; Meningococcal conjugate; Polio; Rabies Yellow Fever	X	No Data	If necessary	None identified (Except ?Yellow Fever)
Vaccines in Development				
RSV	Possibly	Possibly	1 <sup>st</sup> study completed, not published	Preliminary data looking good
GBS	X	X	In development	Some data
CMV	X	X	In development (?prepregnancy)	No Data
HSV	X	X	In development	No Data
Mening GrpA –Tetanus conj	X	X	Analysis ongoing	No Data



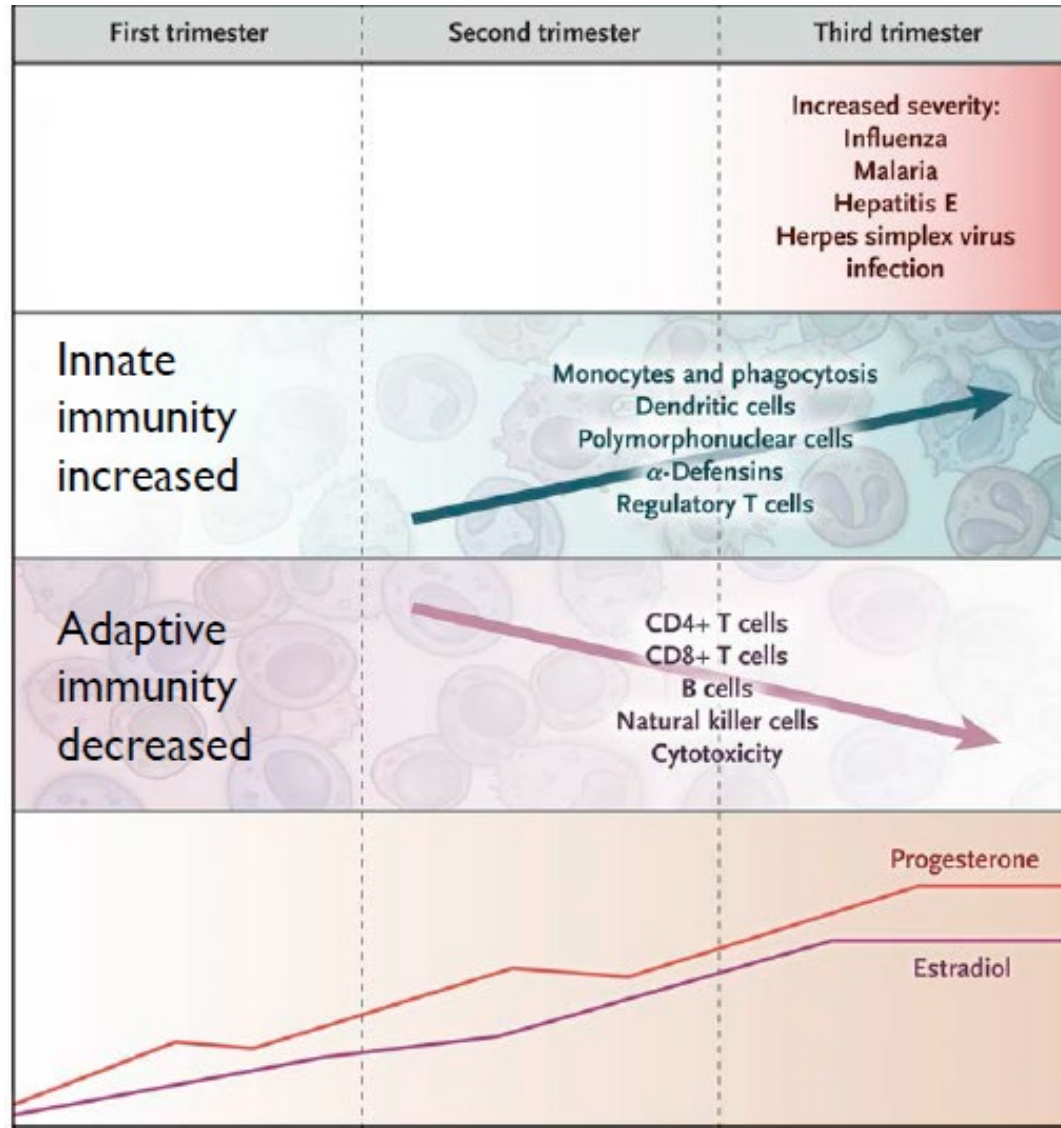
# MATERNAL-INFANT ANTIBODIES

## Closing the window of vulnerability



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# Changes in Hormone Levels and Immune Characteristics during Pregnancy\*

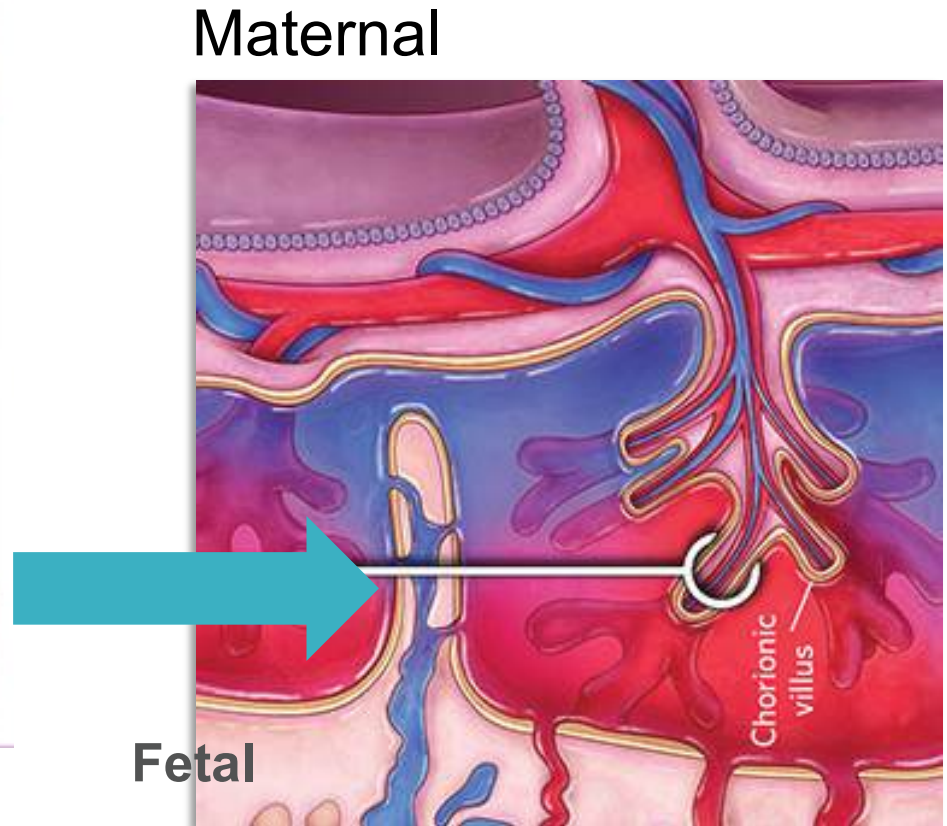
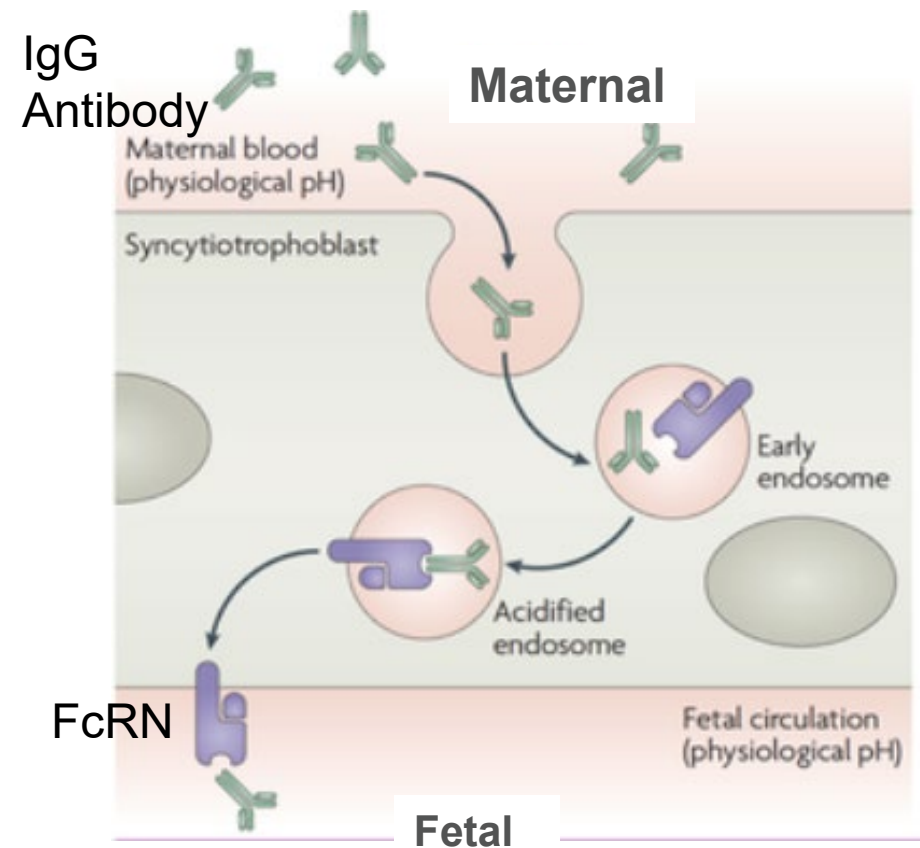


- Increasing estradiol levels augment TH2 and humoral response to infection and decrease TH1 response
- Innate immune response preserved during pregnancy
- Pregnant women respond appropriately to Flu and Tdap vaccines and achieve same rates of serologic response as non-pregnant women

Kourtis AP et al NEJM 2014;  
370:2211-8

# Transplacental Maternal Antibody Transfer to the Fetus

Maternal IgG is actively transferred across the placenta via FcRn receptors of syncytiotrophoblast cells in the chorionic villi.



# FACTORS AFFECTING TRANSPLACENTAL TRANSPORT OF MATERNAL ANTIBODY TO THE INFANT

- Placental abnormalities
  - Malaria
  - HIV infection
- TIME:
  - gestational age of infant
  - time between vaccination and delivery
- Maternal IgG level
- IgG subclass



Infant born in Nepal during maternal immunization trial

# Maternal-Fetal IgG Transport: AN ACTIVE PROCESS

- Placental transfer is highly selective for monomeric IgG, and occurs by receptor-mediated active transport
- Transport requires HEALTHY placenta
- IgG1 = IgG3 > IgG4 > IgG2
- No transfer of IgM, IgA, IgE
- Begins at 17 wks; increases with gestation
- By 33 weeks maternal = fetal IgG levels and by 40 weeks fetal > maternal IgG levels

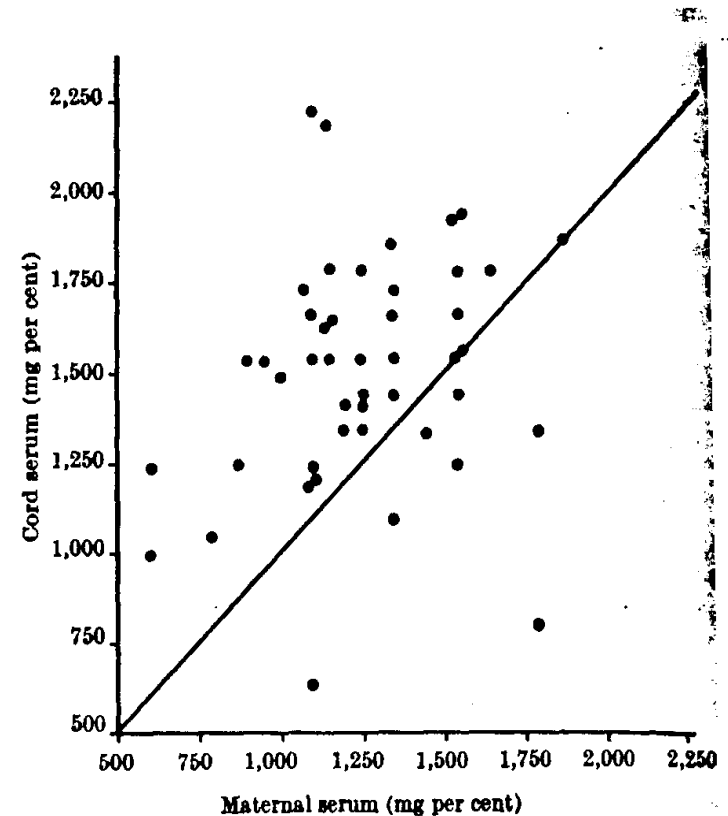


Fig. 1. Comparison of IgG concentrations in forty-six paired maternal cord sera

# Influence of Maternal HIV Infection on Placental Antibody Transfer\*

- An abnormal placenta may not efficiently transport maternal antibodies to the fetus.
- **EXAMPLE:** In HIV+ women in Africa, lower antibody titers to certain antigens were seen in cord blood: reduction of 15-40%

Specific Antibody	HIV-Infected Mother-Exposed Uninfected Infant Pairs	HIV-Uninfected Mother-Unexposed Infant Pairs	Reduction, %
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b	0.57 (0.45-0.79)	0.74 (0.61-1.00)	23
<i>Bordetella pertussis</i>	0.91 (0.61-1.20)	1.51 (1.15-2.06)	40
Pneumococcus	0.62 (0.41-0.77)	0.73 (0.53-0.94)	15
Tetanus toxoid	0.95 (0.60-1.12)	1.30 (1.03-1.86)	27

\*Jones CE, et al. JAMA. 2011 Feb 9;305(6):576-84



# BETTER ANTIBODY IN BABIES AFTER MATERNAL IMMUNIZATION COMPARED TO PRE-PREGNANCY

NOTE: Pre-pregnancy immunization has higher % IgG transmission but decreased total IgG levels

<u>Timing of Hib Vaccine</u>	<u>IgG Anti-PRP (ug/ml)</u>		
	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Infant</u>	<u>% Transmission</u>
<u>Pre-Pregnancy</u>			
Sacaton, AZ <sup>1</sup>	20	11	73%
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester</u>			
Houston, TX <sup>2</sup>	78	47	60%
The Gambia <sup>3</sup>	4	2	61%

<sup>1</sup> Santosham et al, PIDJ 2001;20:931; <sup>2</sup> Englund et al JID 1995; <sup>3</sup> Mulholland et al. IAMA 1996



# Outline

Examples of maternal immunization to be discussed :

- Tetanus
  - Influenza
  - Pertussis
  - Future: RSV, GBS
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- Not discussed:
    - Meningococcus
    - Pre-pregnancy:
      - CMV, HSV, Hepatitis E, Zika



UK Poster  
1950

# NEONATAL TETANUS: A PREVENTABLE DISEASE

- Important cause of neonatal death worldwide for centuries
  - 1960: 38% of neonatal mortality in Thailand
  - 1980: 30% of all deaths in first year of life in many developing countries
- 1961: Landmark study in New Guinea demonstrated benefit of maternal immunization with tetanus toxoid (Schofield et al, *Brit Med J* 1961,2: 785-9)
- 1989: World Health Organization set goal to eliminate neonatal tetanus using maternal immunization – renewed X 3



Highlands,  
New Guinea

# Schofield et al, Brit Med J 1961,2:785-9

BRITISH  
MEDICAL JOURNAL

785 SEPT. 23, 1961

## NEONATAL TETANUS IN NEW GUINEA

EFFECT OF ACTIVE IMMUNIZATION IN  
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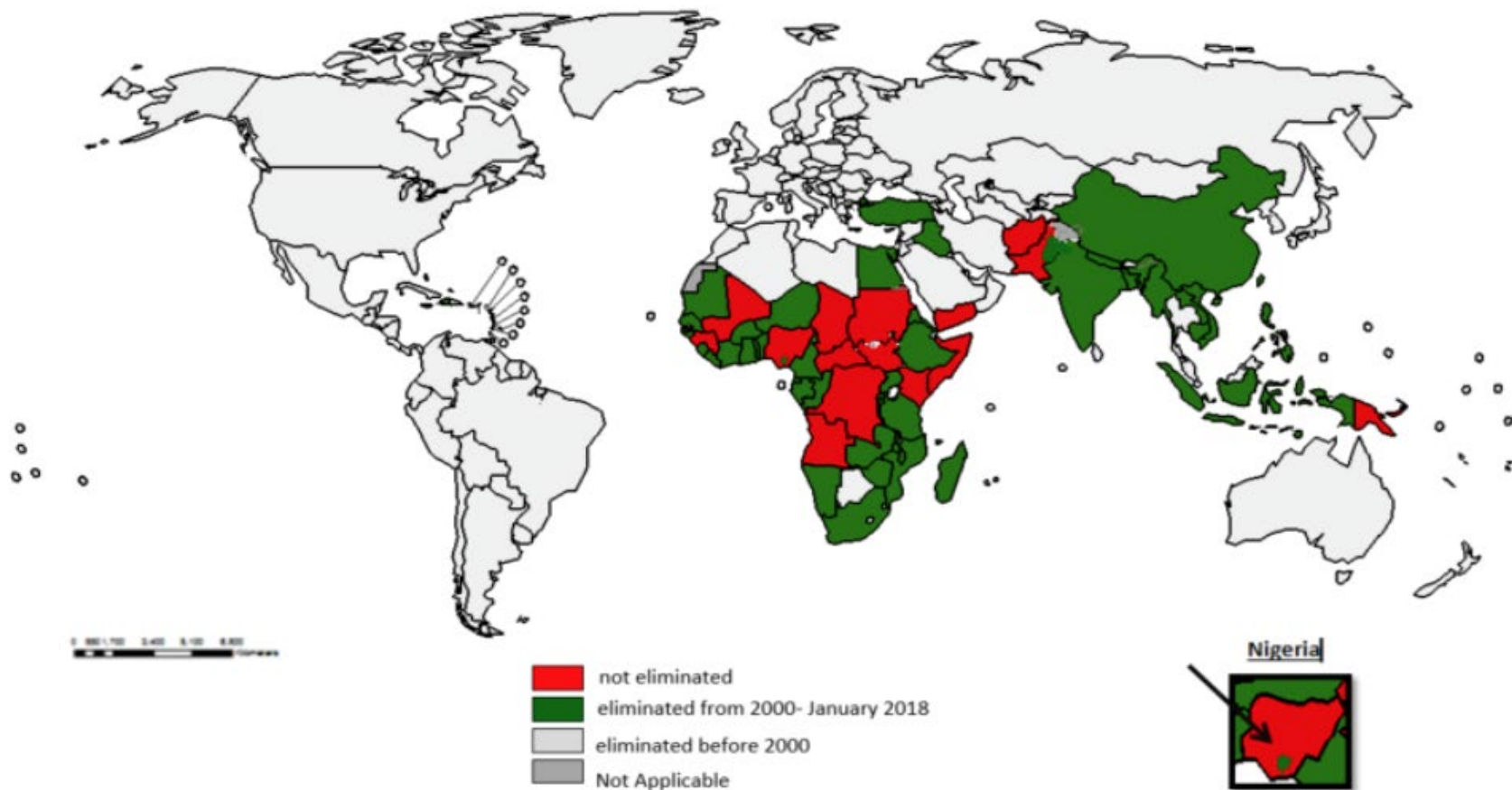
New Guinea, 1961:  
Incidence of neonatal  
tetanus pre-study  
was 80 cases per  
1000 live births

