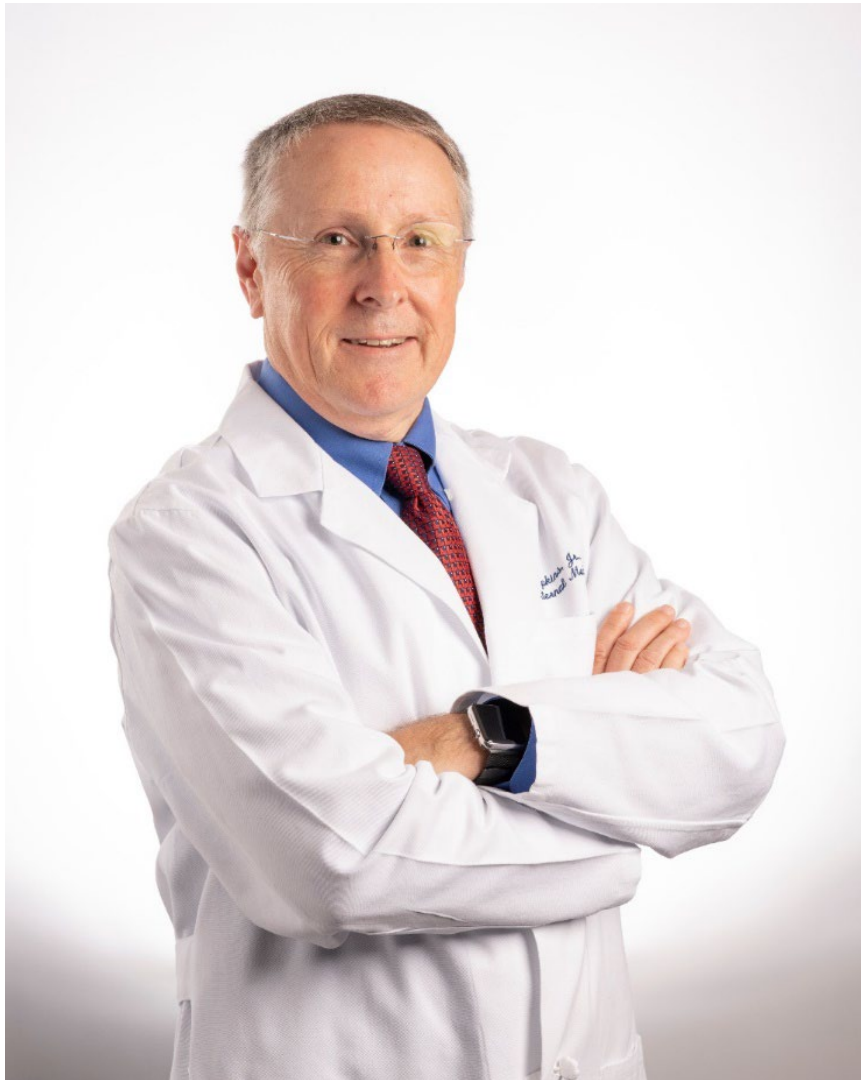


Public Meeting

**NATIONAL  
VACCINE  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

June 13-14, 2024





June 14, 2024

# CHAIR'S WELCOME

Robert H. Hopkins, Jr., MD, MACP, FAAP  
Chair, National Vaccine Advisory Committee



# Housekeeping and Meeting Minutes

- The meeting is recorded and streamed, so statements made are on the record and may be included in the meeting minutes.
  - **Webcast:** [www.hhs.gov/live](https://www.hhs.gov/live)
- Before speaking, please ensure you are not muted and identify yourself.
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# Meeting Highlights: June 13

- Being Ready for a Rapid Response: A Proactive Discussion of Production Capabilities
- Pride, Equity, and Community: Mpox Vaccination in 2024
- Fall and Winter Respiratory Diseases: The Vaccination Season Ahead
- Outbreak Update: Measles Cases in Chicago and Cook County
- Breast Cancer Vaccine Innovations in the Works
- Public Comment
- Adjourn



# Meeting Highlights: June 14

- Immunization Data: Innovations, Improvements, and Updates
- Saluting Global Immunization Efforts: 154+ Million Lives Saved
- Research Review: An Eye-Opening Study on Switching Arms Between COVID-19 Vaccine Doses
- Federal Agency and Liaison Member Updates
- Towards an Updated National Strategy: Progress and Priorities
- Public Comments
- **Adjourn 2:30 PM Eastern**

# Public Comments

- Verbal comments are scheduled for 2:15 p.m., Eastern Time today
  - Please limit all verbal comments to 3 minutes in length.
- Submit written comments to [nvac@hhs.gov](mailto:nvac@hhs.gov)
  - You may submit written comments. Written comments should not exceed 3 pages in length.
  - Requests for public comment should be sent to [NVAC@hhs.gov](mailto:NVAC@hhs.gov) at least 5 days in advance of a scheduled public meeting.

# Upcoming Meetings

- September 12-13, 2024



Learn more: [www.hhs.gov/vaccines/nvac](https://www.hhs.gov/vaccines/nvac)

# Immunization Data: Innovations, Improvements, and Updates

**Dr. Jason Asher**

**Dr. Shannon Stokley**

**Rebecca Coyle**

**Dr. Pamela Belperio**

**Dr. Patricia Lloyd**





# Center for Forecasting & Outbreak Analytics

Better Data, Better Analytics, Better Response

# Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics (CFA)

## VISION

To empower people to save lives and protect communities from health threats.

## MISSION

To harness cutting-edge analytics to improve response to public health emergencies.

## GOALS

### Predict

Deliver actionable analysis and response-ready modeling tools

### Inform

Generate practical decision support communications products

### Innovate

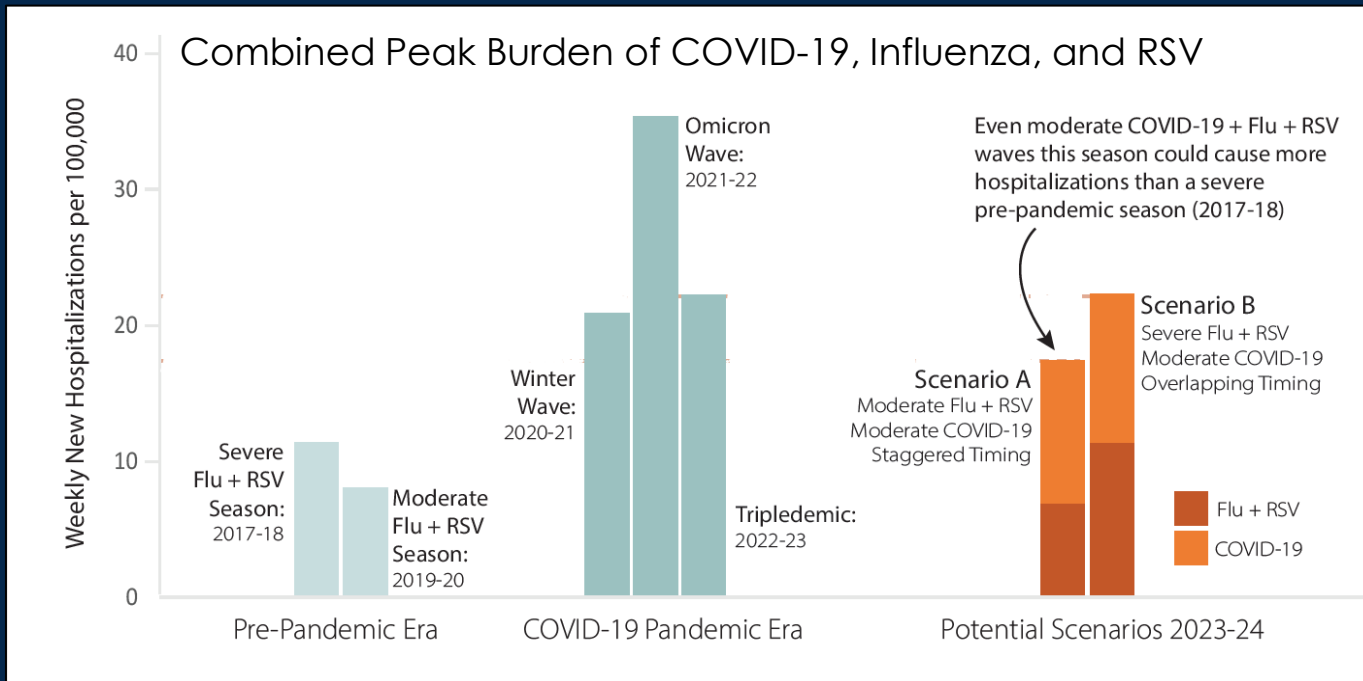
Drive technological and analytic innovation

### Advance

Build a world-class forecasting and outbreak analytics organization

# Communicating with Public Health Decision Makers: Disease Season Outlook

CDC's first national respiratory season outlook **integrates multiple insights** on COVID-19/RSV/flu



- Based on influenza, COVID-19 and RSV **hospitalization data**
- Integrated data to generate **multiple scenarios** and likelihoods
- **Outlook:** there will be similar total hospitalizations in 2023 to 2022, higher than pre-COVID-19 years

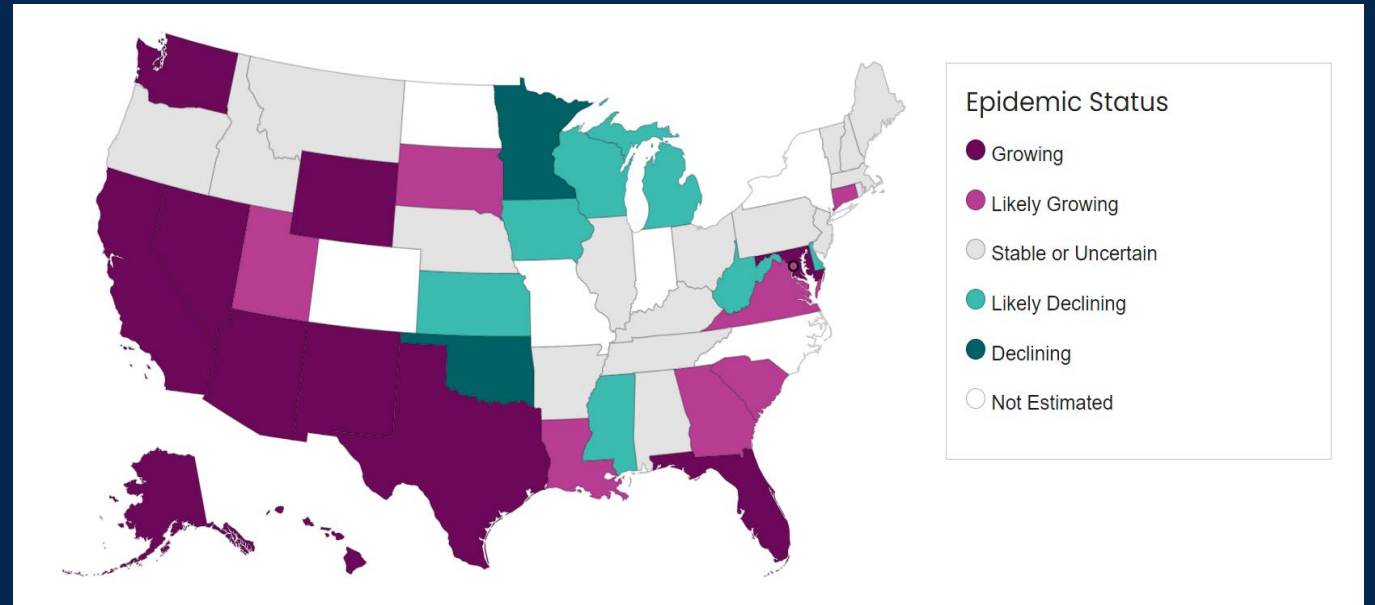
**Impact:** Public health decision-makers **knew to expect another year of hospitalizations higher than pre-pandemic levels**, so they could plan, allocate resources, and provide guidance to the public.

# New Models: Disease Growth Estimates

CDC's first state-level growth estimates of COVID-19 & flu - **see the future disease spread**

- Tells us if a disease is growing, declining or staying the same
- We currently publish COVID-19 and influenza estimates for each state, updated weekly
- CFA & NCIRD collaboration, using reported hospitalization data

Current Epidemic Growth Status (Based on  $R_t$ ) for States and Territories, Influenza, as of May 28, 2024



<https://www.cdc.gov/forecast-outbreak-analytics/about/rt-estimates.html>

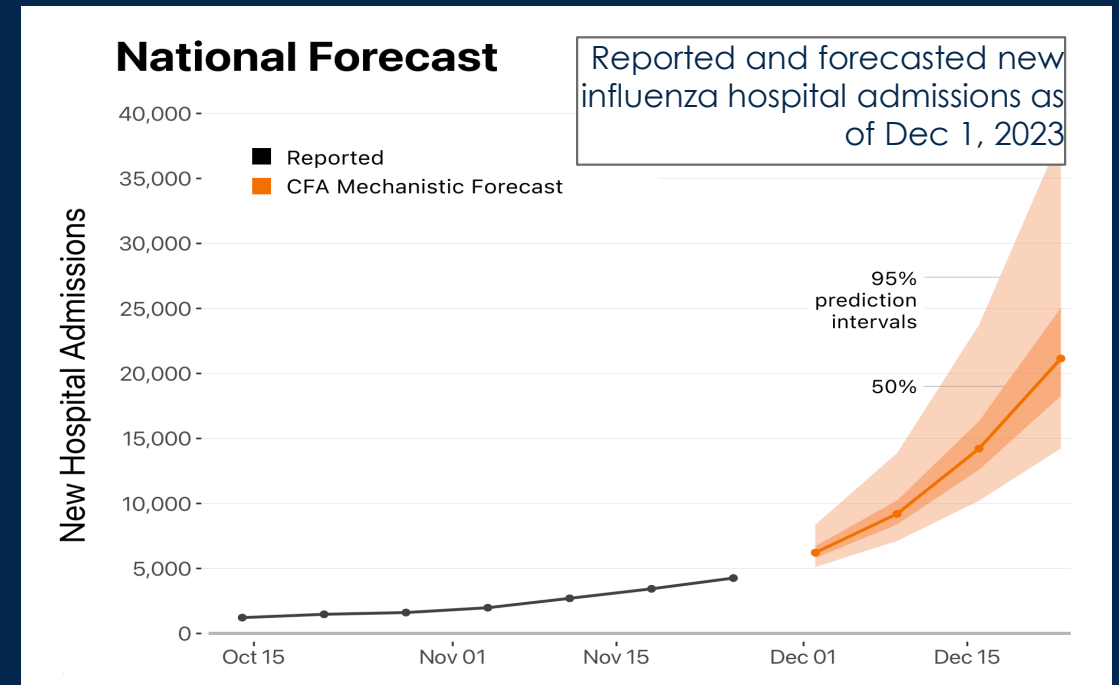
**Impact:** Knowing if COVID-19 or flu infections are currently increasing or decreasing helps jurisdictions and health care systems better prepare, plan for, and respond to these seasonal diseases



# Forecast Development: Influenza Forecasting

Supporting the first CDC-developed public forecasts to **see future influenza impact**

- CFA flu forecasts represented the **first time** CDC has authored forecasts with in-house models
- CDC uses CFA work to provide weekly national and state-level forecasts of **influenza hospitalizations**
- CFA can support CDC in future emergencies with best-in-class models using **entirely internal capabilities**



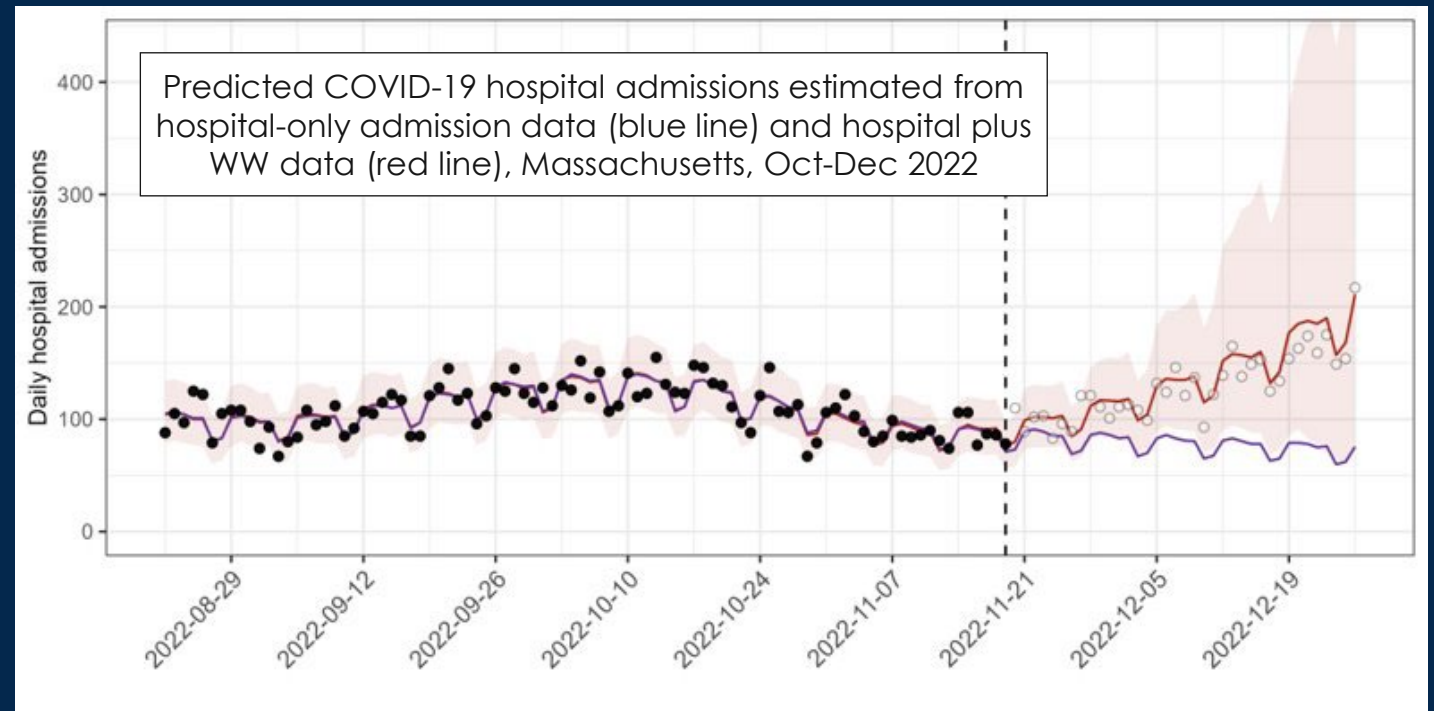
<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/flusight/flu-forecasts.htm>

**Impact:** This information allows STLT and public health decision-makers to monitor the current and near-term future influenza burden, so they can take action as part of their outbreak response.

# Driving Innovation: Wastewater Monitoring Data

CFA tested **integrating new data** and showed that it improves forecasts at critical times.

- Adding wastewater data gives a **more accurate forecast** that can detect disease surges
- It has been integrated into CFA's new COVID-19 forecasts and will be extended to others in the future

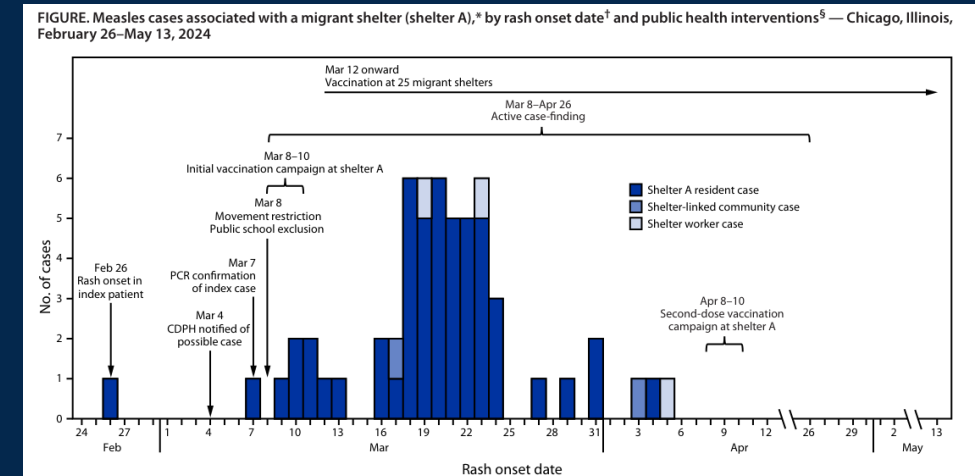


**Impact:** CFA will continue to develop new ways to **use wastewater data to make our disease forecasts better**, so public health decision makers can be prepared for changes and surges.

# Modeling Support for Measles Outbreak

Rapid public health response **reduced severity** of a measles outbreak in Chicago

- CFA and NCIRD analyzed measles data and created models to **explore potential scenarios** and **better understand measles outbreak risk in the U.S.**
- Models underscored impact of early intervention – without rapid implementation of mass vaccination and screening, there would have been a **69% chance that more than 100 people would have become infected with measles.**



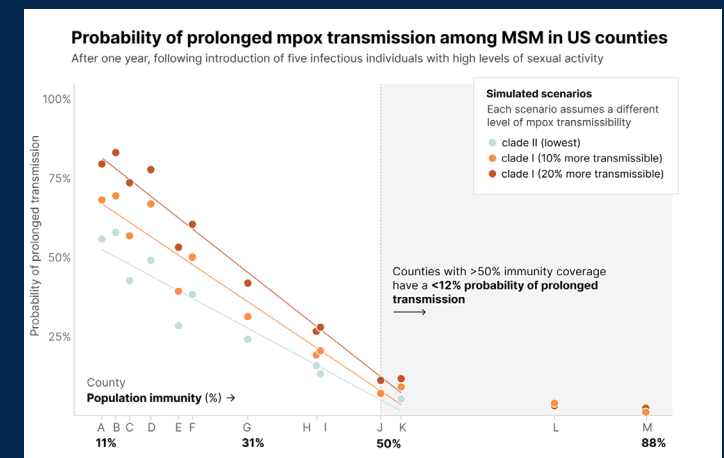
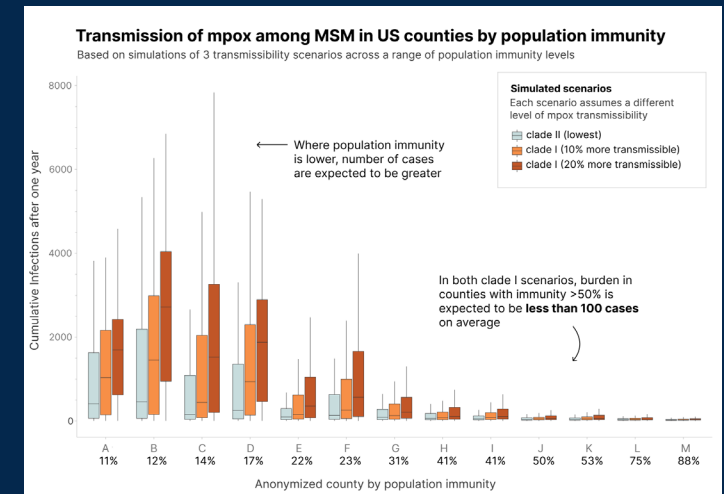
**Impact:** Models can help decision makers prepare, identify communities at highest risk, and manage healthcare resources during a public health response.

# Modeling Simulation: Spread of clade I mpox in U.S.

CFA modeling study explores the potential spread of clade I mpox in the U.S.

- Agent-based transmission model used to explore risk for MSM in U.S. if clade I mpox were to be introduced to this population
- Modeled **varying levels of transmissibility** and **county-specific population-level immunity** among MSM in the U.S.

**Impact:** Models underscore importance of **population-level immunity** through vaccination.



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*Harnessing cutting-edge analytics to improve response to public health emergencies*

*Empowering people to save lives and protect communities from health threats.*



# Supporting Immunization Data and Immunization Information Systems

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Deputy Director for Science Implementation

Immunization Services Division

National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases

**June 2024**



Enhance Data, Research, and Evaluation

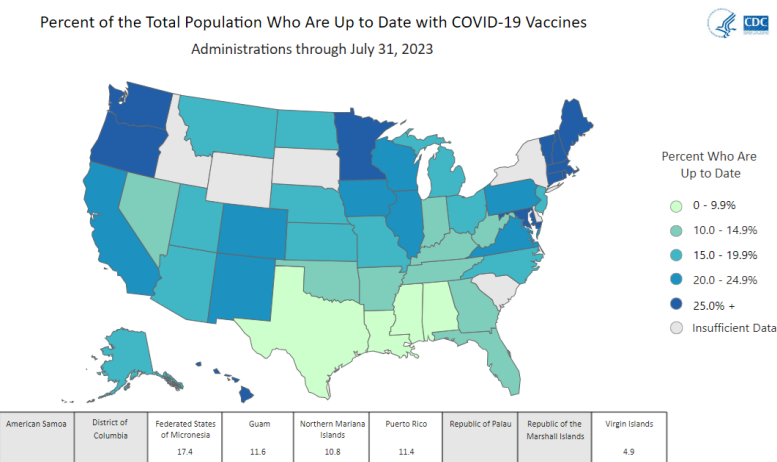
Journal Publications  
Weekly RVR Dashboards  
National Immunization Survey  
National IIS Monitoring System  
Kindergarten Assessment Claims IIS Insights Reports  
Technical Resources and Support  
MMWRs Testing Online Reports EHR Data  
Interventions to Improve Vaccine Confidence and Uptake  
Prevention  
Research Centers Advancing Research in Immunization Services (ARISe) Thematic Network  
Assessment of Factors Associated with Inequities in Vaccine Coverage and Confidence and Root Causes  
Economic Analyses IIS NIS-Flu NIS-Child  
and Other Data Quality Assessments  
Internet Panel Surveys Data Immunization BRFSS  
Gateway  
Visualization and Dissemination  
NIS-Adult Modules Bridge Program  
Access Program Evaluation NHIS

Understanding  
**vaccination coverage** is  
key to understanding  
where to focus efforts.