# Doses Tetanus Toxoid Given To Pregnant Women	0 or 1 dose	2 doses	3 doses
Number (%) of infants with neonatal tetanus	16/160 (10%)	8/234 (3.4%)	1/175 (0.6%)

# 2018: 44 Countries Eliminated Maternal Neonatal Tetanus (45?)

## 44 Countries eliminated MNT between 2000 & January 2018

..... \*(Plus Punjab province of Pakistan and the South Eastern zone of Nigeria) leaving 15 countries yet to eliminate MNT



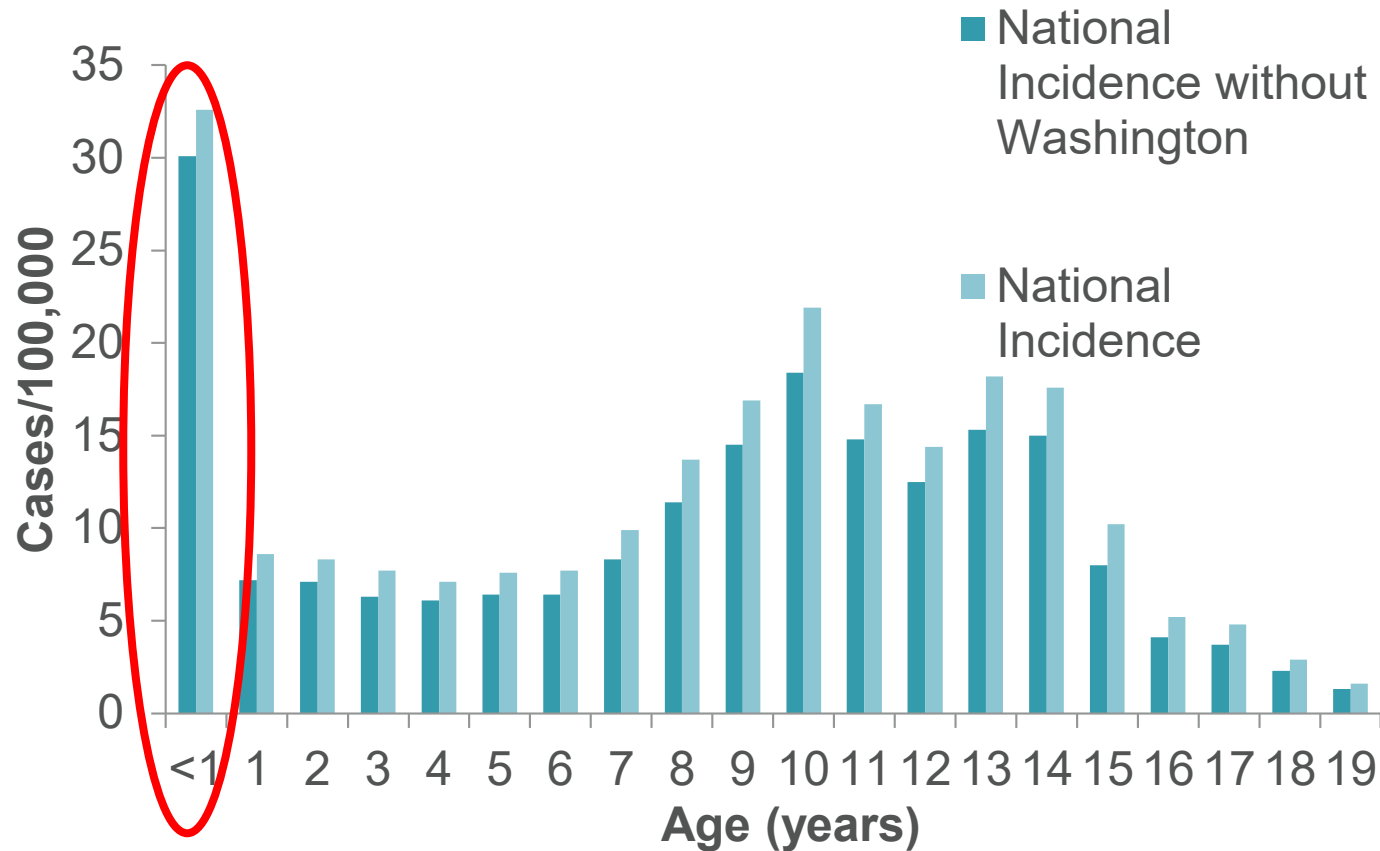
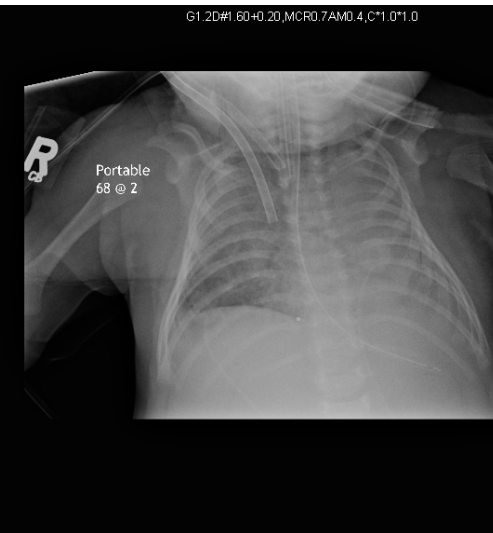
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# Pertussis cases by age — United States, 2012

## Fatal Neonatal Pertussis

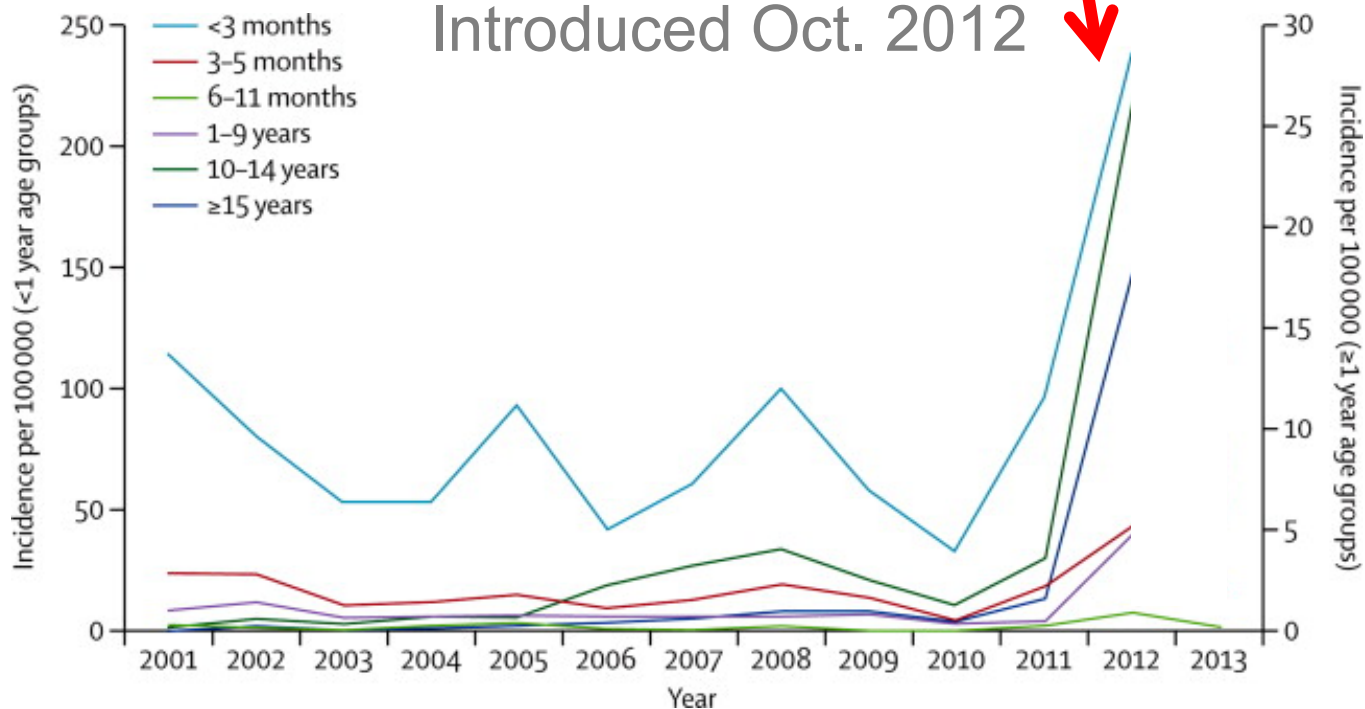


Vaccine Received*	Acellular Only	Transi- tion	Whole Cell and
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# EXAMPLE: UK Pertussis Disease and Maternal Tdap \*

## UK Neonatal Pertussis Epidemic, 2012

Maternal Pertussis Vx  
Introduced Oct. 2012

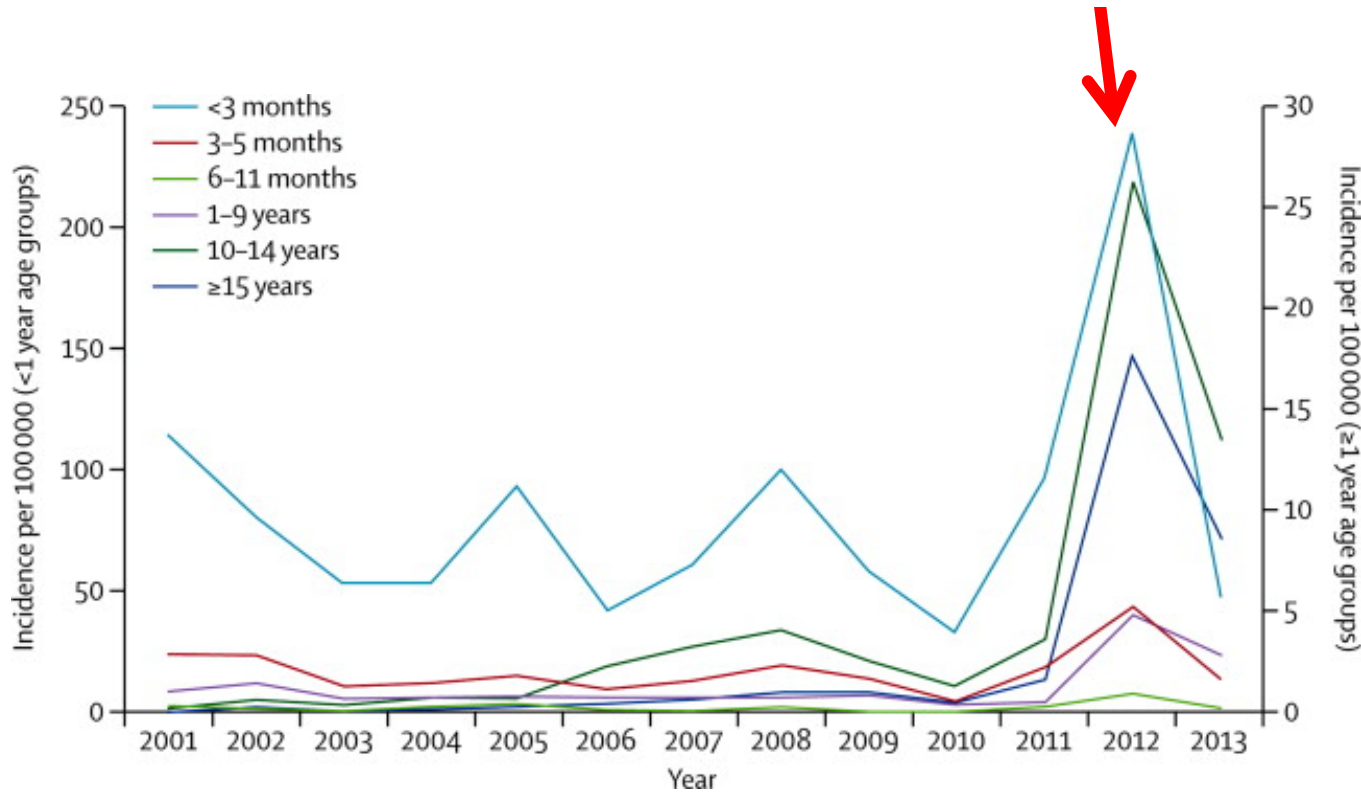


\*Amirthalingam G et al. Effectiveness of maternal pertussis vaccination in England: an observational study. *Lancet* 2014; 384:1521



# EXAMPLE: UK Maternal Tdap Immunization\*

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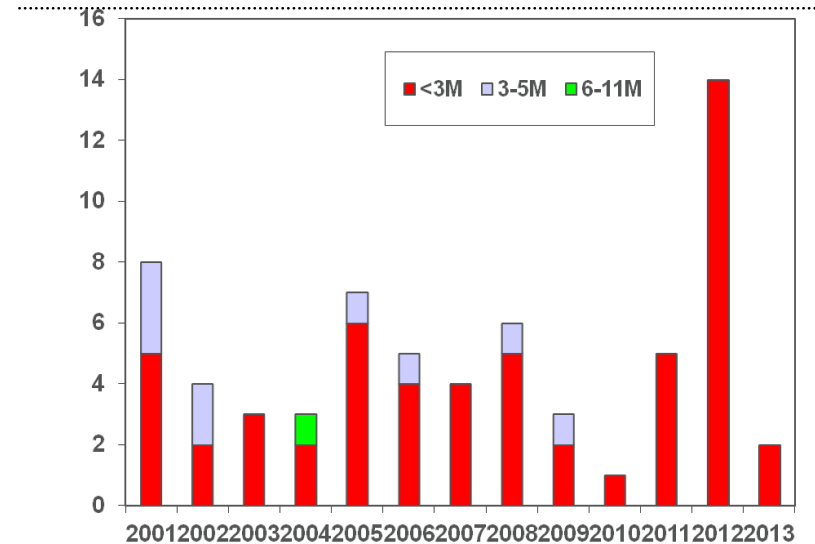
# Effectiveness of maternal pertussis vaccination in England: an observational study

Gayatri Amirthalingam, Nick Andrews, Helen Campbell, Sonia Ribeiro, Edna Kara, Katherine Donegan, Norman K Fry, Elizabeth Miller, Mary Ramsay



July 16, 2014 [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(14\)60686-3](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(14)60686-3)

- Oct. 2012: Immunization of pregnant women started using TdapIPV
- Vaccine coverage in first year = 64%
- Vaccine effectiveness in infants: calculated based on cases of disease in babies in first 3 months of life = 91% (95% CI 84-95)



Clinical Infectious Diseases

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## Effectiveness of Prenatal Versus Postpartum Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis Vaccination in Preventing Infant Pertussis

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Clinical Infectious Diseases<sup>®</sup> 2017;64(1):3–8

- Utilized California immunization registry
- Maternal immunization with Tdap 85% more effective than postpartum Tdap at preventing pertussis in infants < 8 wks

# Timing of Tdap During Pregnancy: Earlier is Better (NEW)

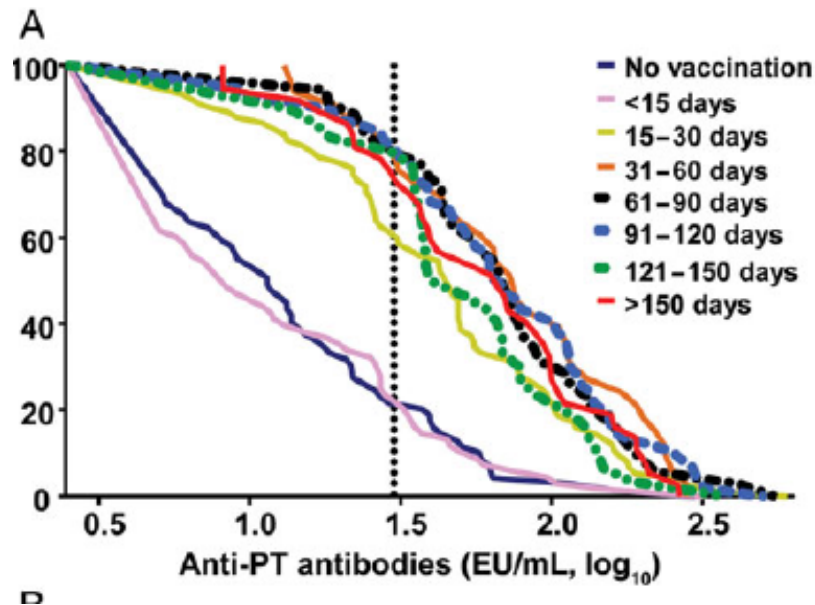
## Maternal Immunization Earlier in Pregnancy Maximizes Antibody Transfer and Expected Infant Seropositivity Against Pertussis

Clin Inf Dis 2016

N = 335 women ,  
..... 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester

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**Conclusion:** Early 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester immunization significantly increased neonatal pertussis PT and FHA AB

## Coverage with Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine and Influenza Vaccine Among Pregnant Women — Minnesota, March 2013–December 2014

Alexandra Barber, MPH<sup>1</sup>; Miriam Halstead Muscoplat, MPH<sup>1</sup>; Anna Fedorowicz, MPH<sup>1</sup>

TABLE 1. Tdap and influenza vaccination coverage among pregnant women, based on vital records data and immunization records — Minnesota, March 2, 2013–December 31, 2014

Characteristic	Total study population No. (%)	Received Tdap vaccination during pregnancy No. (%)	Received influenza vaccination during pregnancy No. (%)
Overall	113,730	66,222 (58.2)	52,248 (45.9)

**Vaccination  
Rates**

Tdap  
**58%**

Flu  
**46%**

# WHO Position Paper 2012: Maternal Immunization



World Health  
Organization

Organisation mondiale de la Santé

Weekly epidemiological record  
Relevé épidémiologique hebdomadaire

25 MAY 2012, 87th YEAR / 25 MAI 2012, 87<sup>e</sup> ANNÉE  
No. 21, 2012, 87, 201-216



This recommendation is based on evidence of:

- **High risk of severe disease**
- **Safety** of seasonal influenza vaccine throughout pregnancy
- **Effectiveness** of preventing influenza in the women as well as in their young infants, in whom the disease burden is also high.
- **2019:** Pregnancy is an indication on flu vaccine label in some EU countries

WHO. Vaccines Against Influenza, WHO position paper – November 2012.  
Wkly Epidemiol Rec. No. 47, 2012, 87, 461–476.