# Snapshot of vaccine data sources

## Administration data from reporting states

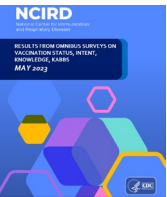


## National Immunization Surveys



## Other data sources

### Omnibus surveys

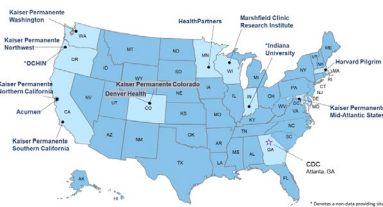


### Distribution data

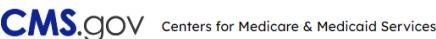
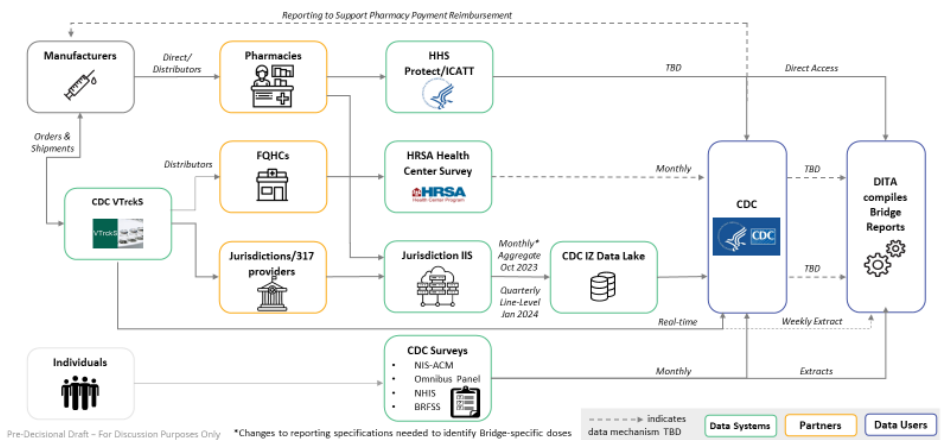


## Other surveillance systems

### Vaccine Safety Datalink



## Bridge Access Program for COVID-19 Vaccines



### Internet panel survey of pregnant people





# Respiratory Virus Data Channel Weekly Snapshot

The amount of respiratory illness (fever plus cough or sore throat) causing people to seek healthcare is **low** nationally. This week, no jurisdictions experienced moderate, high, or very high activity.

*Reported on Friday May 31st, 2024.*

## Summary

Seasonal influenza, COVID-19, and RSV activity is low nationally.

## COVID-19

Most key indicators are showing low levels of activity nationally. However, [wastewater viral activity](#) is showing increases in some states. We also estimate that COVID-19 infections are growing or likely growing in 19 states and territories, declining or likely declining in 9 states and territories, and are stable or uncertain in 17 states and territories, based on [Rt estimates of epidemic growth](#). An increasing proportion of the variants that cause COVID-19 are projected to be KP.2 and KP.3 ([CDC COVID Data Tracker: Variant Proportions](#)).

## Influenza

Nationally, seasonal influenza activity remains low. Additional information about current influenza activity can be found at: [Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report | CDC](#).

## RSV

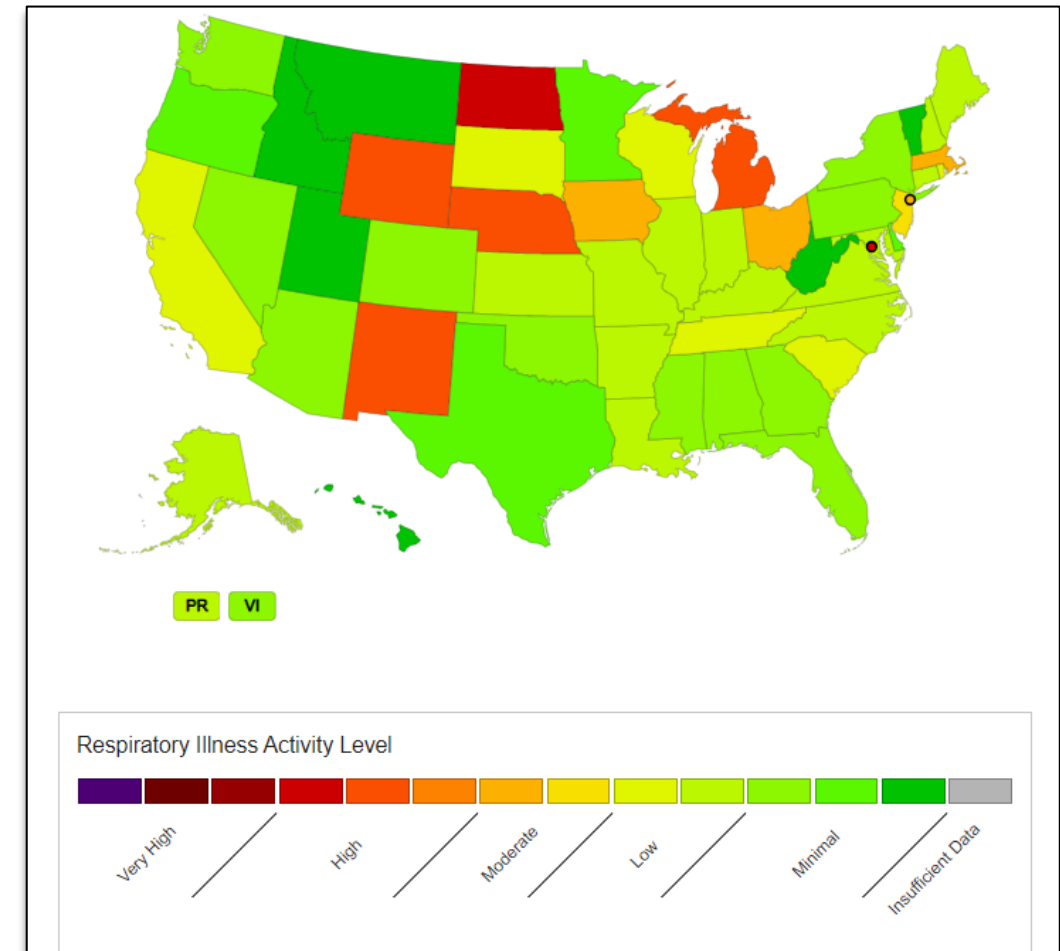
Nationally, RSV test positivity remains low. Hospitalization rates are low in all age groups.

## Vaccination

National vaccination coverage for COVID-19, influenza, and RSV vaccines [remained low for children and adults](#) for the 2023-24 respiratory illness season. [COVID-19 vaccines continue to be recommended](#) and can provide a layer of protection.

<https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/data-research/dashboard/snapshot.html>

## Level of Respiratory Illness Activity (as of April 4, 2024)

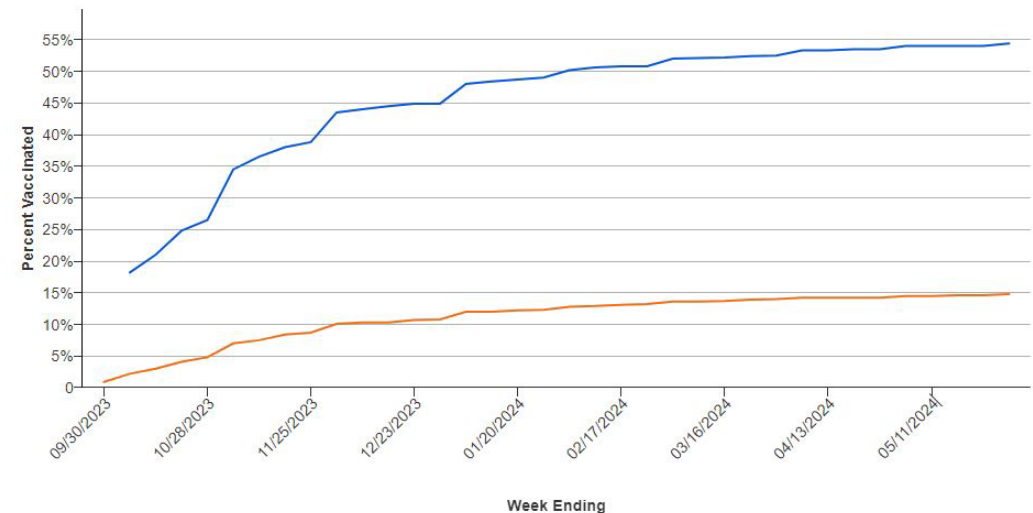


# Vaccination Trends – Children

- This page provides an update on receipt of vaccination and intent for vaccination among children for COVID-19 and influenza based on weekly updated [National Immunization Survey \(NIS\)](https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/data-research/dashboard/vaccination-trends-children.html) findings.

## Weekly Cumulative Percent Vaccinated in the United States

Cumulative percent of children 6 months-17 years vaccinated with COVID-19 or influenza vaccine.



Select a virus to add or remove it from the graphic

COVID-19 Influenza

95% confidence intervals are presented for the point estimates at the [data.cdc.gov](https://data.cdc.gov) link below.

Data presented through: 06/01/2024; Data as of: 06/06/2024

# Vaccination Trends – Adults

- This page provides an update on receipt of vaccination and intent for vaccination among adults for COVID-19, RSV, and influenza based on weekly updated [Immunization Survey \(NIS\)](https://www.cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/data-research/dashboard/vaccination-trends-adults.html) findings.

## Weekly Cumulative Percent Vaccinated in the United States

Cumulative percent of adults vaccinated with COVID-19 (18+ years), influenza (18+ years), or RSV (60+ years) vaccine.



Select a virus to add or remove it from the graphic

● COVID-19 (18+ years) ● Influenza (18+ years) ● RSV (60+ years)

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Data presented through: 06/01/2024; Data as of: 06/06/2024

# Respiratory VaxView



This page provides access to the weekly COVID-19, flu, and RSV vaccination dashboards. These dashboards provide in-depth vaccination data from a variety of data sources including surveys, healthcare claims, electronic medical records, and immunization information systems data. Select from the options below for the vaccine of interest. Please visit [VaxView Vaccination Coverage | CDC](#) for data on routine vaccinations.

Vaccination coverage is the estimated percentage of people who have received specific vaccines. Vaccination coverage information is used to identify areas and groups with lower vaccination coverage so public health departments, healthcare partners, and schools can take action to help improve vaccination coverage and protect everyone from vaccine-preventable diseases. During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), CDC tracked nearly all COVID-19 vaccines administered. However, the end of the PHE limits the completeness of COVID-19 vaccine administration data CDC receives. As a result, survey data are now the primary source for tracking vaccination coverage for COVID-19, RSV, and flu. Other available data sources will be used to provide additional insight into the vaccination landscape.

The logo for COVIDVaxView, featuring the word "COVID" in purple, "Vax" in blue, and "View" in purple. A small icon of a virus particle is positioned above the "V" in "Vax".

COVIDVaxView

[Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard >](#)

The logo for FluVaxView, featuring the word "Flu" in purple, "Vax" in blue, and "View" in purple. A small icon of a virus particle is positioned above the "V" in "Vax".

FluVaxView

[Weekly Flu Vaccination Dashboard >](#)

The logo for RSVVaxView, featuring the word "RSV" in purple, "Vax" in blue, and "View" in purple. A small icon of a virus particle is positioned above the "V" in "Vax".

RSVVaxView

[Weekly RSV Vaccination Dashboard >](#)

# CDC's Vision for Immunization Information Systems

CDC | NCIRD | Immunization Services Division

# CDC's Vision for Immunization Information Systems

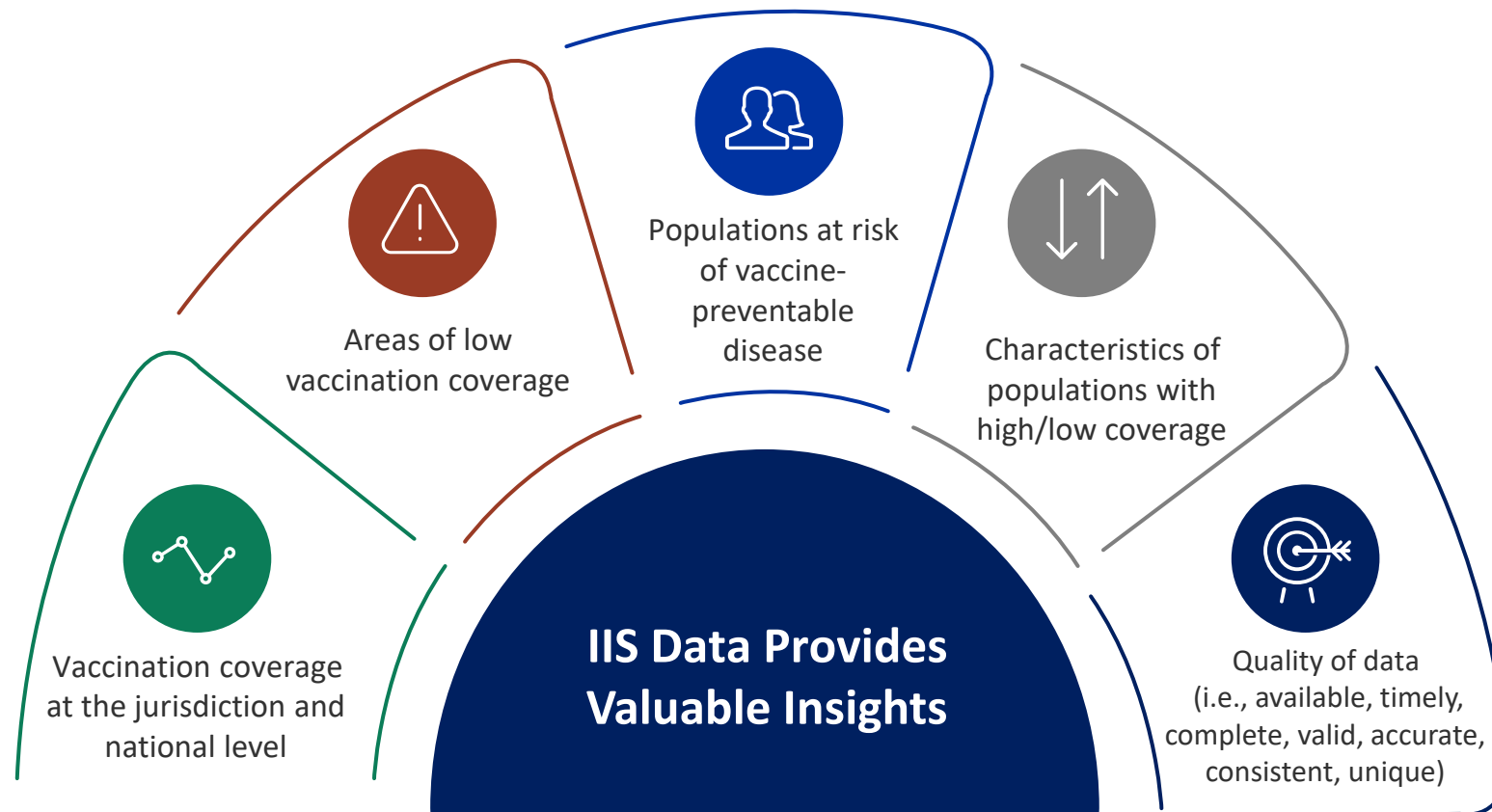
Immunization Information Systems (IISs) support the **standardized capture and exchange of high-quality, individual-level immunization data** for all doses of Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines.

These data are linked across jurisdictions, providers, partners, and other individual-level data sources to **inform public health actions**.



# Understanding Immunization Data for Public Health

Building on advancements made during the COVID-19 pandemic, IIS data give valuable insights at the national level.





# IIS Data Policy Landscape

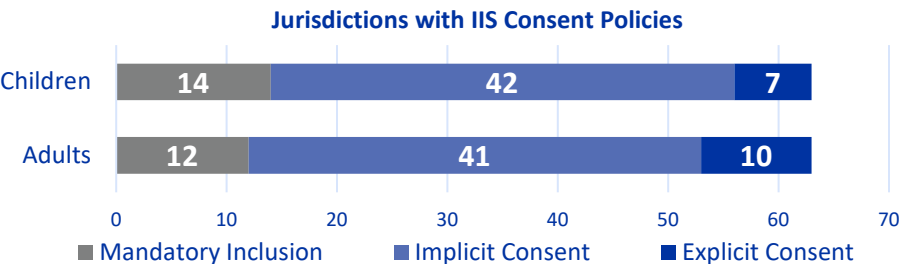
Consent and provider reporting policies may limit a jurisdictions ability to collect, exchange, and report data. Most jurisdictions have a citable law, rule, or regulation that govern IIS data, while a few base policy on the Department of Health or programmatic policy.



## Consent

Consent is whether an individual has the right to decide if their demographic and immunization data is included in the IIS. Parents or guardians give implicit or explicit consent for children under the age of 18.

- **Mandatory inclusion:** Includes vaccine recipients in IIS with *no possibility to opt out*
- **Implicit consent:** Includes vaccine recipients in IIS unless they *choose to opt out*
- **Explicit consent:** Includes vaccine recipients in IIS only if explicit *consent is obtained to opt in*

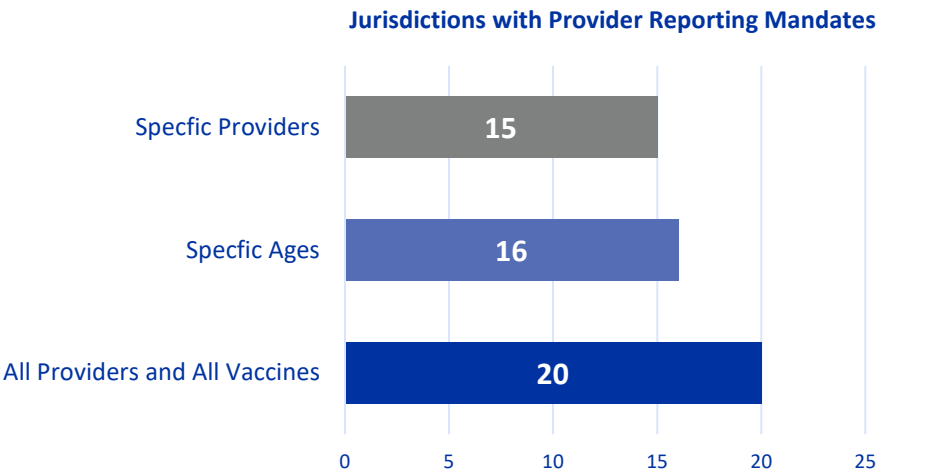


Palau did not provide policy information.



## Provider Reporting

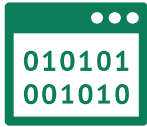
Provider reporting requirements are mostly governed by policy that is a citable law, rule, or regulation. These requirements are unique to each jurisdiction and are based on various factors (e.g., age, vaccines)





# Strategic Priorities for IISs

Based on CDC's data modernization effort to *accelerate data into action* and lessons from the COVID-19 response, IDAB supports these priorities for the IIS.



## Technology Infrastructure

- Meet **IIS Functional Standards** to increase standardization of IIS functionality and data elements and support program and provider immunization processes.
- Test functionality to ensure standardization using AIRA's Measurement and Improvement Initiative.



## Data Quality

- Improve data quality through use of **IIS Data Quality Blueprint** to prioritize meaningful, quantifiable measures and **IIS Data Quality Reports** to identify actionable improvements.



## Data Exchange

- Increase interoperability and data sharing between jurisdictions and providers via **IZ Gateway**.
- Use **PPRL** to allow cross-jurisdiction data matching.

# Technology and Standards



## Functional Standards and Operational Guidance Statements (OGS)

These describe the underlying operations, data quality, and technology needed by IISs to support immunization programs, vaccination providers, and other immunization stakeholders and their immunization-related goals. They help assure that IISs attain a level of consistency in support of common clinical, programmatic, and public health immunization goals



## HL7 v2.5.1 Implementation Guide for Immunization Messaging, Release 1.5

Guidance to help IIS comply with national standards, best practices, and the latest Health Level Seven (HL7) conformance methodology.



## Measure Your IISs Adherence to Standards with Measurement and Improvement Initiative

Measurement and Improvement (M&I) Initiative supports system testing to help guide individual IIS in aligning with identified standards

# Data Quality: Immunization Data Reporting at the National Level

## DUAs and Data Reporting



## Latest Data Reporting



### Pre-COVID-19

Jurisdictions use IISs to manage the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program and understand their jurisdiction’s vaccine coverage.

- **13** jurisdictions signed Data Use Agreements (DUAs)
- Routine data reported quarterly and flu data reported monthly
- Data use was limited

### COVID-19 Response

Federally provided vaccine, provider agreements, and a COVID-19-specific DUA superseded state reporting and data sharing laws to allow reporting to CDC.

- **64** jurisdictions with DUAs
- COVID-19 data reported daily, then weekly

### Present

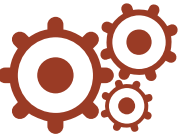
New DUA allows reporting of routine vaccination data across the lifespan.

- **54** jurisdictions with DUAs
- Line-level routine data reported quarterly
- Aggregate RSV, flu, COVID-19 data reported monthly

#### April Aggregate Jurisdiction Data Submissions *submitted in May 2024*

#### Q1 2024 Routine Data Submission *submitted in April 2024*

Flu Data	RSV Data	COVID-19 All Data	COVID-19 Bridge Data	Record Level Routine Data
51	51	50	50	51 16 PPRL



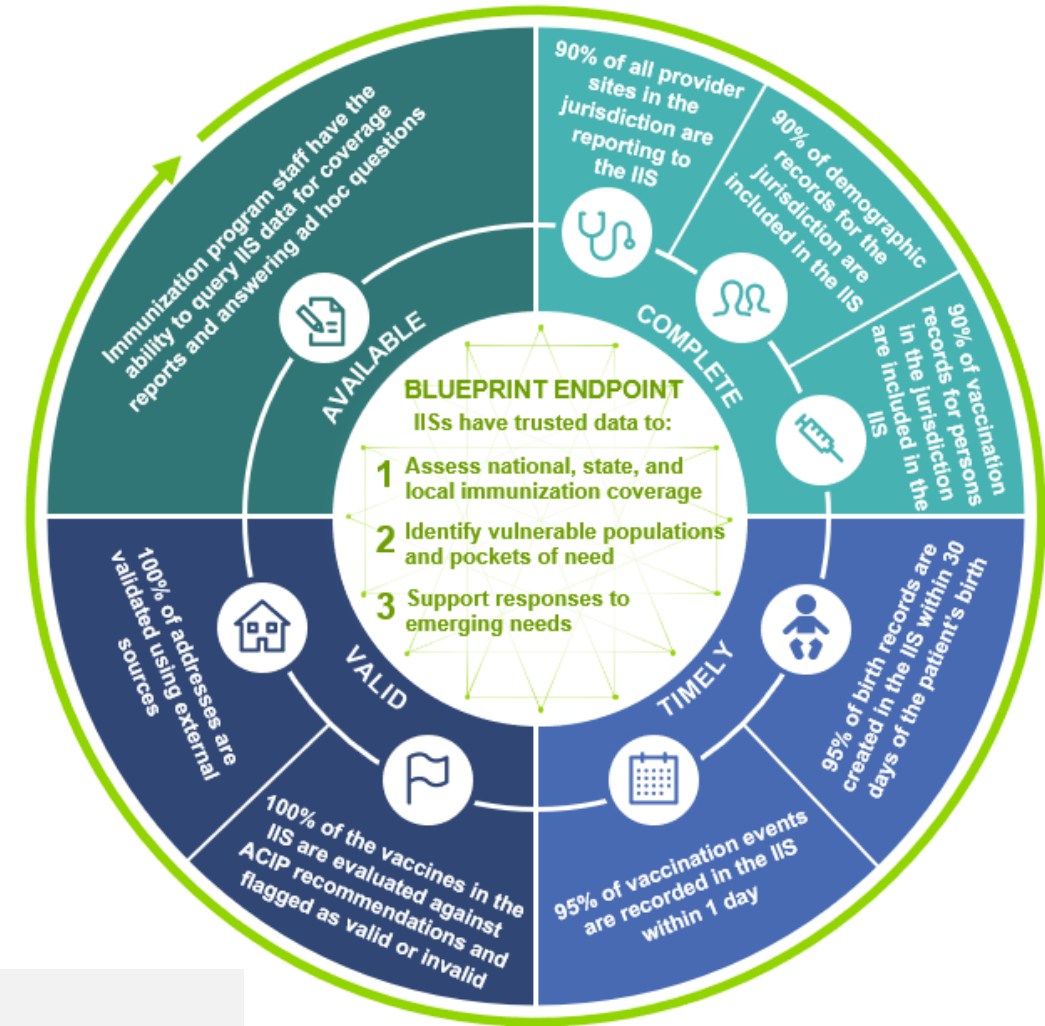
# Data Quality:

## IIS Data Quality Blueprint

The blueprint guides awardee activities to improve data quality by prioritizing a **small set of meaningful, quantifiable** measures.

### IIS Data Quality Endpoint

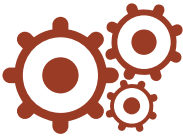
- IISs will be **the trusted source** for reliable immunization data
- IISs will produce data to support:
  - Immunization coverage assessments
  - Identification of pockets of need
  - Responses to emerging needs



### 7 Data Quality Characteristics

Available | Complete | Timely | Valid | Accurate | Consistent | Unique

# Data Quality: Feedback and Reports



CDC aims to provide jurisdictions with timely feedback and technical assistance to support data quality improvements.

## Data quality monitoring and assistance

Provide jurisdictions with an assessment on the completeness and accuracy of IIS data along with targets and strategies to improve quality

## Data quality in action

- ✓ **Q4 2023:** 104 million demographic records submitted for PPRL. CDC could assign a PPRL link ID to **94%** of the records.
- ✓ **Goal:** increase this percentage over time by making process improvements and highlighting patient IDs with missing values in the PPRL DQ Feedback Report.

## Types of Feedback

### Validation Report

Provided when jurisdictions submit their quarterly data

### Routine Vaccination DQ Report

Offers analysis of data quality trends over time and within population groups

### PPRL DQ Feedback Report

- Identifies potential duplicates and patient IDs with missing required values
- Provides tracking sheet to ensure CDC receives a PPRL link ID for every routine vaccination demographic record