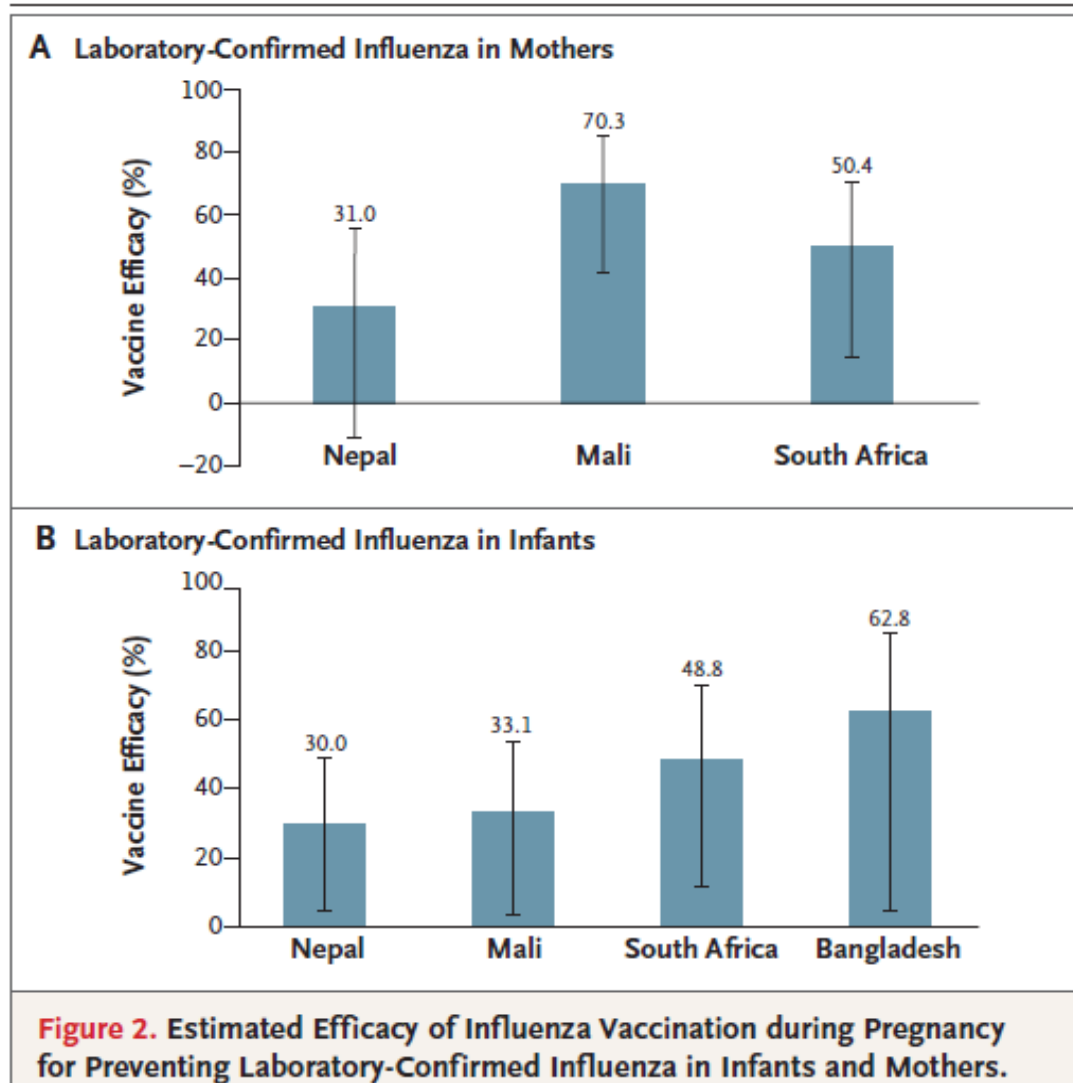


# Clinical Studies of Maternal Influenza Vaccine Efficacy Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

EXAMPLE: Three prospective, randomized clinical studies of trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (TIV) in pregnant women sponsored by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation conducted in Mali, Nepal, and South Africa, with thousands of pregnant women and their infants enrolled at each site.



# Effectiveness of Maternal Influenza Vaccine in Controlled Clinical trials in Nepal, Mali, and South Africa\*



Omer NEJM 2017



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# Maternal flu immunization reduces severe pneumonia and may improve newborn growth trajectory

Reduced all-cause severe pneumonia  
25%

*Infants of mothers vaccinated during pregnancy – pooled analysis flu efficacy trials*

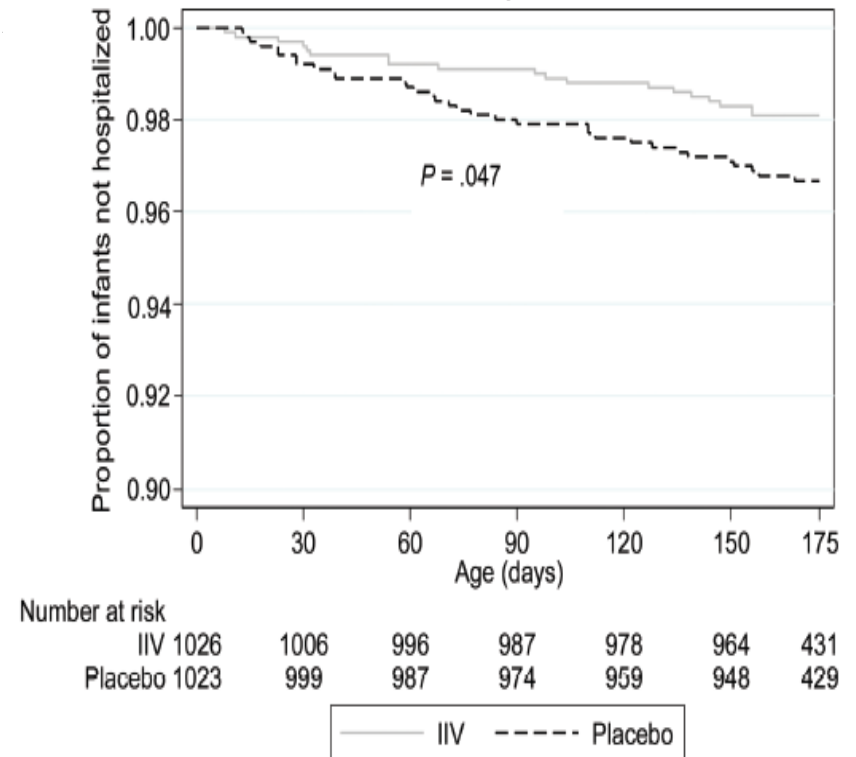
Reduced severe wasting  
RR=0.45

*Infants of mothers vaccinated with seasonally matched flu strain in Nepal*

Improved growth at 16 weeks  
12.2 vs. 5.9 centiles

*HIV-neg. infants of vaccinated mothers in South Africa*

Slide courtesy of A. TerMeulen, Gates Fndn 2018



Less pneumonia hospitalization in infants of mothers vaccinated during pregnancy in South Africa



# Maternal Immunization to Prevent Infant RSV Disease

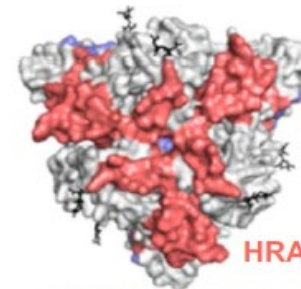
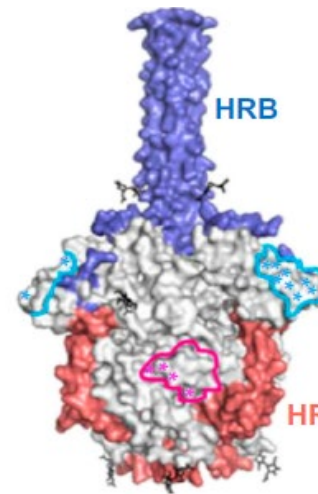
- Most urgent need for protection against RSV is during first few months of life; >75% of RSV disease hospitalization occurs in full term, healthy infants.
- Efficient RSV-specific IgG transfer from mothers to neonates.
- RSV subunit vaccines in pregnant women show good immunogenicity and lack of reactogenicity (Munoz et al Vaccine 2003).
- US government regulation (FDA): No evidence teratogenicity in animal models (required prior to human trials).



# ADVANCES IN RSV F PROTEIN STRUCTURE AND PRODUCTION

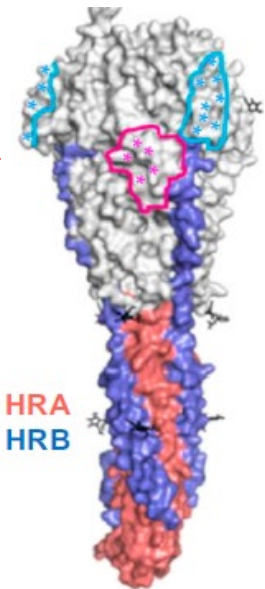
- RSV F glycoprotein mediates viral entry into host cells: key structure BREAKTHROUGH described by McLellan et al 2013
- F undergoes a conformational change at cell entry resulting in fusion of viral -cellular membranes (Lamb, 2007)
- Activation of RSV F from pre-fusion state requires vast structural change (Gonzales-Reyes, PNAS 2001)
  - The structure of RSV protein in circulating virus and virus attached to cell surface differs remarkably (Swanson PNAS 2011)
  - Antigenic targets for pre and post fusion also differ

## RSV Pre-fusion



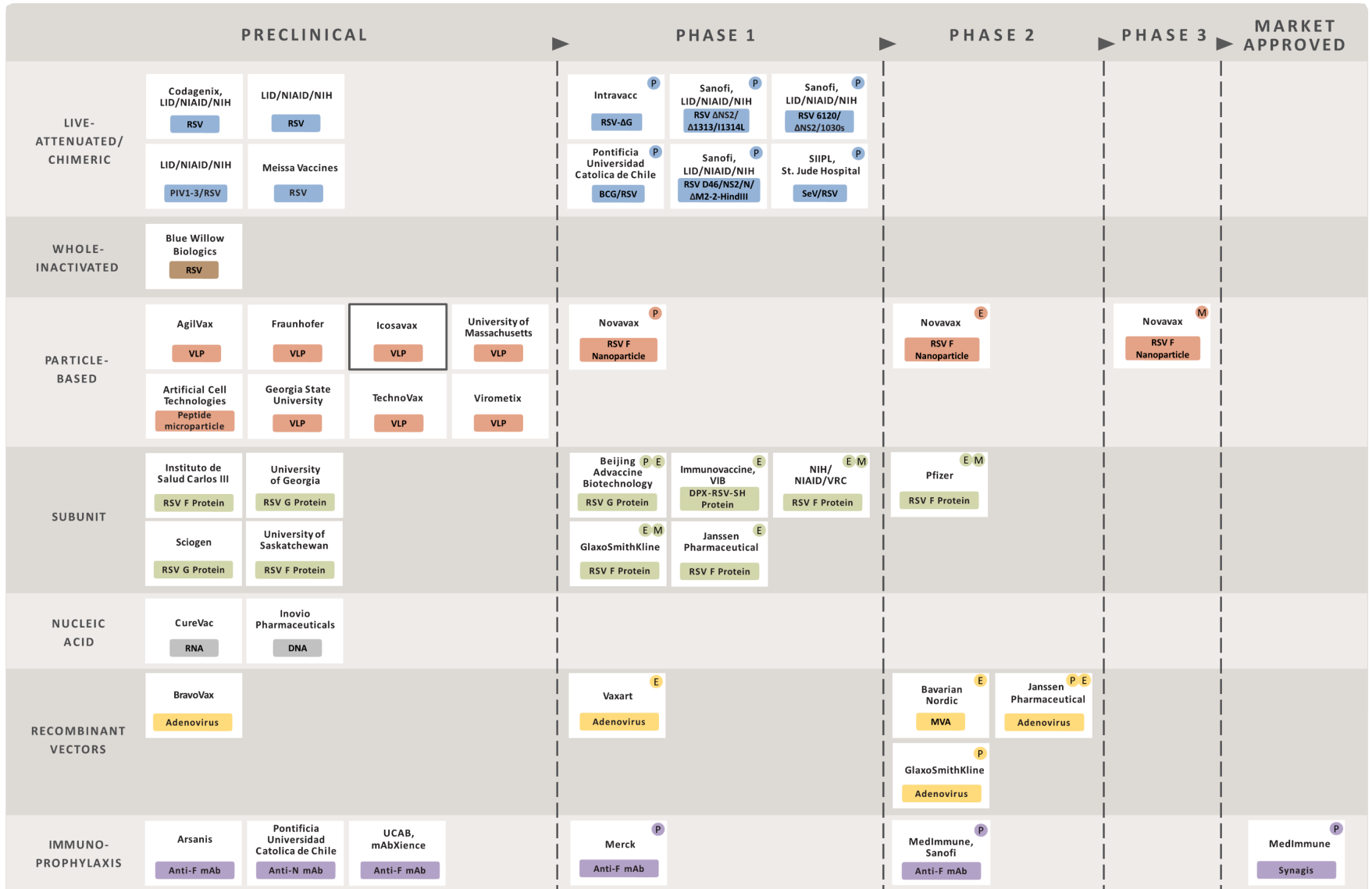
RSV F pre-fusion model

## RSV post-Fusion



# RSV Vaccine and mAb Snapshot 2019 (PATH)

TARGET INDICATION: P = PEDIATRIC M = MATERNAL E = ELDERLY



UPDATED: April 5, 2019

Indicates Change

<http://vaccineresources.org/details.php?i=1562>

# Humanized RSV Monoclonal Antibody: Palivizumab licensed for RSV prophylaxis

- Proof of principal: RSV F-protein antibody will protect high-risk infants from lower respiratory tract disease
- Approved in USA in 1998 for use in infants and children <2 years of age with chronic lung disease and babies born at <35 weeks gestation:
  - Palivizumab (Synagis<sup>®</sup>; MedImmune, Gaithersburg, MD
  - Administered IM at 15 mg/kg monthly; expensive
- New long acting MAb Medi15887 being studied in clinical trials

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE

### A highly potent extended half-life antibody as a potential RSV vaccine surrogate for all infants

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# CHALLENGES OF MATERNAL RSV IMMUNIZATION

- 1) Placental transfer of antibody: generalizable to all populations?
  - a) Impact of HIV
  - b) Impact of maternal IgG
- 2) Timing of vaccination
- 3) Inhibition of secondary vaccine (if/when infant vaccines available)
- 4) Safety – in both mother and baby
- 5) Efficacy-
  - a) requiring large controlled clinical studies in geographical diverse and developing/developed countries
  - b) Clinical and laboratory endpoints



# NOVAVAX PREPARE Trial Completed: RSV Vaccine in Pregnant Women

## Primary Objective:

Efficacy of maternal immunization against medically significant RSV LRTI through 90-180 days of life in infants

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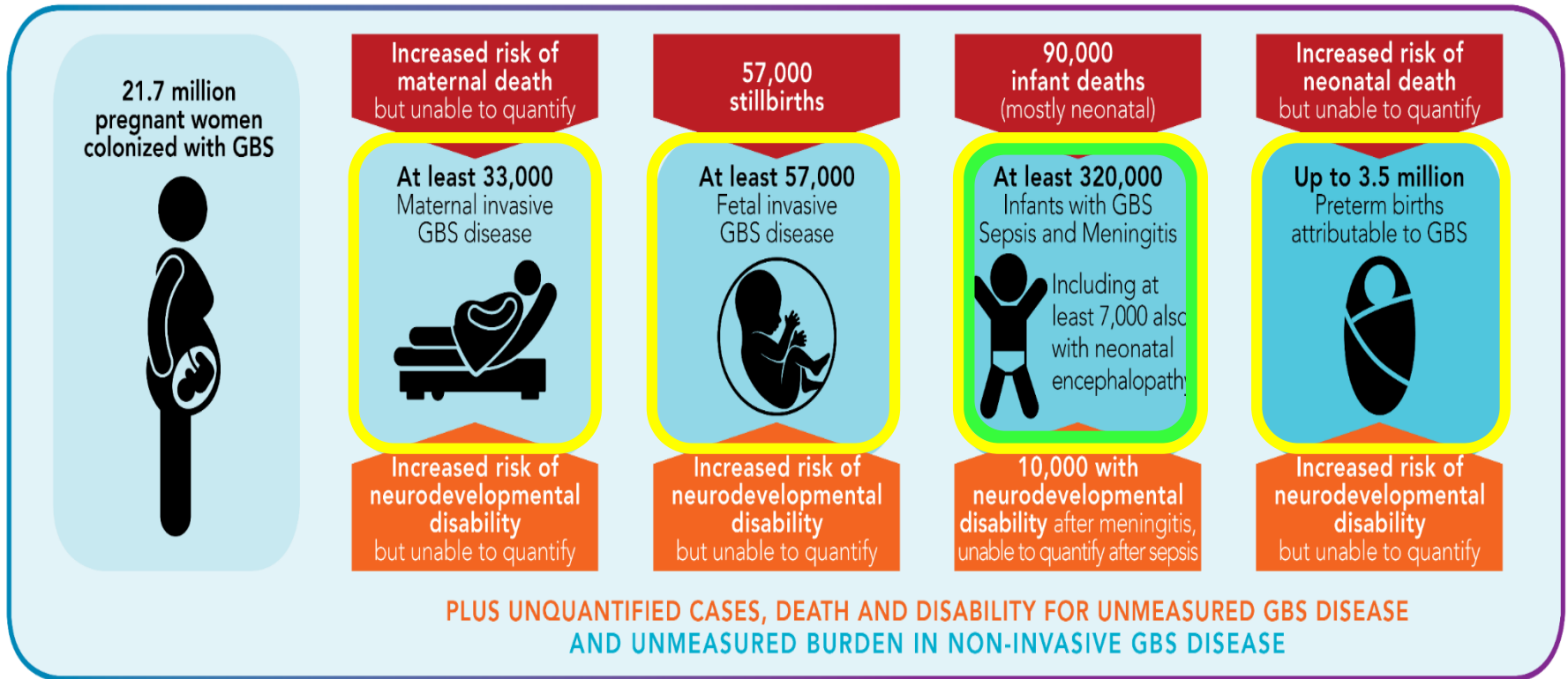
Randomized, Observer-Blind, Placebo-Controlled	
<b>Number of Participants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>4,636</b> third trimester pregnant women <b>randomized 2:1 (vaccine:placebo)</b></li></ul>
<b>Length of Study Participation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mothers: up to 9 months</li><li>• Infants: 1 year after delivery</li></ul>
<b>Dosing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 intramuscular (IM) Injection of RSV F vaccine or placebo at <b>28-36 weeks</b> Estimated Gestational Age (EGA)</li></ul>
<b>Safety Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Through 6 months post-partum in mothers</li><li>• Through 1 year in infants</li></ul>
<b>Efficacy Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Active/passive surveillance in mothers and infants</b></li><li>• Confirmation of RSV infection by RT-PCR</li><li>• Medically significant tachypnea or pulse oximetry (infants only)</li><li>• Confirmation of LRTI (infants only)</li></ul>