# Data Exchange: The Immunization (IZ) Gateway



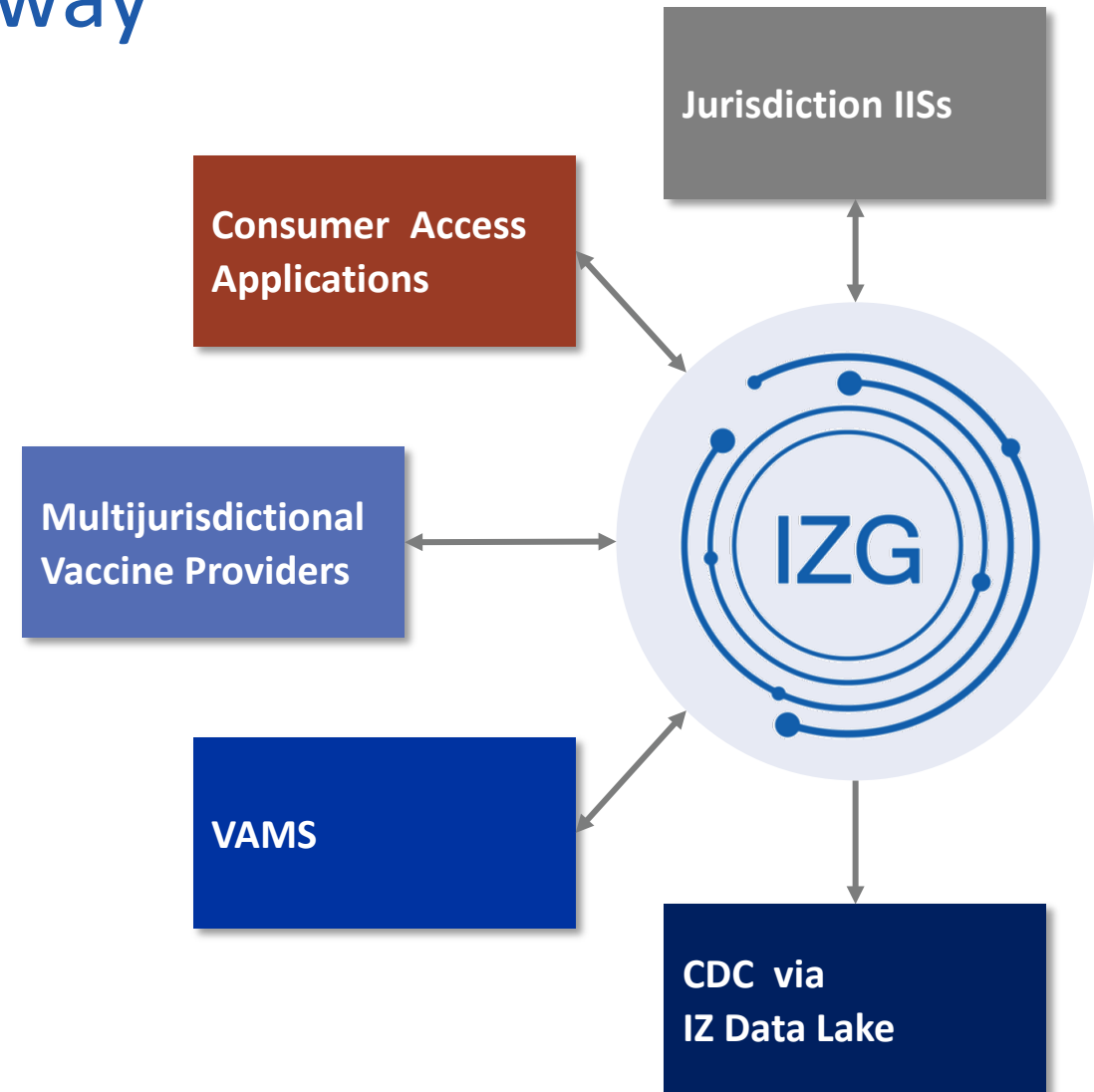
The IZ Gateway is a policy framework and cloud-based message routing system that facilitates data exchange among IISs, vaccine providers, direct-to-consumer applications, and data submission to CDC.



Message routing technology enables uniform application of **data quality assurance, messaging, and security industry standards** and best practices for all participants.



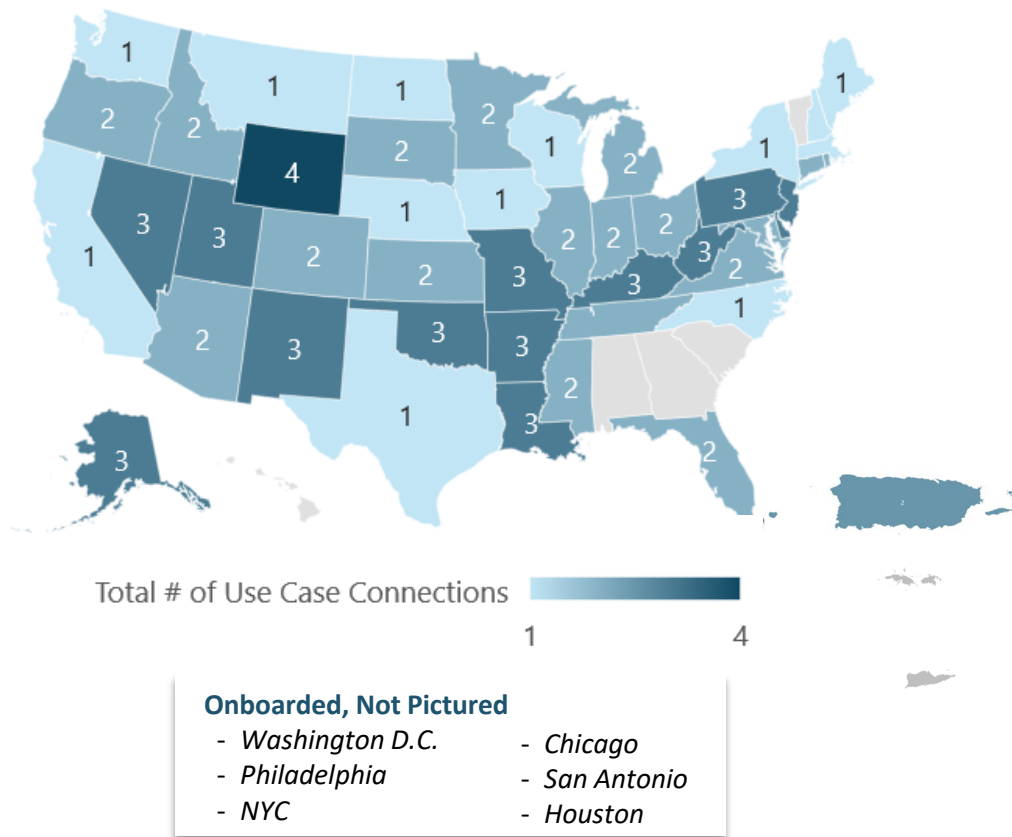
Policy framework ensures compliance with each **jurisdiction's data sharing laws and policies**.



# Data Exchange: IZ Gateway Data Exchange Metrics



## Jurisdictions Participating in the IZ Gateway



IZ Gateway Exchange Metrics		Impact
Completed Baseline Onboarding	63 Jurisdictions	These jurisdictions are prepared to implement other use cases
Participating in IIS-to-IIS Data Exchange	36 jurisdictions with 205 active exchanges	32 IIS have more complete records for citizens vaccinated outside their jurisdiction
IIS and Multijurisdictional Provider Data Exchange	7 providers* with 4,220 facilities in 42 jurisdictions	42 jurisdictions have data on citizens vaccinated at large, multijurisdictional provider organizations
Consumer Access System Exchange with IIS	1 platform exchanging with 6 jurisdictions	6 jurisdictions streamlined their citizens' access to their consolidated vaccination records
IIS Data Exchange with CDC (data submission)	20 jurisdictions submit routine vaccination data to DLP through DEX and NDLP storage container	CDC offers jurisdictions the option to <b>automatically send their routine vaccination data to CDC</b> rather than using a manual submission process

\*Multijurisdictional Providers: Veterans Administration (VA) Vista, VAMS, DocStation, AZOVA, VA Oracle Health, Fond du Lac, Department of Defense

# Data Exchange: Local Implementation Guide Standardization and Digitization Project



Local implementation guides (IGs) are not standardized, which causes onboarding delays, IZ Gateway challenges, and data sharing issues. This project streamlines the local IG development process, increasing efficiency and effectiveness in healthcare data exchange.

## Standardize



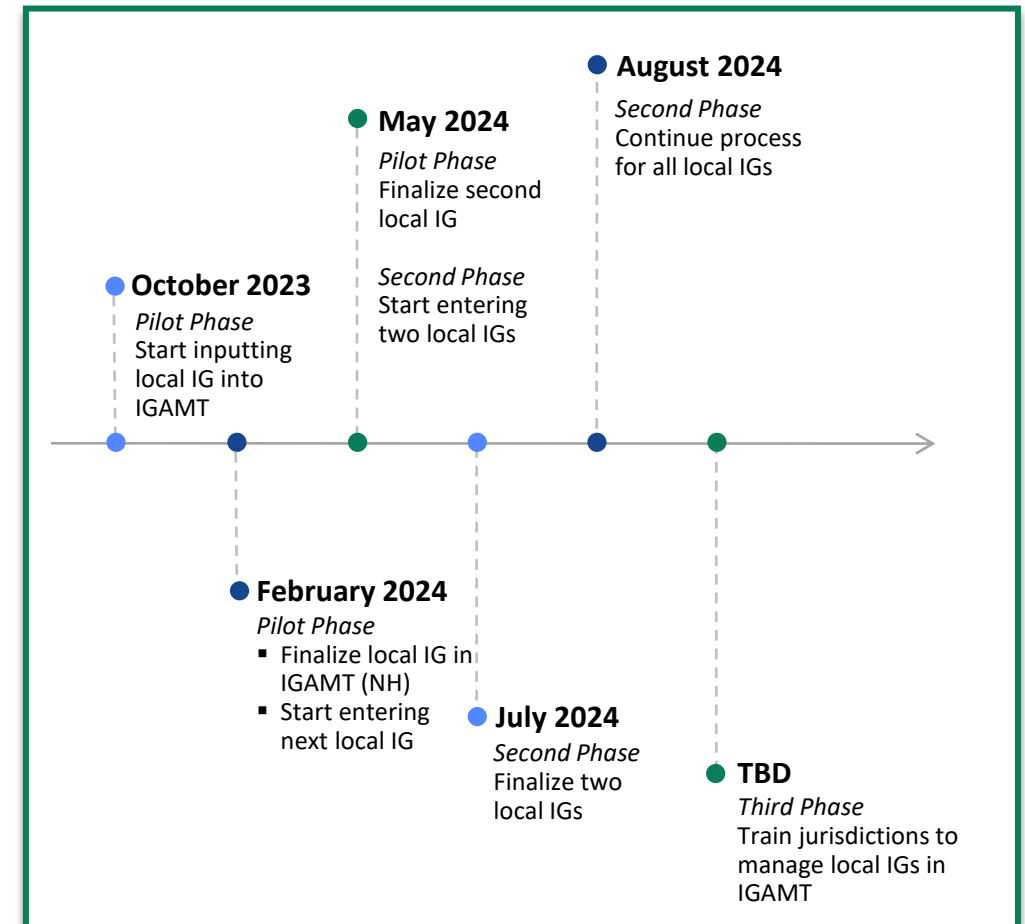
Standardizing local IGs ensures each jurisdiction's guide:

- Follows national standards
- Complies with the latest HL7 conformance methodology
- Adheres to best practices

## Digitize



The National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) HL7 Implementation Guide Authoring and Management Tool (IGAMT) is used to digitize each jurisdiction's IG, making all IGs more accessible and usable (e.g., creating a jurisdiction-specific validation tool).





**IIS Funding:  
CDC's  
FY 2025 President's  
Budget Request**



# FY 2025 President's Budget (PB) Request

**CDC FY25 PB Request (budget authority, PPHF, Evaluation Funds)..... \$9.683 Billion**

Accounts/Funding Lines	Proposed Amount	Change from FY2023 budget
Immunization and Respiratory Disease Total	\$731,933,000	+\$50,000,000
Acute Flaccid Myelitis	\$6,000,000	No change
Influenza Planning and Response	\$231,000,000	No change

**Request is \$50,000,000 above the FY23 appropriated level, and would support**

- Ongoing work on COVID-19 and the highest priority activities of the immunization program
- Dedicated resources to urgent public threats
- Staffing expertise needed for effective national public health monitoring and prevention of respiratory viruses
- **Continued efforts to modernize immunization information systems**
- Implementation of new strategies for vaccine equity, building vaccine confidence, and expanding the scientific evidence base

For more information, contact CDC  
1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)  
TTY: 1-888-232-6348 [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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# The Promise of IIS Modernization

Rebecca Coyle, MSEd  
Executive Director

# Public Health Modernization Efforts

Coordinated by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) and the CDC Office of Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technology (OPHDST)

Initial focus on surveillance systems including **case reporting, laboratory, emergency department visits, and vital statistics data**



# CDC/OPHDST Vision for Public Health Data

## Public Health Data Goals

1. Strengthen the core of public health data
2. Accelerate access to analytics and automated solutions to support public health investigations and advance health equity
3. Visualize and share actionable insights to inform public health action
4. Advance more and interoperable public health data



# The Pursuit of IIS Modernization

- Cloud hosting – allows for scalability
- Achieving standards
  - All jurisdictions are participating in Measurement & Improvement
- FHIR (Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources) for certain features
  - Bulk query (requesting lots of records at one time)
- The IZ Gateway is working
- Re-thinking how IIS are structured (modular)



# IIS Modernization Efforts

Significant funding during the pandemic was put towards immunization-related work, including IIS

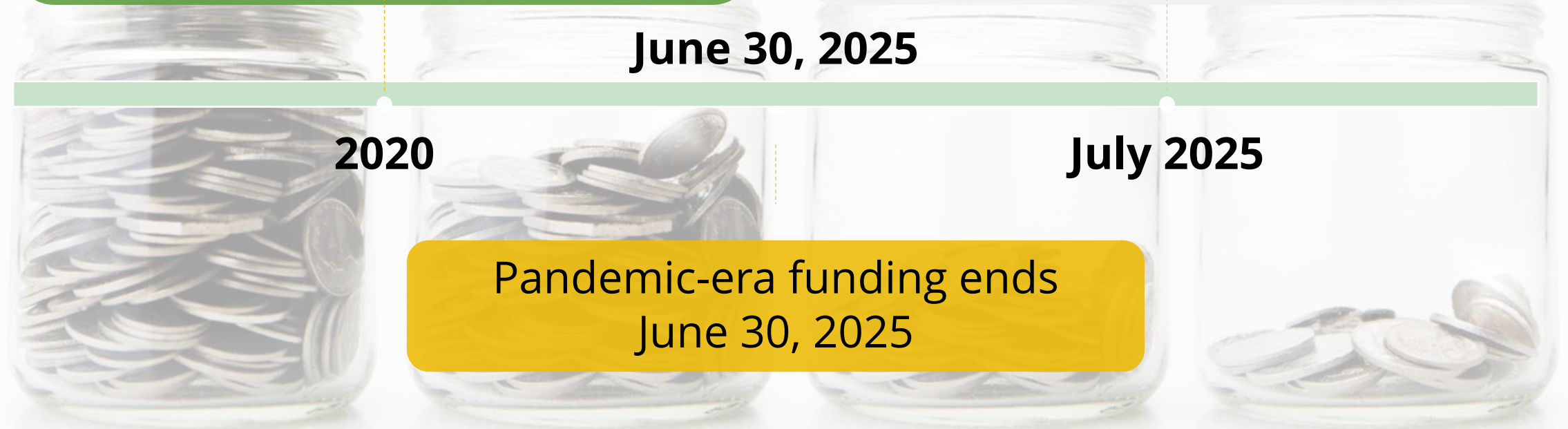
Resources to maintain recent IIS enhancements and additions beyond June 2025 are unknown

**June 30, 2025**

**2020**

**July 2025**

Pandemic-era funding ends  
June 30, 2025





Opportunities





# Vision

- Key discussions are needed to define the vision
- Need to identify the goals of modernizing IIS
  - What should every IIS be able to do and by when?
  - How will these efforts be funded and by whom?
  - What are the measures of success?



# Policies

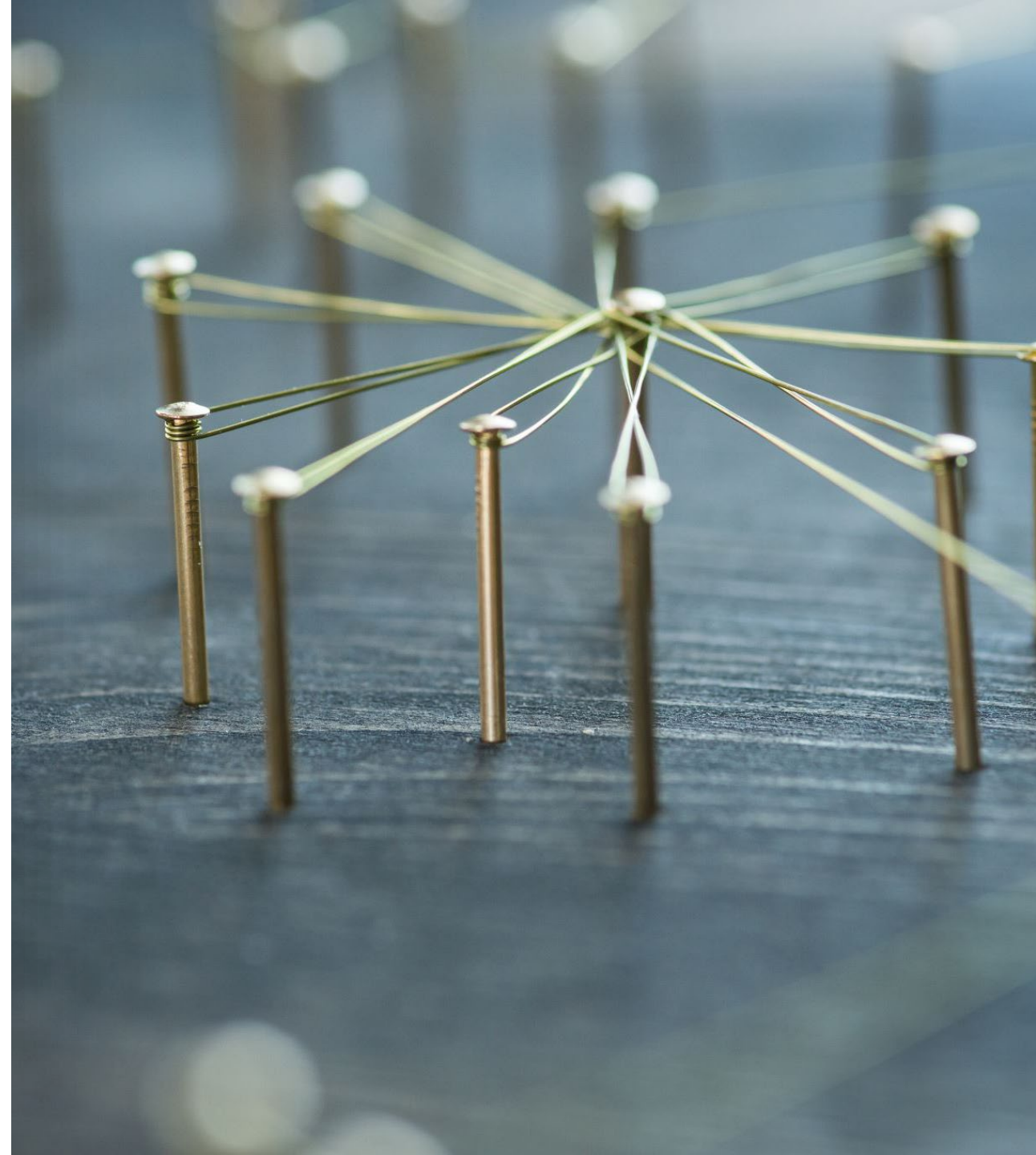


- Policies must be part of modernization efforts
- Strong policies provide value for all
  - Required and timely provider reporting
  - Ability to look up histories
  - Individuals should have access to their records
  - Ability to use data



# Sharing Core Functions

- Matching
- Deduplication
- Dashboards
- Potential onboarding





# Funding

- New strategies for funding IIS must be considered
- If we want public health in the next emergency – we must fund it today



Thank You



# Immunization Data: Innovations, Improvements, and Updates

## VHA IZ Gateway Project Overview

*NVAC Meeting*

*June 14, 2024*

*Pam Belperio PharmD, BCPS*

*Deputy Director, Population Health Solutions*

*Community Data Integration (CDI) Council, Co-Chair*

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# VHA – Impact on Public Health and Clinical Care

Largest integrated healthcare system in the U.S.



## Over 9 million enrolled Veterans

- 6.2 million receive VA care
- ~32% receive care in the community



## 1,321 health care facilities

- 172 VA Medical Centers (VAMC)
- 1,138 outpatient sites of care
- 18 Veteran Integrated Service Networks (VISN)



## 2 Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems

- VistA: Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture
- Oracle Health Millennium (6 locations)



2021\_Enrollee\_Data\_Findings\_Report-508\_Compliant.pdf (va.gov); Integrated Veteran Care Program Office communication March 2023.

<https://www.va.gov/health/aboutVHA.asp#:~:text=The%20Veterans%20Health%20Administration%20%28VHA%29%20is%20the%20largest,Veterans%20enrolled%20in%20the%20VA%20health%20care%20program.>



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# VHA Challenges of Direct Data Exchange with Jurisdictions

## Federal, state, and local law and policy complicate the process:

- Different requirements across states and agreements
- Requirements not fitting within VHA clinical workflows or systems
- State requirements/laws that do not align with Federal legal and privacy requirements
  - Modifications often necessary before signature
  - Federal Supremacy clause (*U.S. Constitution, Article IV, Paragraph 2*): VA is subject to Federal Law which takes precedence over State law

*Federal law (38 U.S.C. § 5701) prohibits disclosure of health information, including Veteran name and address, to State/Jurisdictional Public Health Authorities for disease and immunization reporting unless explicitly mandated by State law or the Veteran has provided individual, signed authorization to disclose.*



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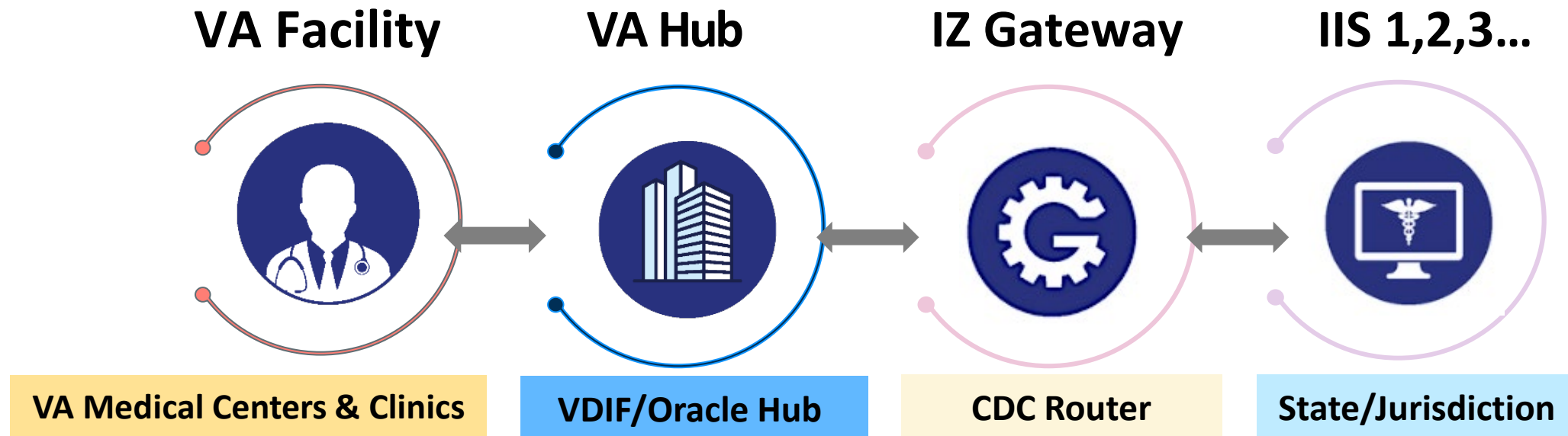
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# VHA - IZ Gateway Immunization Information Exchange

- Provides a national automated solution
  - ✓ Avoids multiple individual point-to-point connections
  - ✓ Standardized policy infrastructure avoids multiple individual agreements
- Single multi-jurisdictional provider agreement for all IZ Gateway users, managed by CDC
  - ✓ No patient authorization required: Federal law allows VA to disclose immunization data with other federal agencies for public health reporting purposes without Veteran authorization
- Single point of connection to exchange immunization data between VA, IZ Gateway and multiple state/jurisdiction IIS



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VDIF: Veterans Data Integration and Federation Enterprise Platform

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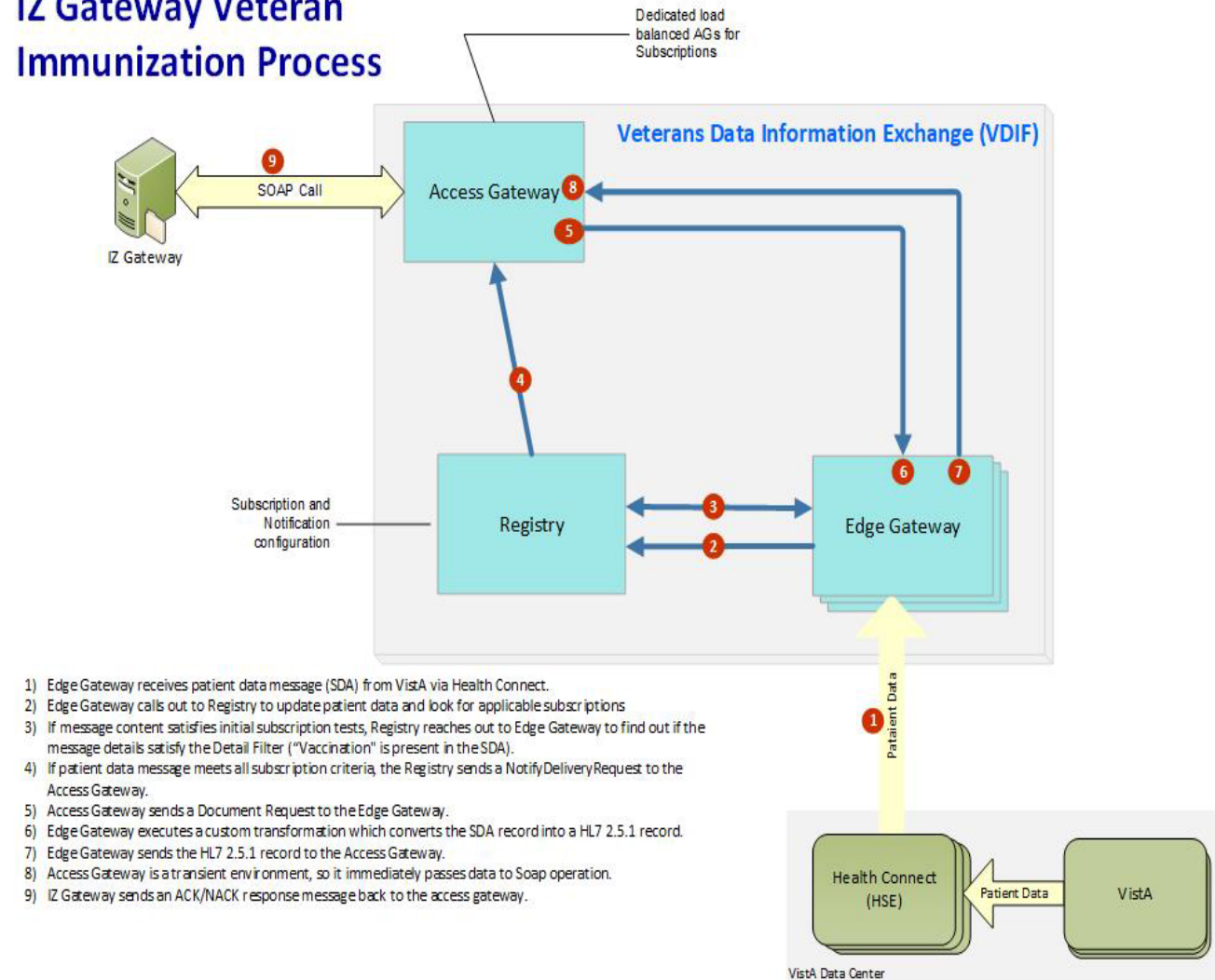