# Results of Novavax RSV Maternal Immunization Trial – Presented at ESPID 2019 \*

<b>% Efficacy</b> (97.5% CI; 95% CI) for MS RSV LRTI Primary Endpoint only  Placebo/Vaccine	<b>Medically                      Significant                      LRTI</b>	<b>LRTI                      Hospital-                      izations</b>	<b>LRTI with                      severe                      hypox-                      emia</b>
Primary and secondary RSV+ with site data through 90 Days	<b>39.4</b>  (-1, 63.7) <sup>1</sup> (5.3, 61.2) <sup>2</sup> 35/1430; 42/2765	<b>44.4</b>  (19.6, 61.50) 53/1430, 57/2765	<b>48.3</b>  (-8.2, 75.3) 14/1430, 14/2765

# WHAT ABOUT A MATERNAL GBS VACCINE?



Seale AC et al Clinical Infectious Diseases. 2017;65(S2):S200-19

Slide from A. TerMeulen, BMG Fndn

1. Higher impact than IAP as affects more outcomes
2. Higher coverage especially in challenging settings → more equitable than IAP □ Could be prevented by IAP
3. Leverage existing programmatic platforms (e.g. antenatal care)
4. Reduce antibiotic exposure (21.7 million women) □ Could be prevented by maternal vx



# Group B streptococcus vaccination in pregnant women with or without HIV in Africa: a non-randomised phase 2, open-label, multicentre trial



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- Multivalent conjugate GBS vaccine to serotypes 1A, 1B, and III administered to pregnant women in Malawi and South Africa
- GBS vaccine was safe and immunogenic in these women
- Vaccine was less immunogenic in HIV-infected women
- GMT of overall transfer of maternal antibody to infant in HIV-negative women varied from 2.67-3.91ug/ml for various GBS subtypes but was lower at 1.52-2.62 ug/ml in HIV-infected women.

# What vaccines have priority for maternal vaccination?

- RSV fusion protein vaccine: First large study under analysis; newer RSV vaccine candidates to start
- Group B Streptococcal vaccine: First study sponsored by Novartis completed in South Africa; company upheaval
- Meningitis vaccines: MenAfrivac given to pregnant women in Africa
- Acellular pertussis vaccine - Monovalent vs polyvalent?
- Herpes simplex virus
- Hepatitis E vaccine
- Pneumococcal vaccine – conjugate, polysaccharide
- Pre-pregnancy vs pregnancy: Cytomegalovirus, Zika, Ebola?

# POTENTIAL OBSTACLES FOR MATERNAL IMMUNIZATION

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- Lack of effective vaccines against important common pathogens
- Immune response to some vaccines appears short-lived, necessitating intrapartum (not pre-conception) vaccination and perhaps repeated immunization
- Regulatory and legal issues
- Liability issues and issues affecting interaction with pharmaceutical companies

# Legal Liability for Vaccine Manufacturers

- The background rates of major congenital anomalies, spontaneous abortions, and still births without vaccination are substantial
- Temporal relationships, rather than causation, will be difficult to prove or disprove
- Background of a litigious society makes supporting studies difficult for manufacturers
- Indemnification needed before companies will participate in production and testing



# OUR GOAL: HEALTHY MOTHERS, HEALTHY BABIES



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# Health Service Coverage Among Pregnant Women\*

Income Group	MDG 5 Antenatal care coverage (%) 2000-2009	
	At least 1 visit	At least 4 visits
Low income	69	39
Lower middle income	79	47
Upper middle income	94	75
High income	--	--
<b>Global</b>	78	48

\* World Health Statistics 2010.



# DIPHTHERIA: A fatal disease in the early 1900's



... Gunnar  
and Balto



Iditarod  
Dog Sled  
Race

- Diphtheria causes respiratory disease due to blockage of throat with thick secretions that make breathing difficult / impossible
- Treatment in 1920's was antitoxin
- Alaska outbreak with shortage of antitoxin – 2 children died in 1925
- Balto and Gunnar Kaasen delivered antitoxin to Nome (now the Iditarod sled race).
- Vaccine introduction in 1950's given to both children and pregnant women

# OTHER POTENTIAL PATHOGENS: What has priority?

- Group B Streptococcal vaccines: Study sponsored by Novartis completed in South Africa
- Acellular pertussis vaccines: under exploration with Gates Fndn
- Herpes Simplex virus
- Meningococcal vaccine
- Pneumococcal vaccine – conjugate?
- Cytomegalovirus ? – perhaps pre-pregnancy





# Efficacy of Maternal Flu Vx Immunization: Dependent on match to circulating viruses, Nepal\*

	Vx Efficacy Cohort 1 (p value)	Vx Efficacy Cohort 2 (p value)	Vx Efficacy Cohorts 1 & 2 (p value)
Maternal +ILI	7.4% (0.497)	33% (0.02)	17% (0.05)
Maternal + flu overall	<b>42% (0.07)</b>	-8% (0.84)	27% (0.18)
Infant lab - confirmed flu	12% (0.47)	<b>60% (&lt;0.01)</b>	<b>28% (0.03)</b>



\* Steinhoff et al, IDWeek 2015. Open Forum ID 2 (suppl 1): doi:10.1093/ofid/ofv133.1445



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# UPDATE ON POTENTIAL RSV VACCINES\*

## RSV Vaccine Snapshot

	PRECLINICAL				▶	PHASE 1	▶	PHASE 2	▶	PHASE 3	▶	MARKET APPROVED
LIVE-ATTENUATED	Codagenic RSV	LID/NAID/NH PVI-1/RSV	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile BCG			LID/NAID/NH RSV LID ΔM2-2		LID/NAID/NH RSV ΔNS2 ΔGTD				
	Intravacc Delta-G RSV	Mehma Vaccines RSV	Sanoft Pasteur RSV	St. Jude Hospital SeV/RSV		MedImmune, LID/NAID/NH RSV Med ΔM2-2		MedImmune, LID/NAID/NH RSV cps2				
WHOLE-INACTIVATED	NanoBio RSV											
PARTICLE-BASED	AgriVax VLP	Frankofer VLP	Mynovics Virusome	University of Massachusetts VLP								Noravax RSV F Nanoparticle
	Artificial Cell Technologies Peptide microparticle	Georgia State University VLP	Ruhr-Universität Bochum VLP	University of Massachusetts VLP								
	Emory University VLP	Mucosh BLP RSV pre-F	TecnoVax VLP	VLP Biosach VLP								
	GlaxoSmithKline RSV F protein	Janssen Pharmaceutical RSV pre-F Protein	PapVir RSV peptides	University of Georgia/Vir SH protein	University of Illinois RSV F protein		GlaxoSmithKline RSV post-F Protein	MedImmune RSV F protein				GlaxoSmithKline RSV F protein
SUBUNIT	Instituto de Salud Carlos III RSV F protein	NH/NAID/VRC RSV pre-F Protein	Renaptyn RSV peptides	University of Georgia RSV G protein	University of Saskatchewan RSV F protein							
NUCLEIC ACID	CureVac RNA	GlaxoSmithKline RNA	Inovio Pharmaceuticals DNA	Ruhr-Universität Bochum DNA								
GENE-BASED VECTORS	AlphaVax Alphavirus	Bavarian Nordic MVA	GenVax Adenovirus	Ruhr-Universität Bochum Adenovirus	Vanderbilt University Alphavirus							GlaxoSmithKline Adenovirus
	AmVax Sendai virus	Emergent BioSolutions MVA	Rosenthal Biopharma Adenovirus	University of Pittsburgh Adenovirus								Janssen Pharmaceutical Adenovirus
COMBINATION/IMMUNO-PROPHYLAXIS	Biomedical Research Models DNA prime, particle boost	Fudan University DNA+protein combo										MedImmune Muc-8B97 Anti-F mAb

UPDATED: JULY 10, 2015

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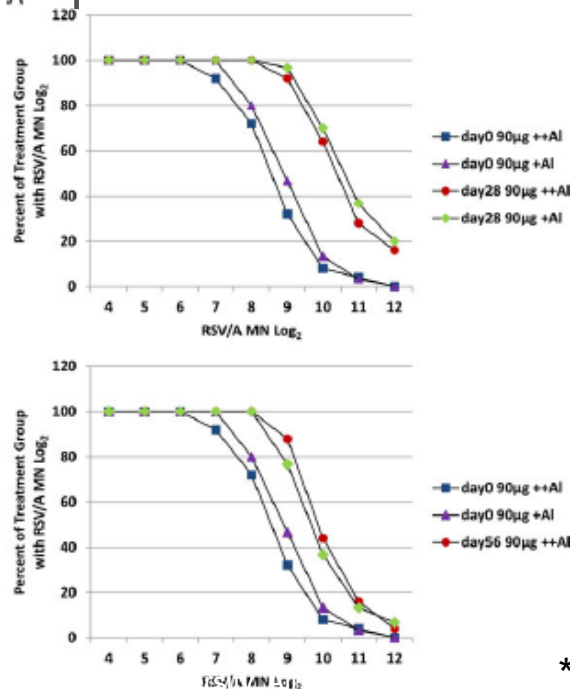
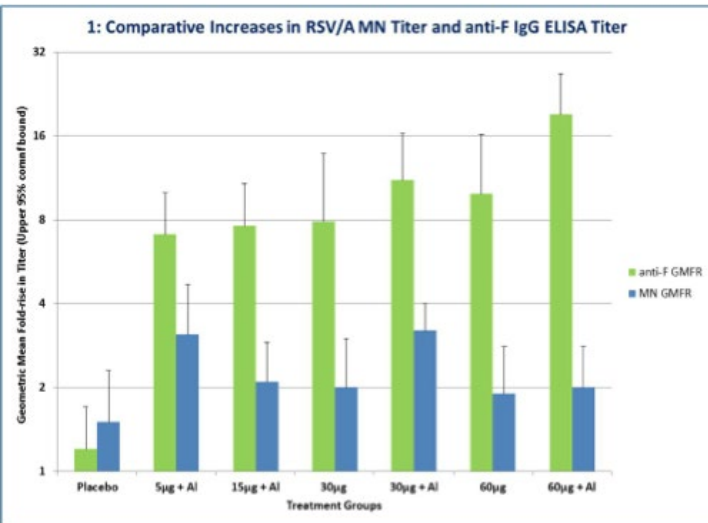


2015 RSV Vaccine Update by PATH: 62 candidates

\*[http://sites.path.org/vaccine-development/files/2014/07/RSV-Vaccine-Snapshot\\_8July2015.pdf](http://sites.path.org/vaccine-development/files/2014/07/RSV-Vaccine-Snapshot_8July2015.pdf)

# RSV F Nanoparticle Vaccine Currently in Clinical Trials – Novavax\*

- Developed by Novavax (Gaithersburg, MD)
- Engineered RSV postfusion F protein expressed in baculovirus forms nanoparticles
- Preclinical studies in cotton rats showed protection against RSV
- Phase I studies in healthy adults (men) completed\*
- Phase II placebo-controlled studies in 330 women of childbearing age and ~50 pregnant women completed



\*Glenn GM et al  
Vaccine 2013 31: 524  
\*\* Glenn GM et al JID  
2016 213; 411

# Vaccines Against Respiratory Syncytial Virus: The Time Has Come

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*What is this thing we call immunity?*

*Does it exist for ills from RSV?*

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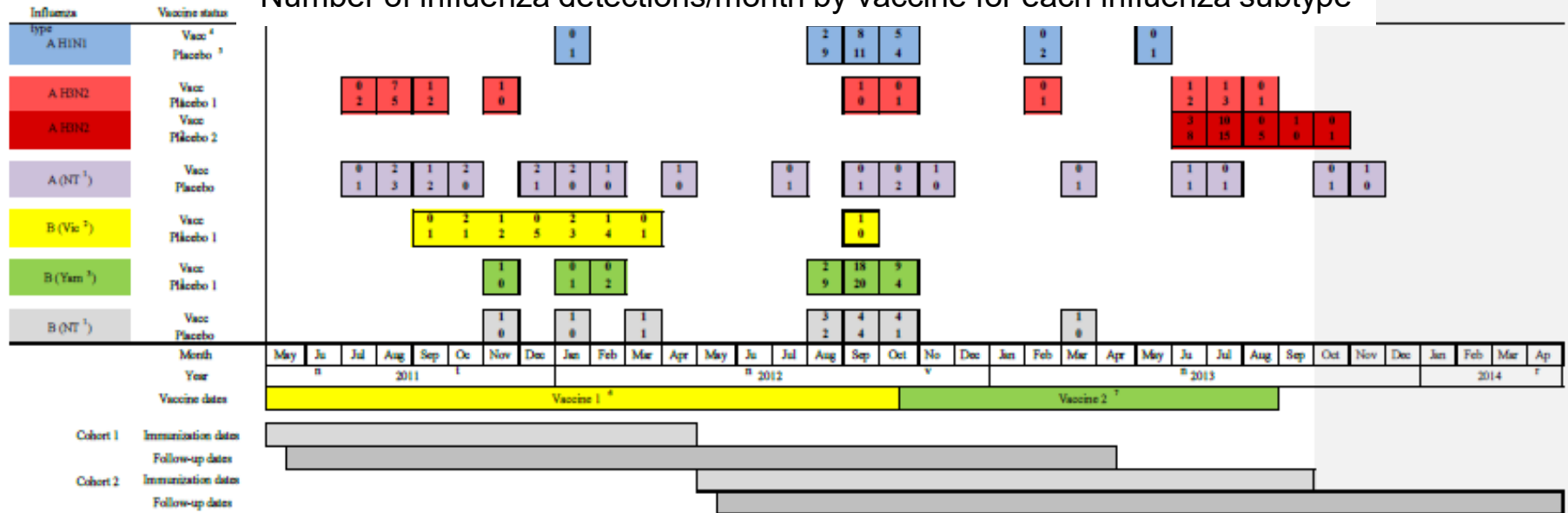


# Impact of Influenza B circulating strains and match to Vaccine in Immunized Pregnant Women- Nepal

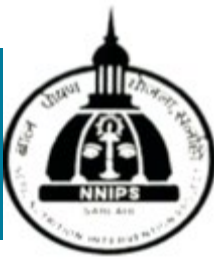
Summary of Influenza circulation, immunization dates, and vaccine status

Mothers and Infants Nepal 2011-2014

Number of influenza detections/month by vaccine for each influenza subtype



<sup>1</sup> Influenza A or B positive, not subtyped due to low viral load  
<sup>2</sup> Victoria lineage  
<sup>3</sup> Yamagata lineage  
<sup>4</sup> Vaccinated mothers and babies born to vaccinated mothers  
<sup>5</sup> Unvaccinated mothers and babies born to unvaccinated mothers  
<sup>6</sup> Vaccine 1 contained an influenza B Victoria lineage strain  
<sup>7</sup> Vaccine 2 contained an influenza B Yamagata lineage strain



# Efficacy of Maternal Flu Vx Immunization: Variation by match to circulating viruses, Nepal\*

	Vx Efficacy Cohort 1 (P value)	Vx Efficacy Cohort 2 (P value)	Vx Efficacy Cohorts 1 & 2 (P value)
Maternal lab-confirmed flu	42% (0.068)	-8% (0.841)	26.6% (0.186)
Maternal ILI	7.4% (0.497)	<b>32.8%</b> <b>(0.017)</b>	26.6% (0.052)
Infant lab - confirmed flu	11.8 % (0.474)	<b>59.9%</b> <b>(0.002)</b>	<b>28.2%</b> <b>(0.027)</b>

•Steinhoff et al, IDWeek, 2015



# THREE MATERNAL FLU VACCINE TRIALS

(Omer et al 2015 Vaccine)

	South Africa	Mali	Nepal
<b>Design</b>	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial, HIV uninfected and a second HIV infected trial	Randomized, controlled with mening vaccine, observer-blind trial	Randomized, placebo-controlled, community-based trial
<b>Enrollment</b>	20-36 wks gest.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester	17-34 wks gest., year round
<b>Primary Objectives</b>	Determine TIV efficacy in pregnant women against lab+ flu, and infants up to 24 wks; evaluate immunogenicity of TIV	Compare lab+ flu in infants thru 6 M born to mothers receiving TIV vs mening vx	Compare incidence of lab+flu in infants thru 6 M, and ILI in women receiving TIV vs placebo; compare incidence of LBW
<b>Maternal Mortality</b>	400 per 100,000 live births (adjusted)	540 per 100,000 live births (adj.)	280 per 100,000 live births (adj.)
<b>Infant Mortality</b>	50 per 1000	27 per 1000	19 per 1000

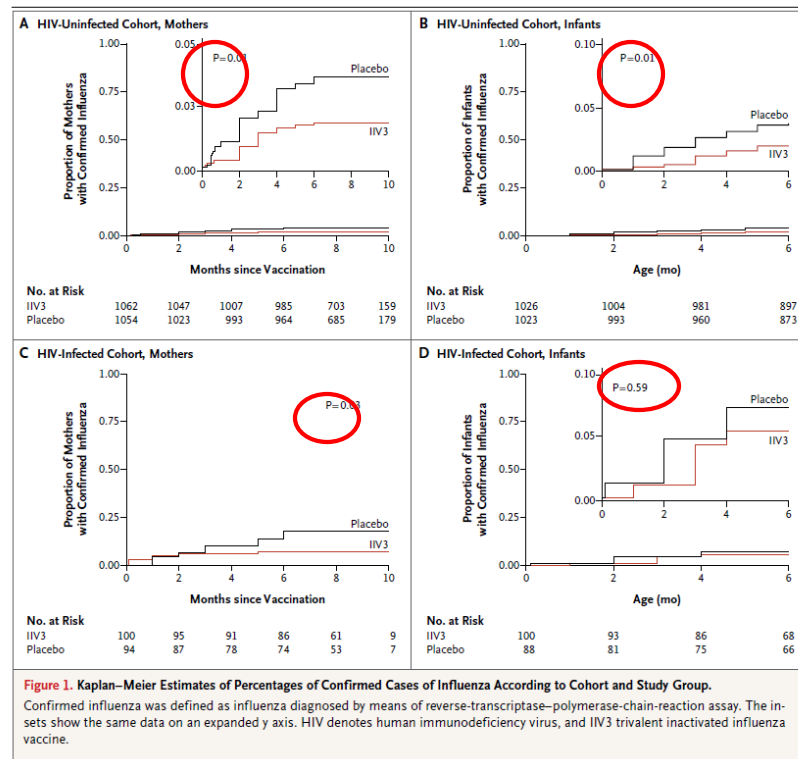
# South Africa: Maternal Immunization with Influenza Vaccine

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Influenza Vaccination of Pregnant Women and Protection of Their Infants

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### CONCLUSIONS

Influenza vaccine was immunogenic in HIV-uninfected and HIV-infected pregnant women and provided partial protection against confirmed influenza in both groups of women and in infants who were not exposed to HIV. (Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and others; ClinicalTrials.gov numbers, NCT01306669 and NCT01306682.)