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# Connecting VistA to IZ Gateway

- **Centralized infrastructure**, fully automated interface
- Veterans Data Integration and Federation Enterprise Platform (**VDIF**): middleware platform that provides access to Veteran data in VistA
  - VDIF executes a **custom transformation** of the immunization information into (or from) an HL7 2.5.1 immunization message
  - **Seamless integration** and data exchange of immunization information to and from VistA through VDIF to the CDC IZ Gateway and the state IIS's

## IZ Gateway Veteran Immunization Process



# VHA Immunization Exchange Functionality

- ❖ **Reporting** of all VA administered vaccination data to the state/jurisdictional IIS; triggered when:
  - ❖ vaccine encounter is documented in VistA
  - ❖ vaccine administration documented in Oracle Health medication administration record
- ❖ **Querying** of state/jurisdictional IISs for Veteran vaccination data
  - ❖ VistA (pre-fetch): triggered automatically by appointment date, imported back into VistA, viewable in EMR
  - ❖ Oracle Health: manual query initiated by provider in immunization component of Mpage

Available Reports

Adhoc Report

Historical Surgery Rep

Inpatient Health Sumn

Outpatient Health Sun

Nutrition Assessment

Medication Profile

Pain Score

Fall Risk Assessment

Pharmacy Rounds (lor

Clinical Inpt Pharmacy

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Outpt Pharmacy/Refill

Proton Pump Inhibitor

Active Meds

Cpl

Oximetry

Invasive Procedures \

Lab Order

Health Summary Adhoc Report

06/05/2023

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----- IM - Immunizations -----

Immunization

Series

Date

Facility

Reaction

COVID-19 (ASTRAZENECA), VECTOR-NR\*

1

02/17/2023

CHEYENNE V\*

1

12/26/2022

CHEYENNE V\*

1

06/14/2022

IZG:AZ IIS

COVID-19 (JANSSEN), VECTOR-NR, RS\*

1

12/19/2022

CHEYENNE V\*

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09/23/2022

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09/23/2022

CHEYENNE V\*

- ❖ **Error Handling Dashboard** to identify immunization records rejected by the State and track responses to queries
  - ❖ Oracle Cerner: Error Report available in Discern Analytics
- ❖ **Accounting of Disclosure dashboard** to capture each VistA immunization reported to IZ Gateway

IZGateway Utility									
QBQ Errors									
Error Date	AcknowledgmentCode	Error	ErrMessage	ErrLocation	ErrISCode	VA SiteCode	VA SiteDescription	State IIS	
2024-03-14 12:52:26	VistA Save	O	Success : CVXCode: 150, AdministrationDate	RPC Processing-5	662	SAN FRANCISCO VAMC	ca		
2024-03-14 12:52:26	VistA Save	O	Success : CVXCode: 309, AdministrationDate	RPC Processing-5	662	SAN FRANCISCO VAMC	ca		
2024-03-14 12:52:26	VistA Save	O	Success : CVXCode: 217, AdministrationDate	RPC Processing-5	662	SAN FRANCISCO VAMC	ca		
2024-03-14 12:52:23	QBQ Process	O	IIS did not find a matching patient. MSH*~&~QBQ Response	552	DAYTON	oh			
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2024-03-14 12:52:19	QBQ Process	O	IIS did not find a matching patient. MSH*~&~QBQ Response	603	ROBLEY REX VAMC	ky			
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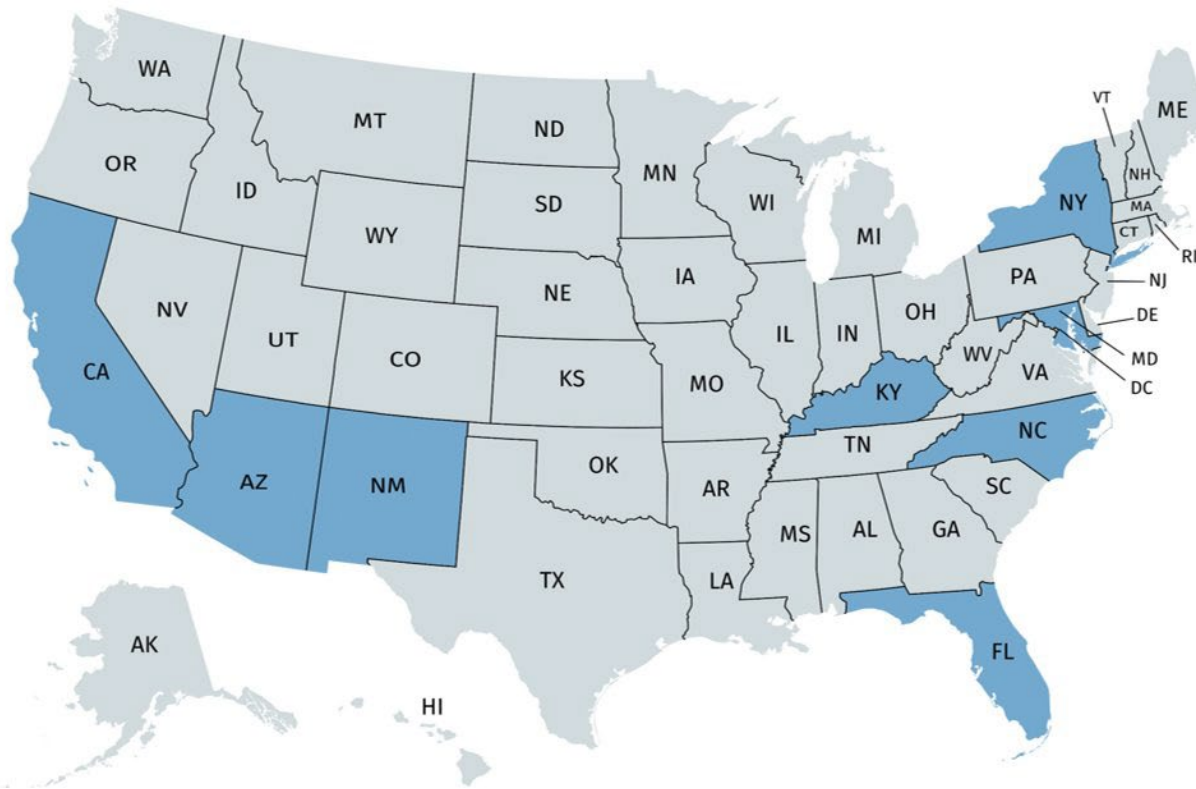
  

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2024-03-14 12:52:25	AE	W	Invalid publication date is missing	CBK 23768.9	101*Required field miss	S41GJ	NEW PHILADELPHIA C	oh	
2024-03-14 12:52:25	AE	W	Invalid given date is missing	CBK 23769.7	101*Required field miss	S41GJ	NEW PHILADELPHIA C	oh	
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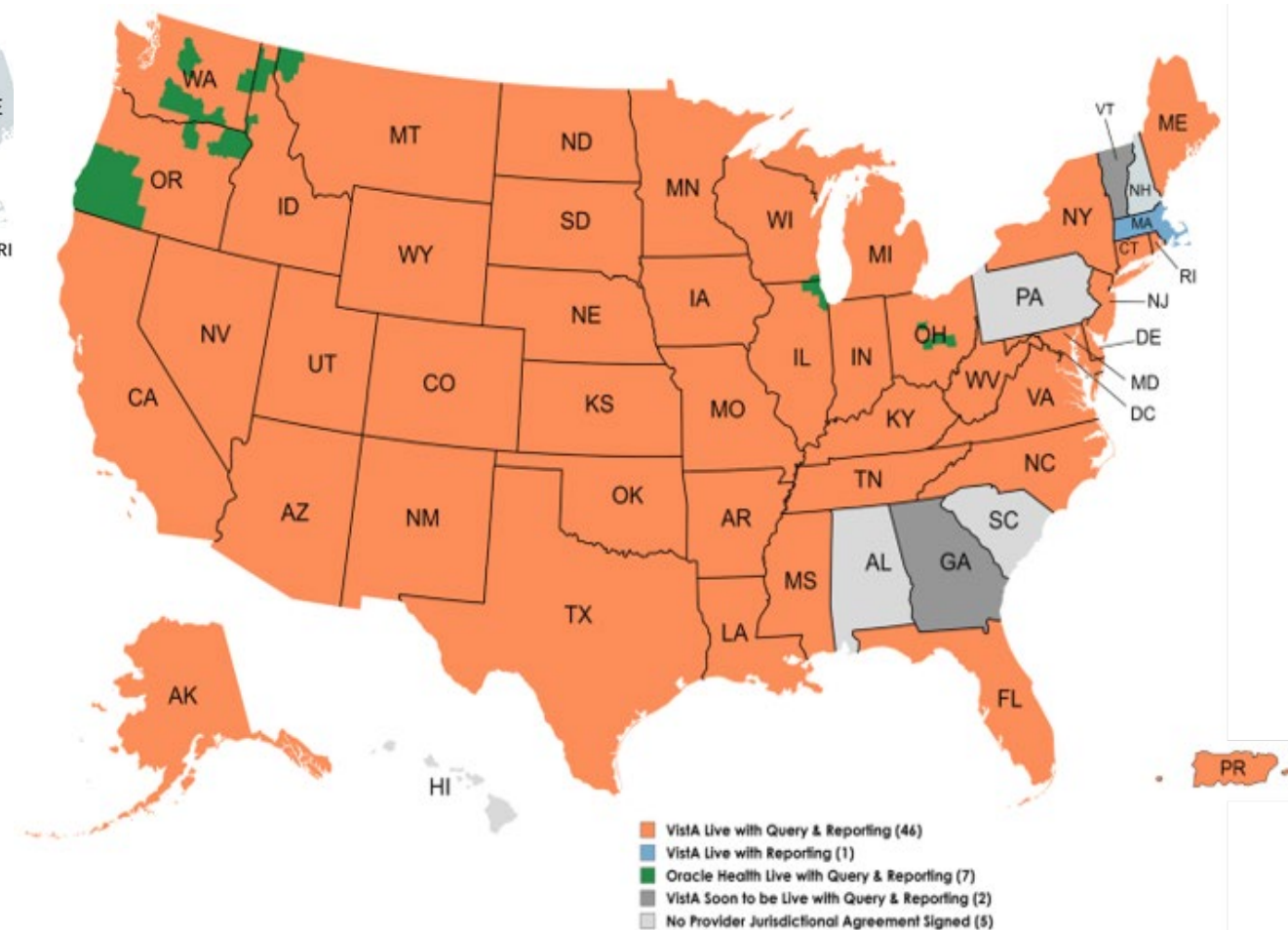
# Progress (Because Everyone Loves a good “Before” and “After”)

August 2022



VHA Health Solutions  
Data as of 5/31/24

June 2024



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# VHA IZ Gateway Collaborations serves Veterans and Providers

Live with Automated Query and Reporting

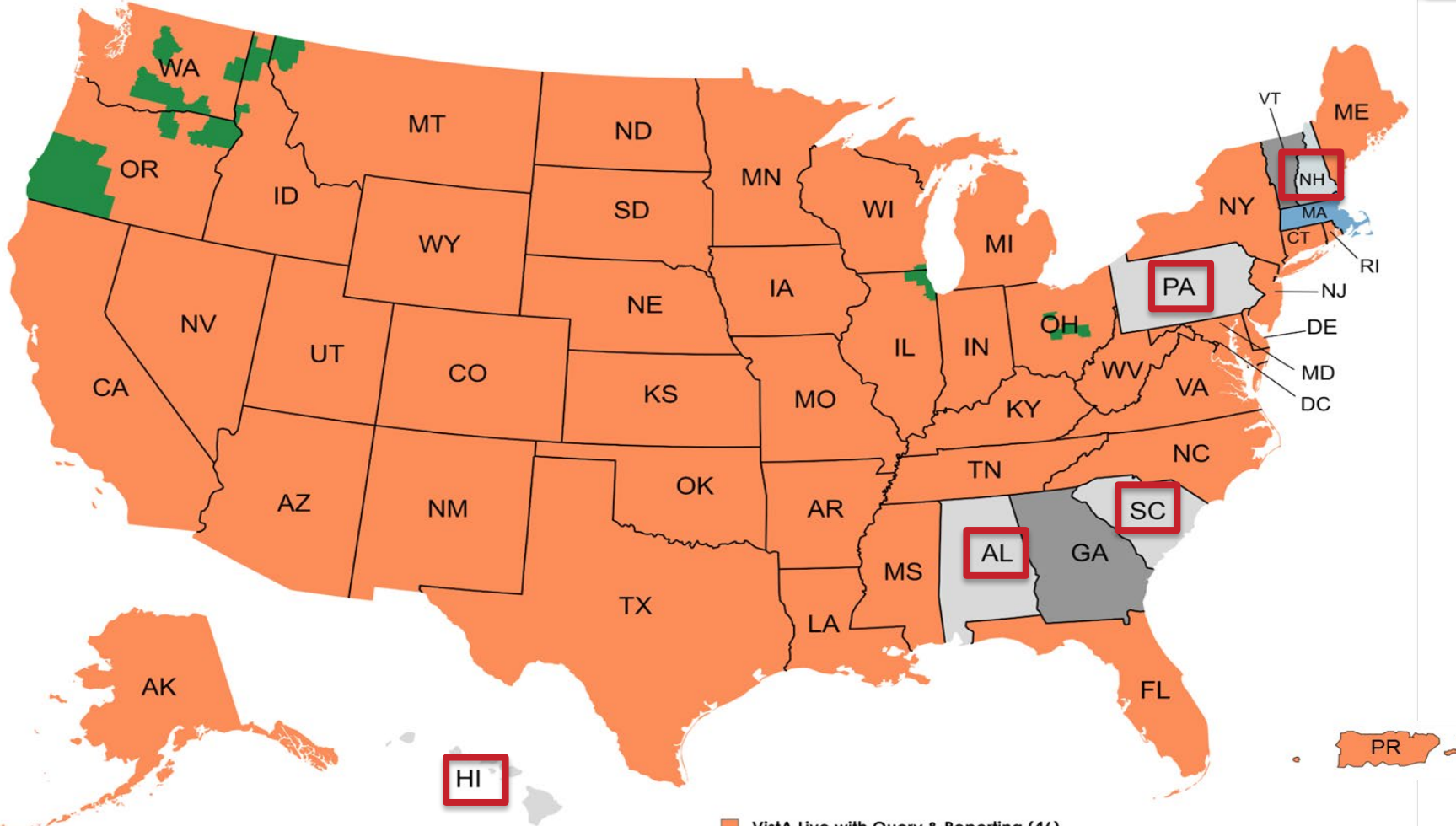
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Agreement signed; Testing Planned