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# MALI: Maternal Flu Vaccine Effective in Mothers and their Infants



Maternal immunisation with trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine for prevention of influenza in infants in Mali: a prospective, active-controlled, observer-blind, randomised phase 4 trial



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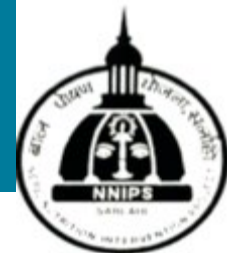
Comparison of maternal TIV vs meningococcal conjugate vaccine.

	Women				Vaccine efficacy (95% CI)	Infants				Vaccine efficacy (95% CI)
	TIV group (n=2108)	Incidence per 1000 person-days of follow-up	MCV group (n=2085)	Incidence per 1000 person-days of follow-up		TIV group (n=2064)	Incidence per 1000 person-days of follow-up	MCV group (n=2041)	Incidence per 1000 person-days of follow-up	
Type A	7	0.03	25	0.09	72.0% (35.2 to 87.9)	17	0.06	48	0.17	64.5% (38.3 to 79.6)
H3N2	4	0.01	7	0.03	42.8% (-95.4 to 83.3)	10	0.04	27	0.10	62.9% (23.4 to 82.0)
H1N1	3	0.01	18	0.06	83.3% (43.4 to 95.1)	7	0.02	21	0.07	66.6% (21.5 to 85.8)
Type B	4	0.01	15	0.05	73.3% (19.6 to 91.1)	8	0.03	10	0.04	19.9% (-103.0 to 68.4)

TIV=trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine. MCV=quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine.

Table 3: Number of cases of influenza and influenza vaccine efficacy against first episodes of laboratory-confirmed influenza by type in women and their infants up to 5 months of age

# NEPAL MATERNAL IMMUNIZATION STUDY: YEAR ROUND VACCINATION

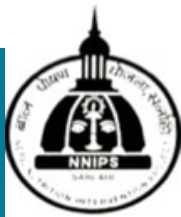


## Flu Vaccines used in Nepal Field Trial, 2010-2013

Vaccine Formulation	Vaccine Strains (a)			Lot No.	Date Used	Cohort	
	A/H3N2	A/H1N1	B				
Northern 2010-2011	Perth	California	Brisbane(V)	G7142	25 Apr 2011 to 29 Jul 2011	1	Vaccine 1
Southern 2011	Perth	California	Brisbane(V)	H9100	7 Aug 2011 to 30 Dec 2011	1	
Northern 2011-2012	Perth	California	Brisbane(V)	H7099-1	1 Jan 2012 to 31 May 2012	1 through April 24 2012, then Cohort 2	
				H7116-2	1 Jun 2012 to 29 Jun 2012	2	
Southern 2012	Perth	California	Brisbane(V)	J70265-1	1 Jul 2012 to 15 Oct 2012	2	
Northern 2012-2013	Victoria	California	Wisconsin(V)	J7186-1	15 Oct 2012 to 30 Dec 2012	2	Vaccine 2
Southern 2013	Victoria	California	Wisconsin(V)	J7154-4	30 Dec 2012 to 27 Jan 2013	2	
				J7217-1	27 Jan 2013 to 21 May 2013	2	
				K7021-3	21 May 2013 to 3 Sep 2013	2	
				K2009-3	3 Sep 2013 to 9 Sep 2013	2	

(a) Sanofi Pasteur Vaxigrip®

# Birth Weight Following Maternal Flu Vaccination, Nepal Trial\*



	Cohort 1		Cohort 2		Cohorts 1 & 2	
	Placebo	VX	Placebo	VX	Placebo	VX
Birth Wt gm (SD)	2741 (463)	2770 (441)	2790 (442)	2852 (459)	2762 (456)	2804 (450)
	RR Cohort 1 (95%CI)		RR Cohort 2 (95%CI)		RR Cohorts 1 & 2 (95%CI)	
Birth Wt (RR): babies born to immunized vs placebo mothers	28.9 (-15.6, 73.5) p=0.203		<b>62.0</b> <b>(10.0, 113.9)</b> <b>p=0.01</b>		<b>42.1</b> <b>(8.2, 76.0)</b> <b>p=0.015</b>	

\* Presented by Steinhoff et al, IDWeek, 2015

# NEPAL FLU VACCINE STUDY

Maternal influenza immunization in southern Nepal:

- Sponsored by B&M Gates Foundation
- ~3500 pregnant women enrolled to receive flu vaccine or placebo
- Babies and mother outcome followed
- Influenza present nearly every month







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# Weekly epidemiological record Relevé épidémiologique hebdomadaire

May 2012

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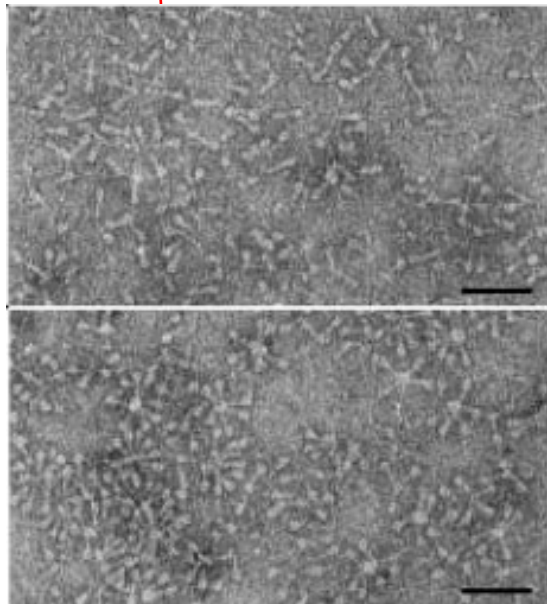
SAGE recommended pregnant women as the most important risk group for inactivated seasonal influenza vaccination. Other risk groups to be considered, in no specific priority order were: health-care workers, children aged 6–59 months, the elderly and those with high-risk conditions. SAGE recommended that countries with existing influenza vaccination programmes targeting any of these groups should continue to do so and should incorporate immunization of pregnant women into such programmes. Countries should decide which other risk groups to prioritize for vaccination based on burden of disease, cost-effectiveness, feasibility and other appropriate considerations.

The priority accorded to pregnant women was based on compelling evidence of substantial risk of severe disease in this group and evidence that seasonal influenza vaccine is safe and effective in preventing disease in pregnant women as well as their young infants, in whom disease burden is also high. Additional considerations for targeting this group included operational feasibility and the opportunity to prioritize and strengthen maternal immunization programmes.

- Pregnant women represent the most important risk group for receipt of inactivated seasonal influenza vaccine.
- The priority accord to pregnant women was based on “compelling evidence of substantial risk of severe disease in this group and evidence that seasonal influenza vaccine is safe and effective in preventing disease in pregnant women as well as their young infants, in whom disease burden is also high.”
- No recommendation for timing of influenza vaccine during pregnancy.
- Revision of WHO Position Paper and Grade Tables published in Nov. 2012.

# RSV Pre-Fusion and Post-Fusion F by Electron Microscopy

Prefusion RSV “lollipop”\*

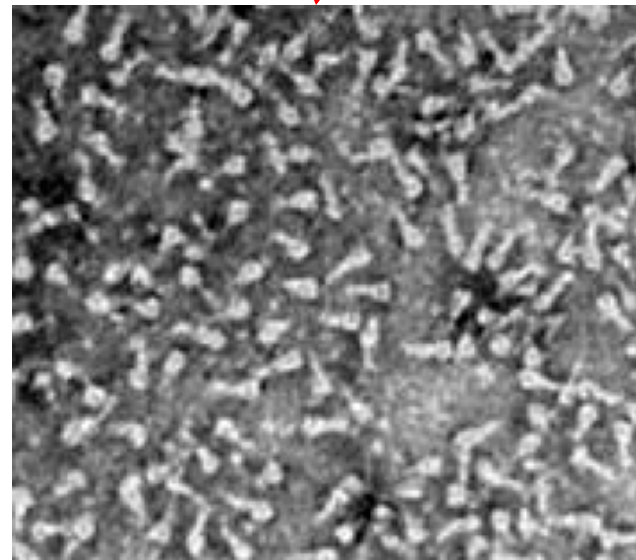


— Trypsin

$F_{TM}^-$

+ Trypsin

Postfusion RSV F “crutch”\*\*\*:



100 nm

\* Ruiz-Arguello MB et al , J Gen Vir 2004;85:3677

\*\*\*Swanson Et al PNAS 2011; 108:9619-9624; supplemental figures at:

<http://www.pnas.org/content/suppl/2011/05/17/1106536108.DCSupplemental>

# A Novel Investigational Fc-Modified Humanized Monoclonal Antibody, Motavizumab-YTE, Has an Extended Half-Life in Healthy Adults

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The study objective was to evaluate the pharmacokinetics (PK), antidrug antibody (ADA), and safety of motavizumab-YTE (motavizumab with amino acid substitutions M252Y/S254T/T256E [YTE]), an Fc-modified anti-respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) monoclonal antibody. Healthy adults ( $n = 31$ ) were randomized to receive a single intravenous (i.v.) dose of motavizumab-YTE or motavizumab (0.3, 3, 15, or 30 mg/kg) and followed for 240 days. Clearance of motavizumab-YTE was significantly lower (71% to 86%) and the half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ ) was 2- to 4-fold longer than with motavizumab. However, similar peak concentrations and volume-of-distribution values, indicative of similar distribution properties, were seen at all dose levels. The



# Safety and Immunogenicity of Tetanus Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) Immunization During Pregnancy in Mothers and Infants

## A Randomized Clinical Trial



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Arm	Group	N	Single dose administered to pregnant women with crossover design	
			Antepartum	Postpartum
Inter-vention	1	32	Tdap	Saline
Control	2	16	Saline	Tdap
Control	3	32	Single dose Tdap administered to non-pregnant women	

# Who Could Benefit From What Vaccine?

Licensed Vaccines	Mother	Infant
Tetanus	✓	✓
Influenza	✓	✓
Pertussis	✓	✓
Meningococcus	✓	?
Vaccines in Development		
Group B strep	✓	✓
RSV	?	✓
CMV		✓ October 25, 2012



# Increased information regarding GBS in pregnant women and children - CID 2018 Supplement





# Bangladesh: Maternal Immunization with Influenza Vaccine Protects Mothers and Babies\*

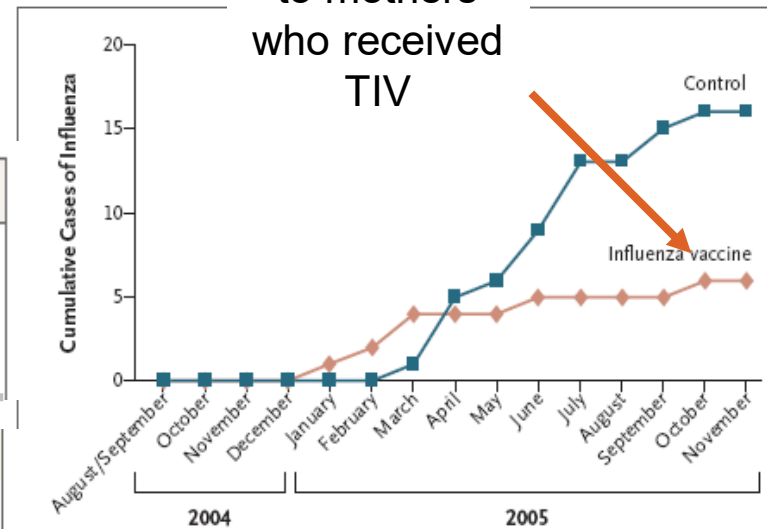
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**Table 2. Clinical Effectiveness of Influenza Vaccine in Infants and Mothers.\***

Variable	Episodes		Clinical Effectiveness (95% CI)†	Risk Difference (95% CI)‡
	Control no.	Influenza Vaccine no.		
<b>Mothers</b>				
Person-months	1076	1089		
<b>Respiratory illness with fever</b>				
Any fever	77	50	35.8 (3.7 to 57.2)	-14.2 (-25.5 to -2.9)§
Temperature >38°C	33	19	43.1 (-9.0 to 70.3)	-7.3 (-14.5 to -0.1)§
Diarrheal disease	60	49	19.3 (-24.6 to 47.8)	-5.9 (-16.4 to 4.5)
Clinic visit	25	19	24.9 (-43.9 to 60.8)	-3.2 (-9.8 to 3.4)

Babies born to mothers who received TIV



**Figure 2. Cumulative Cases of Laboratory-Proven Influenza in Infants Whose Mothers Received Influenza Vaccine, as Compared with Control Subjects.** Testing for influenza antigen was performed from December 2004 to November 2005.

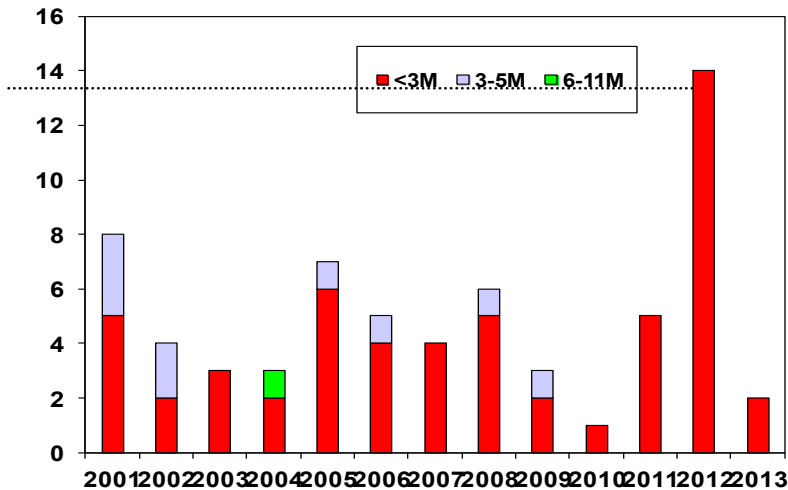
\*Zaman et al, NEJM 2008;359

# Effectiveness of maternal pertussis vaccination in England: an observational study

www.thelancet.com Published online July 16, 2014 [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(14\)60686-3](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(14)60686-3)

Gayatri Amirthalingam, Nick Andrews, Helen Campbell, Sonia Ribeiro, Edna Kara, Katherine Donegan, Norman K Fry, Elizabeth Miller, Mary Ramsay

- UK: Oct. 2012: Immunization of pregnant women started using TdapIPV; vaccine coverage in first year = 64%
- Vaccine effectiveness in infants based on cases of disease in babies in first 2-3 months of life.



## Effectiveness of Prenatal Versus Postpartum Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis Vaccination in Preventing Infant Pertussis

Clinical Infectious Diseases® 2017;64(1):3–8

Kathleen Winter,<sup>1,2</sup> Steve Nickell,<sup>1</sup> Michael Powell,<sup>1</sup> and Kathleen Harriman<sup>1</sup>

**Table 5. Vaccine Effectiveness Estimates Compared With Postpartum Administration<sup>a</sup>**

Timing of Prenatal Tdap	Pertussis at Age <8 wk	
	Adjusted VE (95% CI), %	Infants With Pertussis, No.
27–36 wk gestation	85.4 (33.0–96.7)	18
Any time during pregnancy	63.8 (10.6–85.4)	23

# Maternal Influenza Immunization and Prevention of Severe Clinical Pneumonia in Young Infants

*Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials Conducted in Nepal, Mali and South Africa*

Omer et al.

*Pediatr Infect Dis J* 2018;37:436–440

*Int J Gynecol Obstet* 2018; 140: 65–72



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## Impact of maternal vaccination timing and influenza virus circulation on birth outcomes in rural Nepal

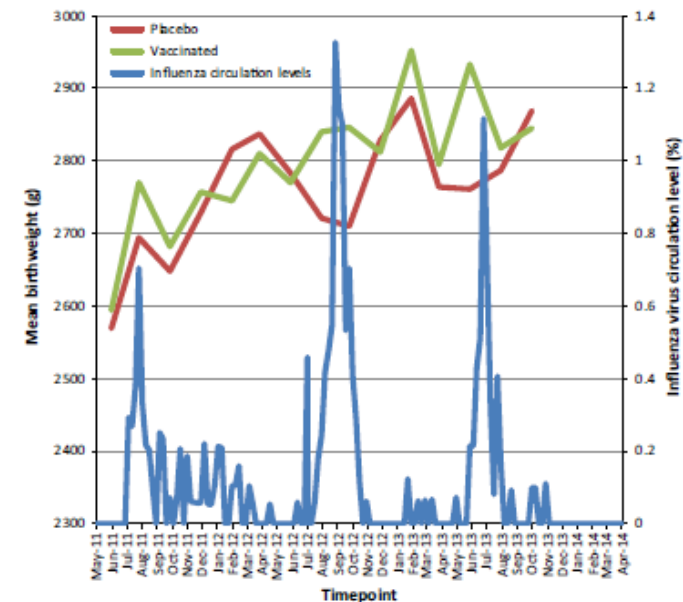


FIGURE 1 Mean birth weight in relation to influenza virus

# Timing of Tdap During Pregnancy: Earlier is Better !

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## 1. Maternal Immunization Earlier in Pregnancy Maximizes Antibody Transfer and Expected Infant Seropositivity Against Pertussis

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N = 335 women ,  
2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester

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## Pertussis Antibody Transfer to Preterm Neonates After Second- Versus Third-Trimester Maternal Immunization

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Optimal time to immunize preterm infants is 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester (85 mat/cord pairs)

## 2. The effect of timing of maternal tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) immunization during pregnancy on newborn pertussis antibody levels – A prospective study

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N = 61 immunized women/cords

Vaccine 32 (2014) 5787–5793

## The optimal gestation for pertussis vaccination during pregnancy - A prospective cohort study

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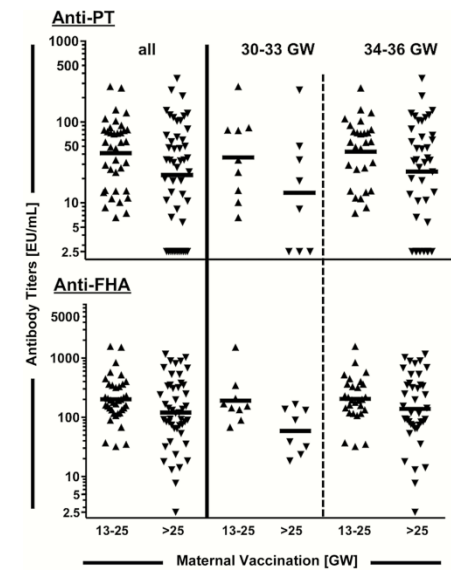
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N = 109 immunized mat/cord prs

Am J Ob Gyn 2016



# Maternal Immunization Studies Sponsored by Gates Foundation

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Influenza Vaccination of Pregnant Women and Protection of Their Infants

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## Year-round influenza immunisation during pregnancy in Nepal: a phase 4, randomised, placebo-controlled trial

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## Maternal immunisation with trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine for prevention of influenza in infants in Mali: a prospective, active-controlled, observer-blind, randomised phase 4 trial



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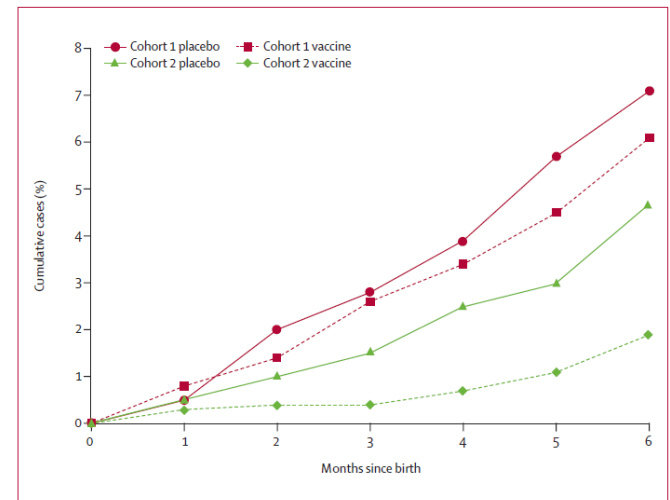


Figure 2: Laboratory-confirmed influenza in infants in cohort 1 and cohort 2

# MONOCLONAL AB: ANOTHER STRATEGIES FOR RSV

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

## A highly potent extended half-life antibody as a potential RSV vaccine surrogate for all infants

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Zhu et al., *Sci. Transl. Med.* 9, eaaj1928 (2017) 3 May 2017

MEDI8897 was optimized from antibody targeting the prefusion conformation of RSV F protein, and confirmed by crystallographic analysis of Fab. Has > 50-fold higher activity than PVZ



## Safety, Tolerability, and Pharmacokinetics of MEDI8897, the Respiratory Syncytial Virus Prefusion F-Targeting Monoclonal Antibody with an Extended Half-Life, in Healthy Adults

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## RSV Neutralizing Ab Over Time in Days

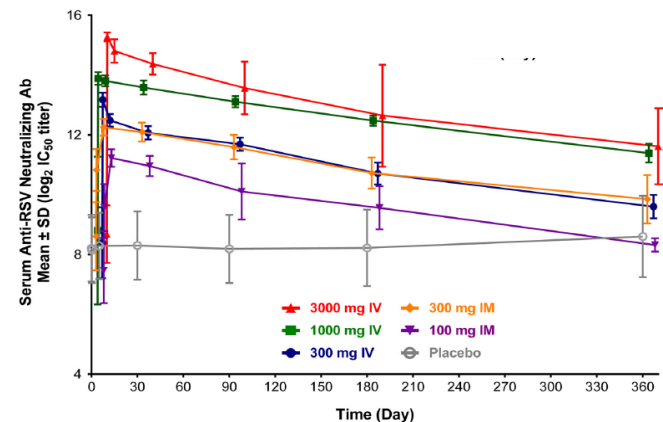


FIG 3 Anti-RSV neutralizing antibody titers after a single i.v. or i.m. dose of MEDI8897 or placebo. Data points represent the mean anti-RSV A2 neutralizing antibody titers on a log<sub>2</sub> scale. Data have been jittered. Error bars represent the standard deviations. Ab, antibody.

One injection resulted in extended  $t_{1/2}$  of 85-117 days in adults with high RSV neutralizing activity



# Introduction of Maternal Pertussis Vaccination – UK, 2012-2013\*

~70% rate of maternal TdapIPV uptake over time

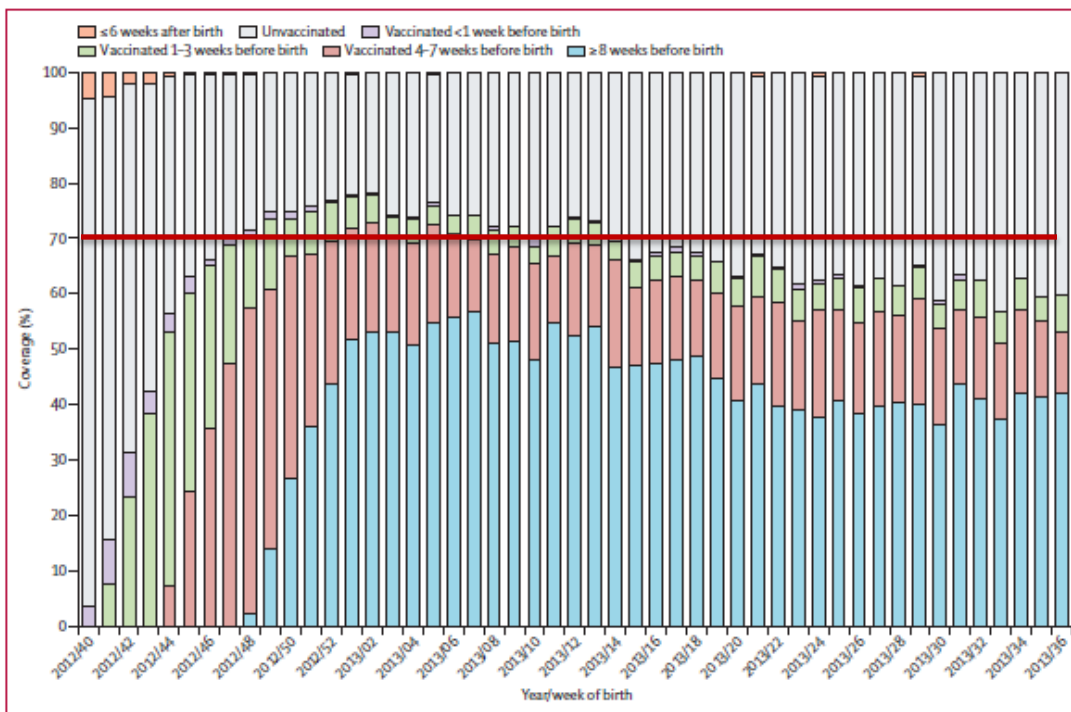


Figure 1: Estimated maternal vaccine coverage by week of birth

Figure shows coverage from week 40, 2012, to week 36, 2013. Figure based on data provided by the Clinical Practice Research Datalink.

Lancet 2014



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# History of Maternal Immunization

## Outbreaks

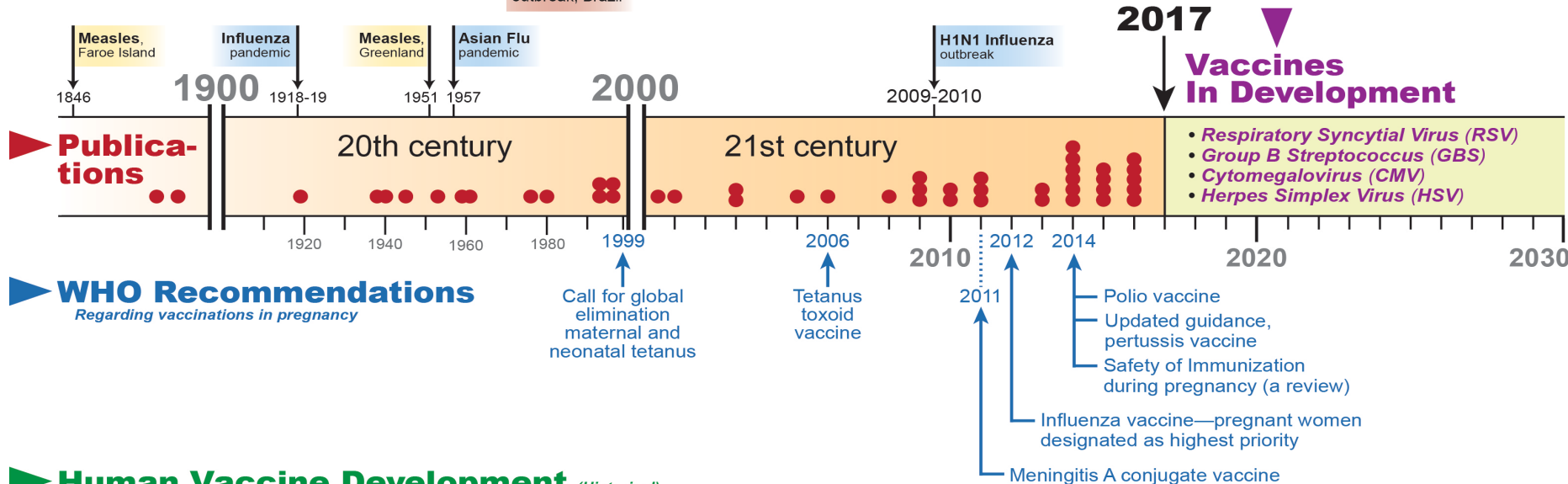
19th Century

Smallpox

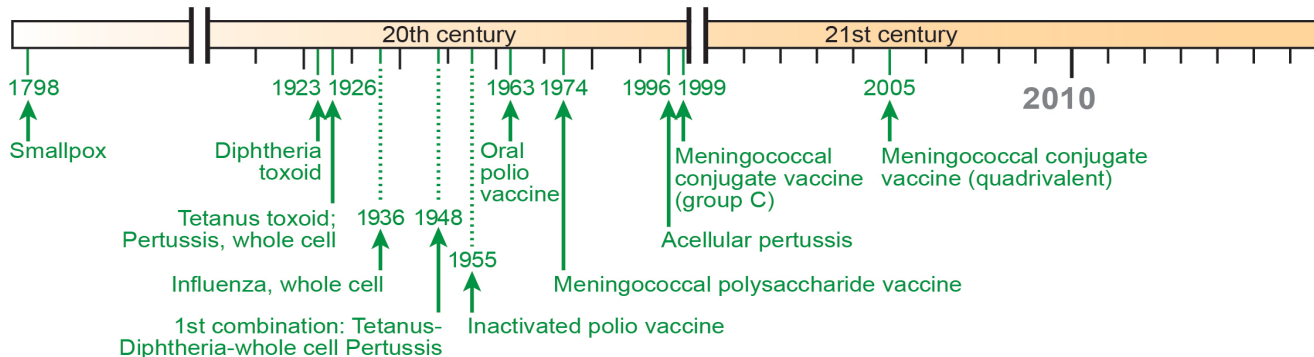
1970s–1990s

Polio, Israel and Finland

Meningococcal outbreak, Brazil



## Human Vaccine Development (Historical)



Kachikas A, Eckert L, Englund JA.

Who's the Target – Mother or Baby?

Viral Immunology 2017

# NEW APPROACHES TO MATERNAL PERTUSSIS IMMUNIZATION

*The Journal of Infectious Diseases*

MAJOR ARTICLE



## Maternal Vaccination With a Monocomponent Pertussis Toxoid Vaccine Is Sufficient to Protect Infants in a Baboon Model of Whooping Cough

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**BioNet Received Thai FDA Approval of the World's Only Available Recombinant Monovalent Acellular Pertussis (aP) Vaccine –Dec. 2016**

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/bionet-received-thai-fda-approval-of-the-worlds-only-available-recombinant-monovalent-acellular-pertussis-ap-vaccine-300383345.html>



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# CONCEPT OF MATERNAL IMMUNIZATION

Boosts maternal levels of pathogen-specific antibodies

Provides newborn and infant with sufficient concentration of antibodies to protect against infections

until able to adequately respond to active immunization or infectious challenge



# RSV VACCINE vs PLACEBO IN PREGNANT WOMEN\*

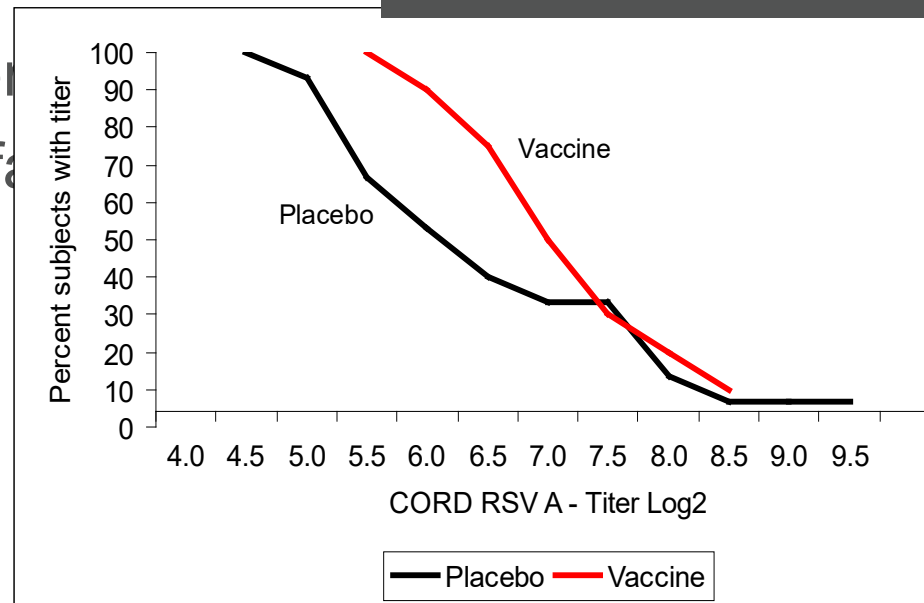
## Primary Endpoints:

- Safety in women and their offspring
- Effect of antibody on primary RSV disease in infants

## Secondary Endpoints:

- Immunogenicity
- Efficiency of antibody transfer
- Persistence of antibody in infant
- Breast milk antibody

## RSV-A Neutralization antibodies in Cord



\*Munoz, Piedra, Glezen. Vaccine  
2003;21:3465

# Maternal Immunization with RSV F protein Vaccine (Phase 2 study, Novavax, 2016)\*

## '2 Infants: Time from Vaccination to Delivery (Days) Impacts Placental Antibody Transfer

Assay	Source	Del. < 30d post vacc., n=7*	Del. > 30d post vacc., n=14	All n=21*
Anti F IgG	Cord	7,227	8,659	8,153
	Mothers	12,979	6,993	8,594
	<b>Ratio</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.9</b>
PCA	Cord	177	195	189
	Mothers	303	178	213
	<b>Ratio</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>
RSV/A	Cord	928	672	748
	Mothers	1,448	580	786
	<b>Ratio</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>
RSV/B	Cord	565	512	529
	Mothers	724	410	495
	<b>Ratio</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>

### Important Findings:

- Maternal antibody peaks 14d after vaccination
- Period of placental transfer >30 days maximizes antibody titer in infants
- P3 recruitment window opened to 31 weeks to maximize antibody transfer

GA = gestational age

Ad hoc analysis

\*Excludes 1 mother/infant pair with delivery 5 days post-immunization, late pre-term delivery

\*[http://novavax.com/download/files/presentations/FIGO\\_7OCT2015\\_AA\\_P2\\_Data\\_10\\_14\\_15\\_FINAL\(1\).pdf](http://novavax.com/download/files/presentations/FIGO_7OCT2015_AA_P2_Data_10_14_15_FINAL(1).pdf)



# COMPARISON OF THREE MATERNAL FLU VX TRIALS

	South Africa	Mali	Nepal
<b>Mat Flu VE rate</b>	<b>50.4%</b> <b>P = 0.01</b>	<b>Flu A: 72 %</b> <b>Flu B: 73%</b>	<b>26.6 %</b> <b>P = 0.186</b>
<b>Infant VE rate</b>	<b>48.8%</b> <b>P = 0.01</b>	<b>Flu A: 64%</b> <b>Flu B: 20%</b>	<b>28.2%</b> <b>P = 0.027</b>
<b>Infant attack rate</b>	3.6 %	(not shown)	Yr 1: 6.7 %; Yr 2: 4.7 %
<b>Birth Wt difference: Vx vs Placebo</b>	NS	NO (not shown)	<b>YES:</b> <b>2804 vs 2761 g;</b> <b>difference 42 g;</b> <b>P = 0.015</b>
<b>Decreasing infant VE over time</b>	YES VE decreased after age 2 M	YES VE decreased after age 5 M	NO No decrease change over 6 M

\* **South Africa:** Madhi S et al NEJM 2014; Nunes MC et al JAMA Pediatr 2016;  
**Mali:** Tapia M et al Lancet ID 2016; **Nepal:** Steinhoff Lancet ID 2017 (in press)

# Pregnancy and Inflammation, NK cells, and Implantation: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

- Not a simple Th1/Th2 paradigm
- The good: inflammation important for implantation
  - Cytokines provide growth factors necessary for implantation of fetus in placenta
  - Adaptive immunity has potential to potentiate inflammation
  - Treg cells control some aspects of adaptive immunity
- The bad:
  - NK cell hyperactivation, IF17 have role in **implantation failure**
- The ugly:
  - Endometriosis from prolonged inflammation leads to **infertility**

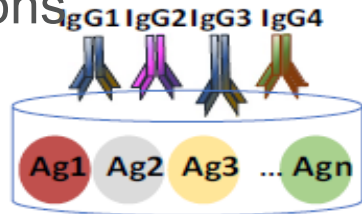
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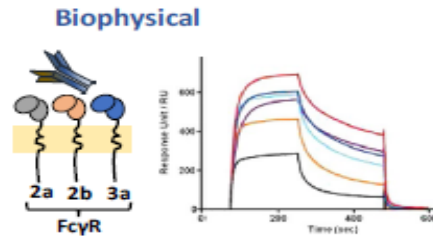
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# Better Understanding of Maternal AB Transport Across the Placenta: Systems Serology

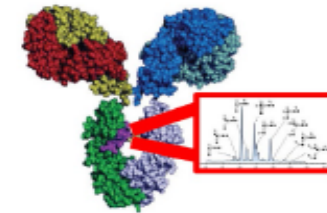
\*Fouda & Alter  
Immunohorizons  
2018



Antigen target and subclassing



Fc-receptor and Ag Affinity



Glycans

Fragment	Fab			Fc				
Feature	Antigen target	Epitope target	Antigen affinity	Isotype	Subclass	Glycans	FcR/C' binding	FcR affinity

- FcRn is a MHC class I-related molecule that plays a central role in regulation of IgG homeostasis and IgG transport across polarized epithelial barriers.\*
  - FcRn in cytosol binds Fc portion of IgG at acidic pH.
  - Maternal IgG undergoes endocytosis into syncytiotrophoblast cells making endosomes; FcRn then binds to maternal IgG and complex carried to basal plasma membrane where IgG released from FcRn upon exposure to normal pH; Fc R11a important.
- IgG1 most efficiently across placental but new data shows differential transport of IgG1 and functional Ab across Ab.\*\*
  - EXAMPLES: Increased transfer of ADCC Ab; specific glycans

# Summary of Key Efficacy Findings

Efficacy (%) (97.52%CI and 95%CI for MS RSV LRTI primary endpoint at 90 days, all others 95%CI) Placebo, Vaccine cases <sup>3</sup>	Time Interval	MS RSV LRTI	RSV LRTI hospitalizations	RSV LRTI w/ severe hypoxemia
<b>Primary and secondary RSV<sup>+</sup> w/ Site data</b>	<b>0 to 90 days</b>	<b>39.4</b> (-1, 63.7) <sup>1</sup> (5.3, 61.2) <sup>2</sup> 35/1430, 41/2765	<b>44.4</b> (19.6, 61.5) 53/1430, 57/2765	<b>48.3</b> (-8.2, 75.3) 14/1430, 14/2765
	<b>0 to 180 days</b>	<b>26.6</b> (-7.8, 50.1) 43/1430, 61/2765	<b>40.4</b> (16.0, 57.7) 59/1430, 68/2765	<b>42.2</b> (-10.9, 69.9) 17/1430, 19/2765
<b>Pre-specified exploratory RSV<sup>+</sup> w/expanded data</b>	<b>0 to 90 days</b>	<b>40.9</b> (15.9, 58.5) 56/1430, 64/2765	<b>41.7</b> (16.7, 59.2) 55/1430, 62/2765	<b>59.6</b> (32.1, 76.0) 32/1430, 25/2765
	<b>0 to 180 days</b>	<b>26.5</b> (-0.6, 46.2) 64/1430, 91/2765	<b>35.6</b> (10.3, 53.7) 61/1430, 76/2765	<b>51.2</b> (21.9, 69.6) 35/1430, 33/2765

1. (97.5% CI); 2. (95.0% CI); 3. Per-protocol population

Presented by F. Munoz,  
ESPID 2019

# IMPORTANCE OF RSV FUSION PROTEIN FOR VACCINES\*

RSV F proteins: Potential candidates for immunization of adults, women, and pregnant women

- Experience with monoclonal Ab prophylaxis of preterm infants with palivizumab (Synagis) provides rationale for this approach
- Vaccine prefusion F protein candidates may increase AB response even more:
  - Immunogenic in inducing protective neutralizing Ab in cotton rats, adult humans (already exposed)
  - Safe, non-reactogenic in adults
- Vast experience with maternal immunization against tetanus and influenza makes this approach promising

\*Englund and Chu, CID 2016

# Potential Problem: Uniform Definitions Needed for Maternal Immunization Trials

GAIA collaboration: Brighton initiative, in collaboration with WHO and co-sponsored by B&M Gates Fndn has worked to provide case definitions by experts for monitoring safety and adverse events during clinical trials. Definitions involve events related to pregnancy/childbirth/fetus and infants and will to enable more uniform descriptions and analysis of maternal immunization clinical trials.



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# Vaccine



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Key terms for the assessment of the safety of vaccines in pregnancy:  
Results of a global consultative process to initiate harmonization of  
adverse event definitions

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# IMPACT OF 2009 INFLUENZA A (H1N1): MOTHERS \*



MATERNAL Risk Factor	RR Hospital-ization	RR Death
Gender	1.0 (0.8-1.1)	0.8 (0.7-1.0)
Respiratory Disease	3.3 (2.0-5.8)	7.8 (4.9-26.6)
Asthma	1.8 (1.2-2.6)	1.7 (1.5-2.1)
Diabetes	0.9 (0.5-1.7)	4.0 (3.1-6.9)
Cardiac Dis.	2.0 (1.5-2.2)	9.2 (5.4-10.7)
Renal Dis.	4.4 (4.2-4.5)	22.7 (21-25.4)
Liver Dis.	3 5.7 (3.2-16)	17.4 (11.6-28)
Neurological Disease	1.1 (0.9-1.3)	13.1 (8.4-32.4)
Immune Compromised	24.3 (16.1-33)	27.7 (14-66.5)
<b>Pregnancy</b>	<b>6.8 (4.5-12.3)</b>	<b>1.9 (0.0-2.6)</b>

Relative Risk differed by country from 3.5 in Germany to 25.3 in France, and may reflect clinical practice variations and health care utilization

\*Van Kerkhove, Mounts  
PLoS Med 2011

# IMPACT OF 2009 INFLUENZA A (H1N1): INFANTS



Study	Site	Case	Control	Results
McNeill AJOG 2011	Canada 1990-2002	Maternal flu season respiratory hospitalization (N=208)	No hospitalization (N=132,099)	Newborns of hosp. women: 90 gm smaller, 40% more likely SGA
Mendez-Figueroa AJOG 2011	USA 2009- 10	Maternal ILI with lab confirmed pandemic H1N1 (N=15)	Maternal ILI with neg. lab test (N=25)	Newborns exposed to flu were 285 gm smaller
Pierce BMJ 2011	UK 2009-10	Pregnant women with lab+ confirmed pandemic H1N1 (N=256)	Historical comparison of pregnant women from 2005-2006 (N=1220)	Newborns exposed to flu were 255 gm smaller, with incr. perinatal mortality and premature birth

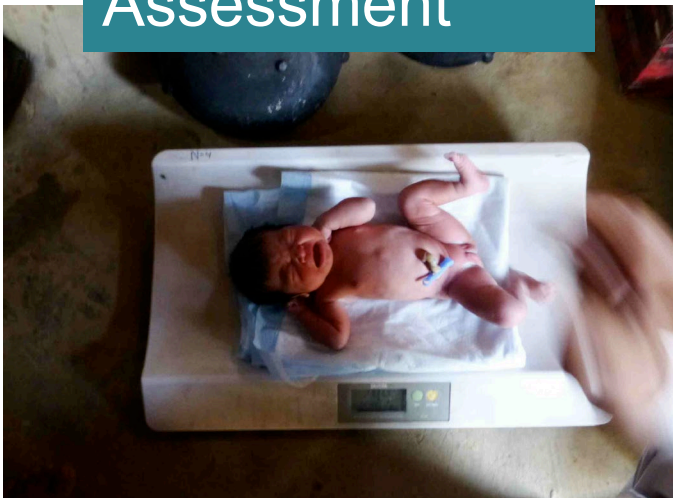
# BIRTH ASSESSMENT and WEEKLY ASSESSMENTS



Birth  
Assessment



Weekly Assessment



Transport  
of  
specimens

# Immune Responses During Pregnancy

- Physiologic changes \*
  - Increased heart rate, stroke volume; decreased lung capacity but increase in O<sub>2</sub> carriage.
  - Alter host response to antigens (increase in estrogen and progesterone result in decreased interleukins).
  - Increase in blood cortisol levels (decreased clearance)
- Decreased cell mediated immunity: relatively minor predisposition to listeria, TB, toxoplasmosis, etc.\*
- Decrease in concentration of IgG by hemodilution (18% IgG decrease from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester\*\*)
- Historically: Th2 humoral immune response thought to predominate but now evidence of shifts between pro-inflammatory and anti-inflammatory states to facilitate implantation of blastocyst, fetal growth, and parturition (facilitated by estrogens and progesterone)\*\*\*
- No significant alteration in antibody responses to vaccines or infections

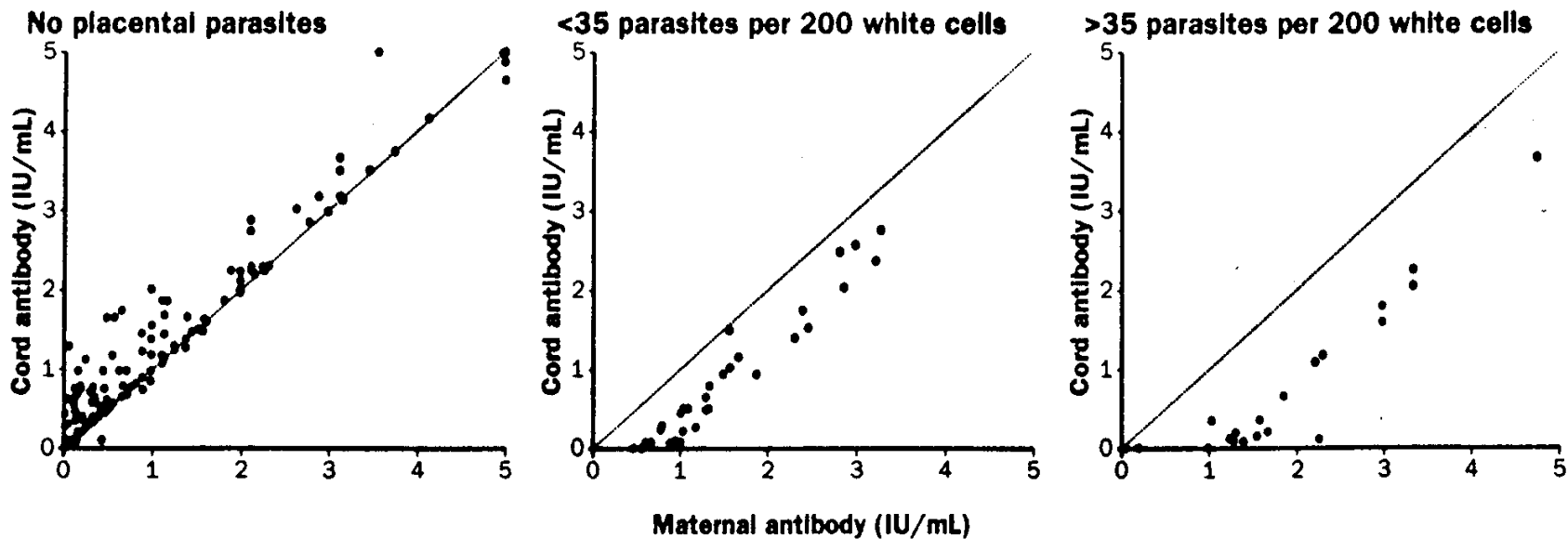


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\*\* Amino N. et al 1978 Ob Gyn 52: 415

\*\*\*Zenclussen AC Am J Reprod Immunol |2013;69:291-303; Chaouat G. J Reprod Imm 2002;53:241-56.

# PLACENTAL STRUCTURE: Reduced Transfer of Tetanus Antibodies with Malaria



Cord/Maternal IgG ratio:

0.82

0.23

0.18



# DIPHTHERIA

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION IN YOUNG BABIES

A STUDY OF SOME FACTORS INVOLVED

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Barr et al, Lancet 1950

TABLE I—ANTITOXIC RESPONSE OF BABIES TO TWO INJECTIONS, EACH OF 0.5 ML. OF A.P.T. : BABIES GROUPED ACCORDING TO THE TITRE OF PASSIVE ANTITOXIN PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST INJECTION

Group	Passive antitoxin at time of 1st injection (unit/ml.)	Age (weeks)	No. of babies producing titres (unit/ml.)								Total no.	Geometric mean (unit/ml.)	Av. interval (weeks) between		
			<0.01	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.1	0.2	0.5	1.0			1st and 2nd injections	2nd injection and blood sample	
A	Total under 0.02	6-13	..	..	..	1	3	11	4	1	20	0.329	8.1	8.9	
B		14-26	..	..	..	3	6	9	3	2	23	0.267	8.7	8.5	
C		Over 26	..	..	2	3	1	10	1	1	18	0.207	9.6	8.9	
A + B + C		6 upwards	..	..	2	7	10	30	8	4	61	0.265	..	..	
D		0.02-0.04	Av. 18.4	..	..	1	2	1	1	2	0	7	0.166	9.9	9.1
E		0.04-0.10	Av. 12.9	..	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	6	0.098	7.8	7.7
F	0.10-0.20	Av. 18.2	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	<0.020	8.2	8.2	

**Infants protected after maternal immunization**

**BUT: More maternal Ab → Less infant Ab after infant immunization**



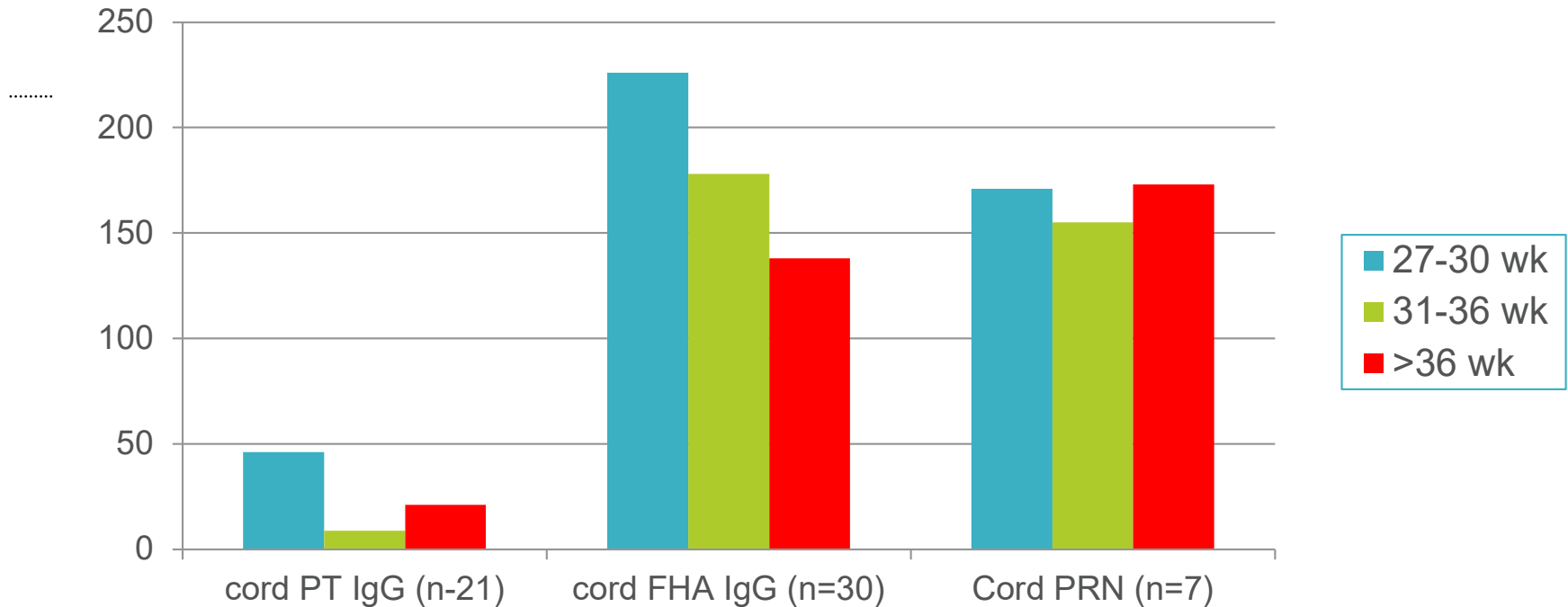
# Placental Transfer of Anti-Measles AB in Mothers with High Total IgG is Reduced\*

- Total IgG in mothers associated with reduced efficiency of transfer of total & measles-specific IgG
- Relatively more measles Ab transferred to babies born to German mothers than Nigerian mothers

	<b>Total IgG in Mother At Delivery Mean (Range) (g/L)</b>	<b>Maternal Measles NT Ab</b>	<b>Cord Measles NT Ab</b>	<b>% Trans- mission</b>
<b>Nigerian</b>	<b>15.8 (18-26)</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>German</b>	<b>8.7 (4.8- 16)</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>140%</b>

\*Harter et al. PIDJ 2000;19:635-41

# Timing of Maternal Tdap and Cord Ab Levels\*



## CONCLUSION:

Immunization of pregnant women with Tdap between 27-30<sup>+6</sup> weeks associated with highest umbilical cord GMCs of IgG to PT and FHA compared with immunization beyond 31 wks.

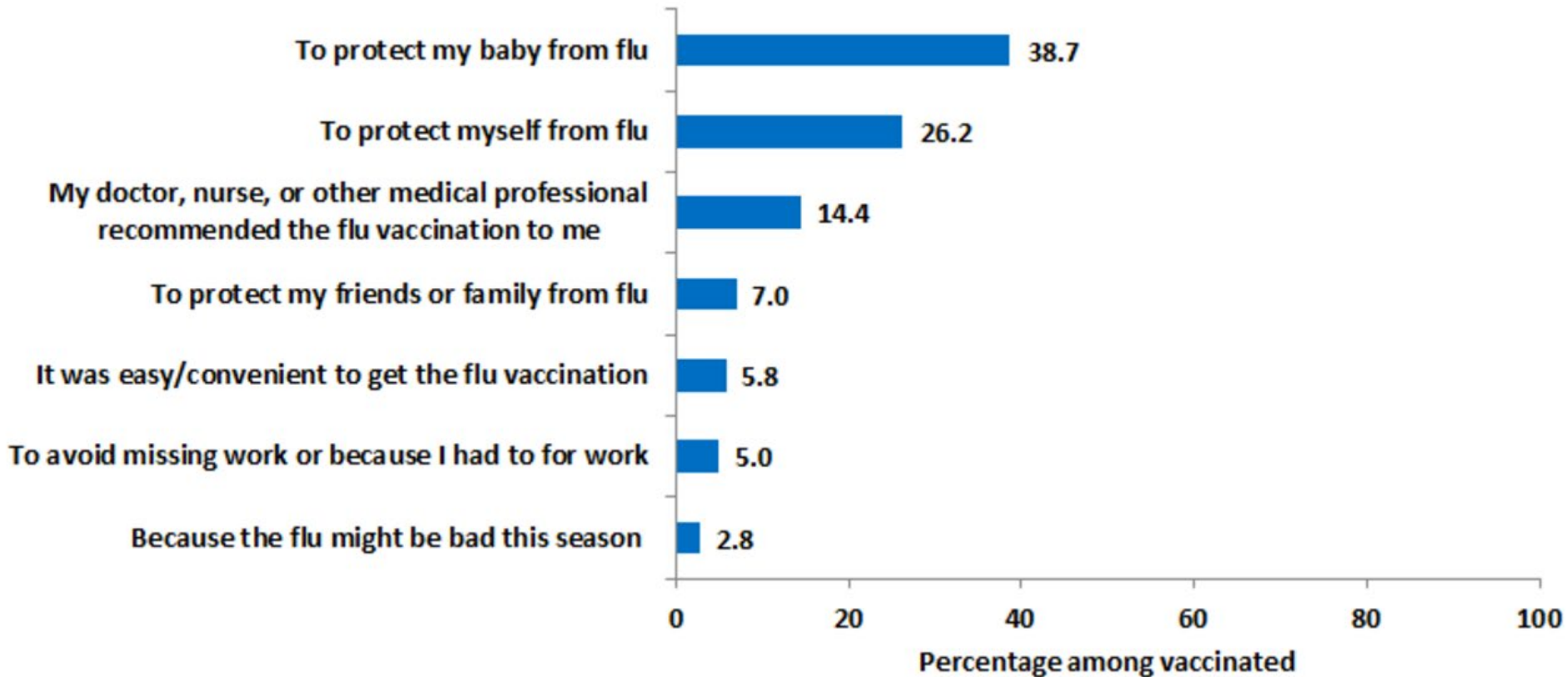
\* Abu Raya, Srugo, Kessel, et al.  
Vaccine 2014;32:5787

# Case Presentation

Your patient says: “I don’t believe in vaccines” when you offer the flu vaccine to your pregnant patient who is at 24 weeks gestation. “Last year I got the vaccine, and I still got sick.”

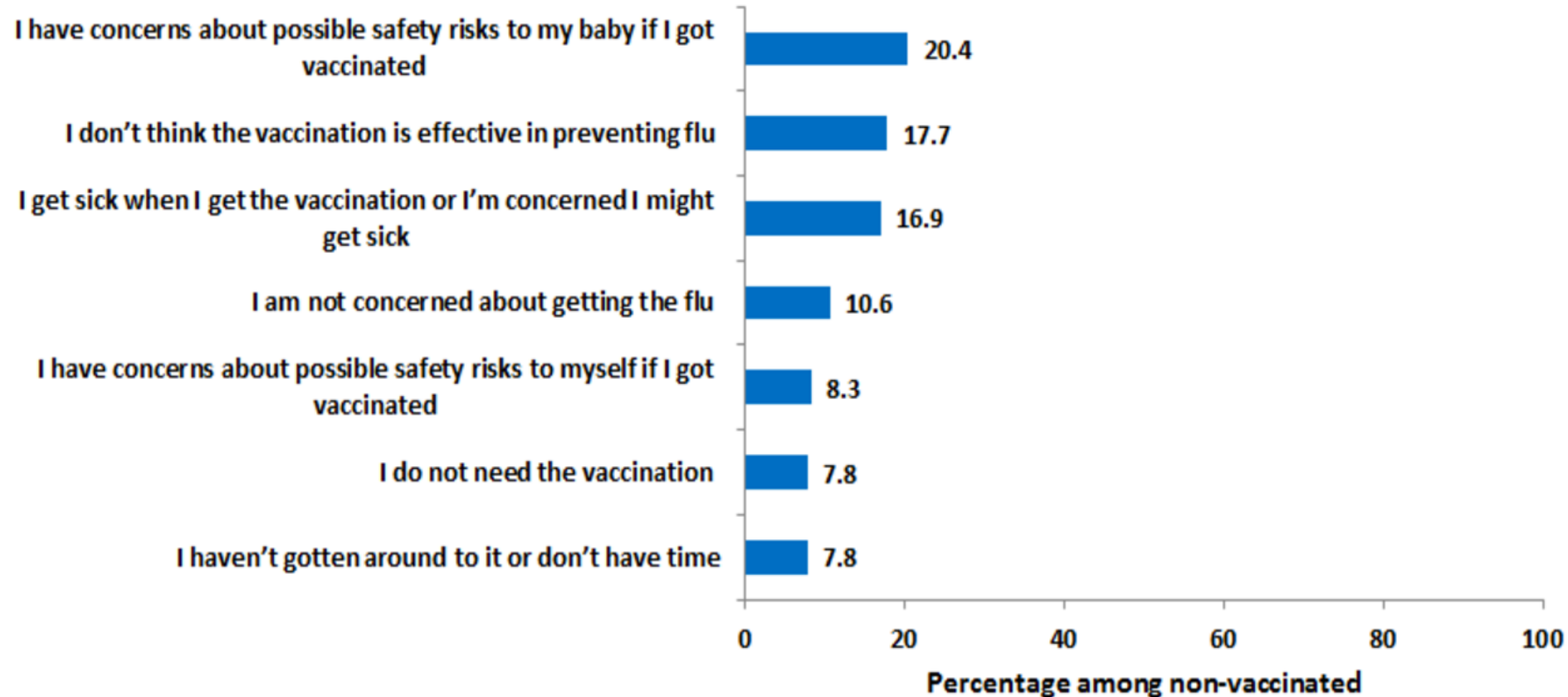
What would your response be? Would your response differ in a pregnant vs a non pregnant patient?

# Main Reason for **RECEIVING** Flu Vaccine During Pregnancy in USA



*Ding, Helen et al. Internet Panel Survey conducted by CDC Mar 29–Apr 7, 2016*

# Main Reason for **NOT** Receiving Flu Vaccine during Pregnancy in USA



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# COMPARISON OF THREE MATERNAL FLU VX TRIALS

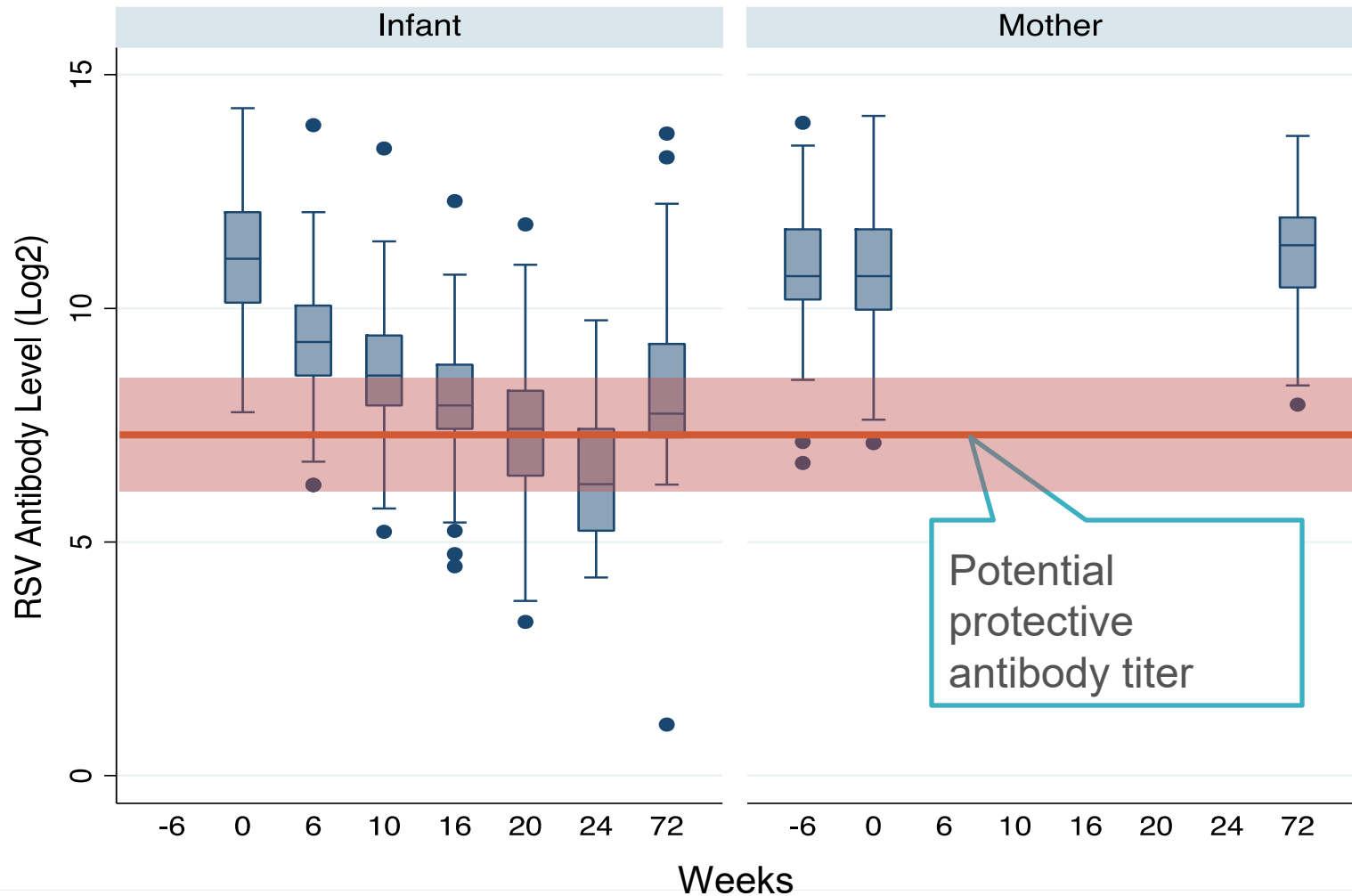
	S. Africa	Mali	Nepal
<b>Climate</b>	Temperate	Tropical	Subtropical
<b>Comparator</b>	Placebo	Meningococcal vx	Placebo
<b>When vx given</b>	Pre-seasonal	Seasonal- long	Year-round
<b>Maternal BMI</b>	27.6	-	<b>21</b>
<b>Placebo:</b>			
Preterm < 37 wk	10%	-	<b>13.6%</b>
Birthwt (median)	3.1 kg	-	2.76 kg
LBW (< 2.5 kg)	12.5%	-	<b>26.8%</b>

**South Africa:** Madhi S et al NEJM 2014; Nunes MC et al JAMA Pediatr 2016;

**Mali:** Tapia M et al Lancet ID 2016; **Nepal:** Manuscript submitted



# Infant and Mother RSV Antibody Levels Over Time in 149 Mother/Infant Pairs (Bangladesh\*)



\*Chu H, Steinhoff M, et al. JID 2015

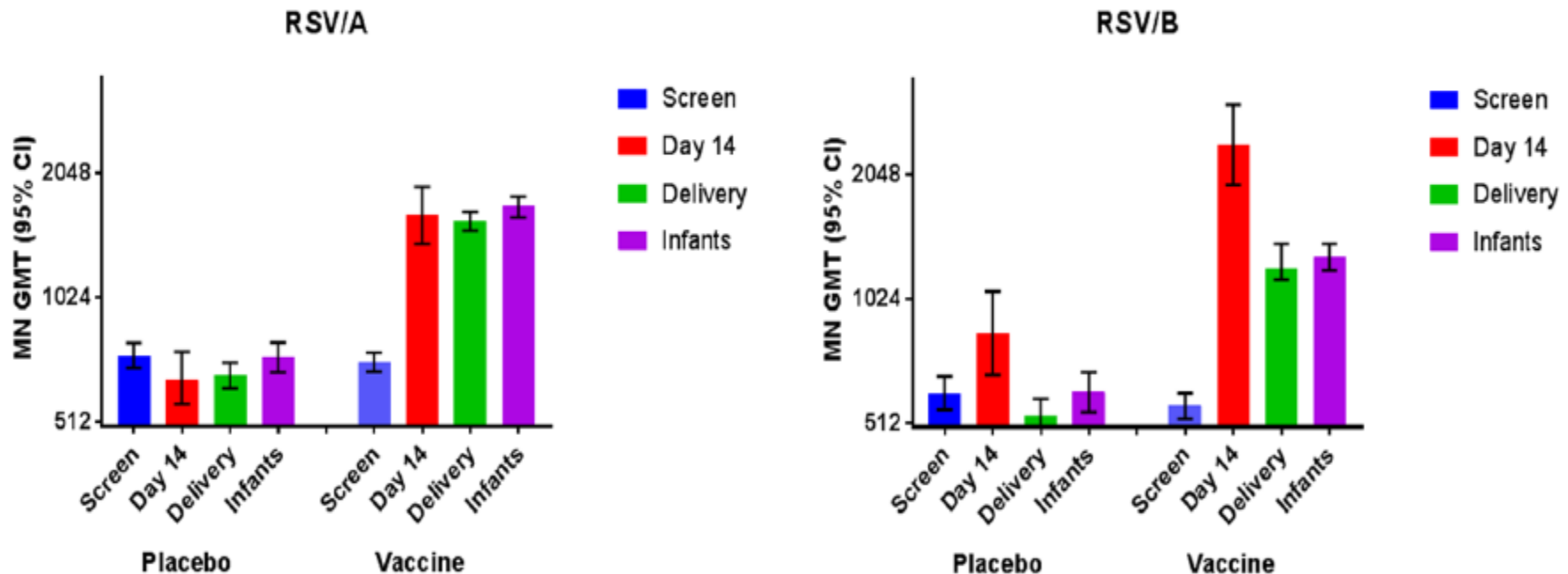
# CLINICAL TRIALS OF RSV F-PROTEIN VACCINES

## RECENT RSV CLINICAL TRIALS

1. Elderly: MedImmune and Novavax: Results did not demonstrate efficacy against RSV disease (2017 Int'l RSV Meeting)
2. Healthy adults of childbearing age – Novavax, (Glenn JID 2016; Langley JID 2016 and 2018)
3. Pregnant women – International phase 2, 3 trial completed with > 4000 women (Novavax with support from B&M Gates). Pregnant women vaccines under consideration by other pharmaceutical companies.

# Vaccine Immunogenicity and Transplacental Transfer of Antibodies: Neutralizing Antibodies

Microneutralization Responses from Subset of Season 1 and 2 Subjects



Presented by F. Munoz at  
ESPID, 2019, Slovenia

# Pregnant Women in Alaska.....

# Alaska Dispatch News

Saturday, September 20, 2014

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## *Pregnant Homer woman joins mating call to bag moose with single shot*

By **CRAIG MEDRED**  
Alaska Dispatch News

If you're 8½ months pregnant, craving meat and find the freezer empty, what do you do?

Well, if you're a woman in Homer, you go out and shoot a moose. That's what Ashley Switzer did.

The 22-year-old, soon-to-be first-time

mom was home alone in early September when it came time to put food on the table. Husband Scott was off working on a fishing boat somewhere near Kodiak Island, about 130 miles to the southwest.

Ashley wasn't sure when he'd be home, so she decided she best do something



Photo courtesy of YVONNE KETELLI

See Back Page, **MOOSE** Ashley Switzer shot a moose while she was 8½-months pregnant



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# Influenza Vaccine and Pregnant Women\*

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Review

Influenza vaccine for pregnant women in resource-constrained countries:  
A review of the evidence to inform policy decisions

Justin R. Ortiz<sup>a,b,\*</sup>, Janet A. Englund<sup>c</sup>, Kathleen M. Neuzil<sup>a,b,d</sup>

- High burden of influenza illness among pregnant women.
- Excellent immunogenicity and safety profile of TIV.
- Effectiveness in infants born to vaccinated mothers.
- No good alternatives for neonates, young infants.
- Main barriers: logistics and costs.

Level of evidence	High resource	Low resource
Disease burden, mother	++	+
Disease burden, infant	++	+
Vaccine safety	++	+
Maternal immunogenicity	++	+
Antibody interference with routine childhood immunization	N/A	N/A
Effectiveness in pregnant women	+	+
Effectiveness in infants born to vaccinated mother	+	+

## Legend:

++ Substantial information available

+ Partial information available

– Little or no information available

N/A Not applicable

\*Ortiz JR, Englund JA, Neuzil KM. Influenza vaccine for pregnant women in resource-constrained countries: A review of the evidence to inform policy decisions. *Vaccine*. 2011 Jun 15;29(27):4439-52. PMID: 21550377

# Transplacental Antibody Transfer by Gestational Age\*

Gestational age: 10% at beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup>

trimester, 50% by end of 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester, & >100%.....

by birth