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Awaiting Agreements

5



- VistA Live with Query & Reporting (46)
- VistA Live with Reporting (1)
- Oracle Health Millennium Live with Query & Reporting (9)
- VistA Soon to be Live with Reporting & Query (2)
- No Provider Jurisdictional Agreement Signed (5)

Total Number of Vaccinations  
SENT to IISs via Automated  
REPORTING:

➤ 6,257,836

for >4,167,024 Veterans

Total Number of Vaccinations  
RECEIVED from IIS QUERY:

>12,857,970

for >2,230,761 unique  
Veterans

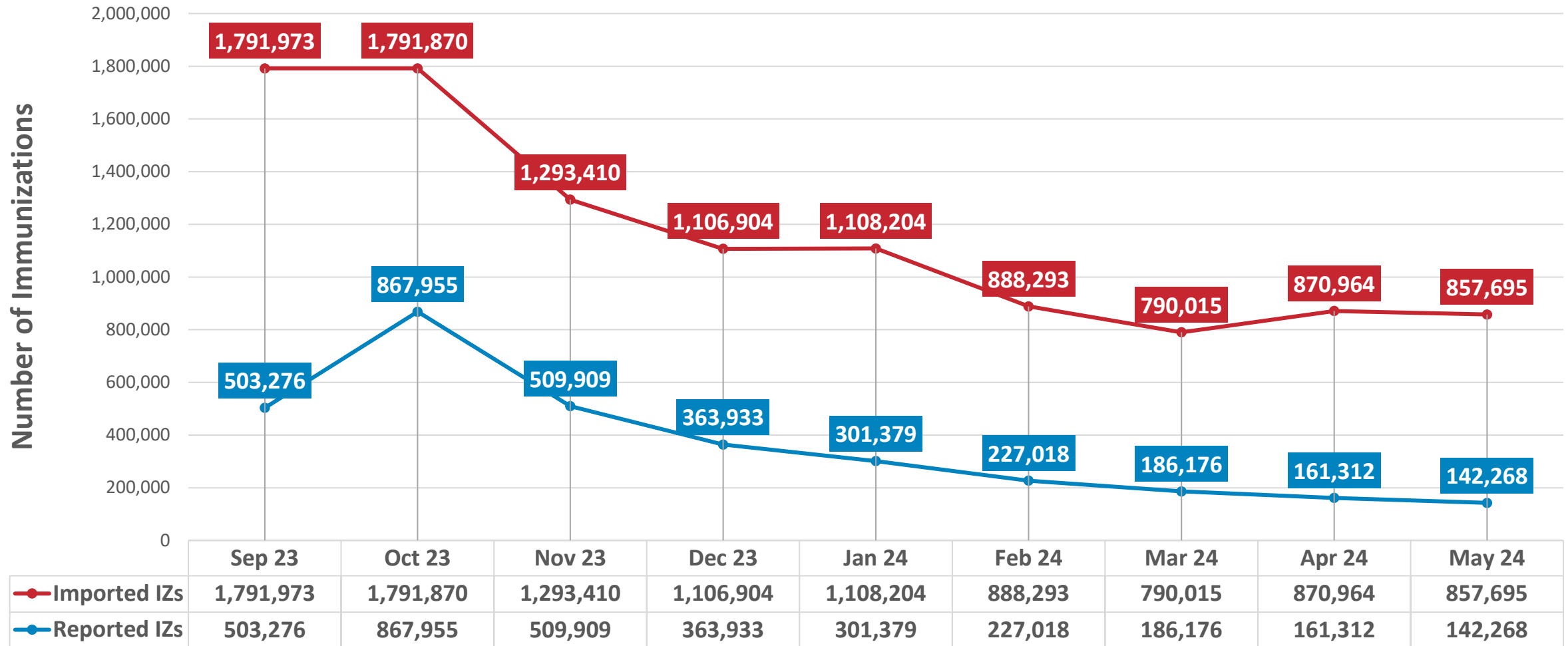
Source: VHA CDW Data as of 5/31/24



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# Monthly VA Immunization Exchange via IZ Gateway

Immunizations Imported and Reported, by Month



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VHA Health Solutions, Data as of 6/04/24

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# Remaining Challenges

- 5 states have not signed the necessary IZ Gateway Multi-jurisdictional Provider agreement
- **IMPACT:**
  - Incomplete vaccination records for VA and Community providers and state/jurisdiction health departments for ~530,000 Veterans in those states
  - Inconsistent care services available to Veterans
  - Risk of duplicate immunizations
  - Challenges in tracking and targeting outreach interventions

State	Number of Veterans Impacted	Average Number of vaccines given per day	Number of VA facilities in state	Cited Issue
Alabama	114,503	782	19	Other priorities
Hawaii	29,053	190	9	Other priorities
New Hampshire	30,388	160	7	Legal barriers; NH does not plan to pursue
Pennsylvania	214,666	2110	42	Under legal review
South Carolina	140,737	1232	14	Legal barriers; SC does not plan to pursue

***NVAC recommendations for engaging remaining states to prioritize IZ Gateway connection with VHA?***



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# Lessons Learned

## Need for standardization

- Message handling differences across jurisdictions
- IIS variation in HL7 elements requiring customization for multi-jurisdictional providers
  - Differences in MSH-4, MSH-22
- Custom ACK codes received from IIS/vendors
  - No standard ACK among IIS indicating if a vaccination message was rejected, successful, or data did not populate in the IIS record
- Inconsistent error messages returned
- Abbreviated street/city names (i.e, Colorado SPGS) → Patient address standardization using Project US@ would be beneficial

*Creation of a baseline/normalized VXU HL7 message*

*Creation of Error Handling Dashboard to parse ACK error messages*



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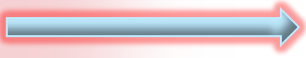


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# Outcomes and Advancements

## Before IZ Gateway

- Fragmented data systems 
- Limited interoperability 
- Reliance on manual processes 
- Challenges in immunization tracking, compliance and reporting issues 
- Incomplete Veteran records 

## After IZ Gateway

- Nationwide integration
- **Expanded interoperability** and enhanced functionality; **public health collaboration**
- Elimination of manual processes
- Standardized reverification and deduplication, seamless integration into health record
- Improved healthcare delivery, comprehensive Veteran records
- Expanded immunization information for end-users, within VHA and externally





# **Immunization Information Systems (IIS) in claims-based vaccine safety and effectiveness studies**

**Dr. Patricia Lloyd, ScM PhD**

Health Statistician

Office of Biostatistics and Pharmacovigilance

Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research

U. S. Food & Drug Administration

**National Vaccine Advisory Committee**

**June 14, 2024**

# Outline

- CBER Active Surveillance Program
- IIS-Claims Data Linkage
- Regulatory and Public Health Impact
- Conclusions

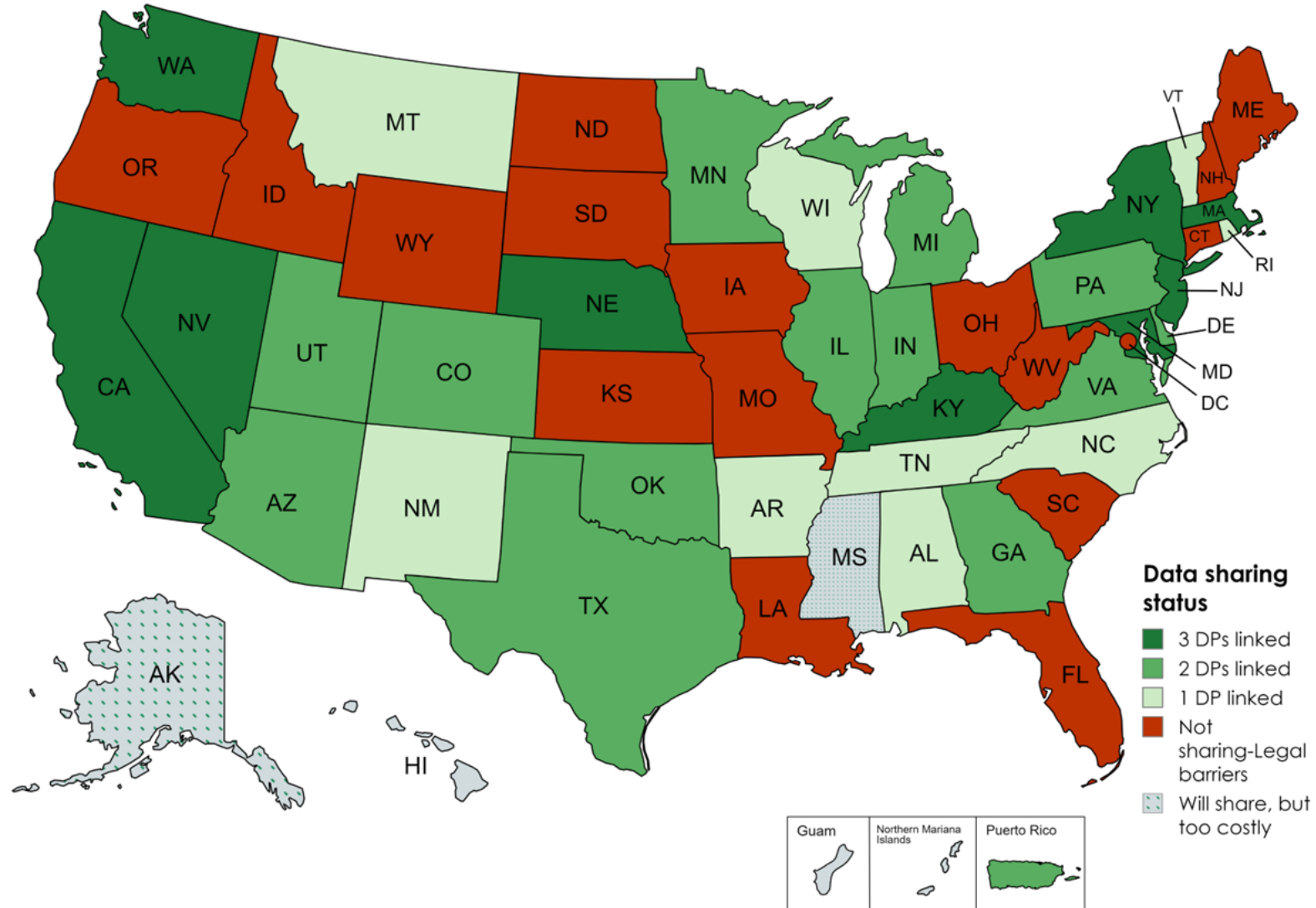
# CBER Active Surveillance Program Collaborative



Through multiple contracts and partnerships, CBER works with a diverse group of epidemiologists, data scientists and clinical experts to conduct active surveillance studies.



# Status of CBER-BEST and Data Partners IIS Jurisdiction Outreach



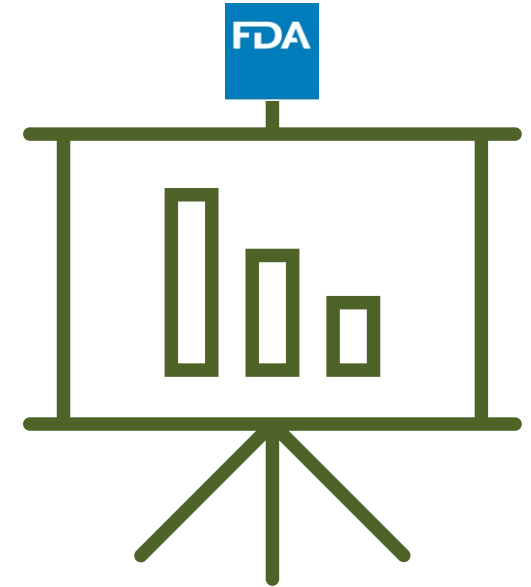
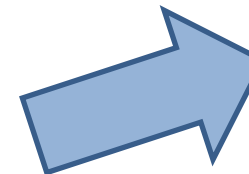
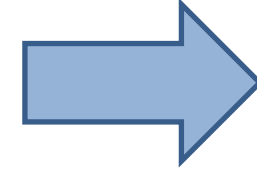
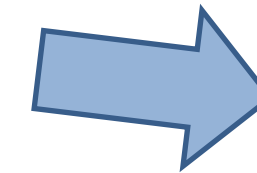
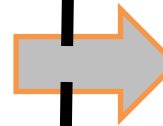
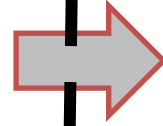
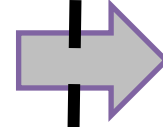
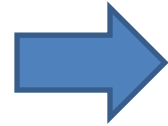
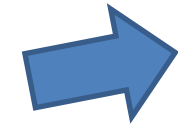
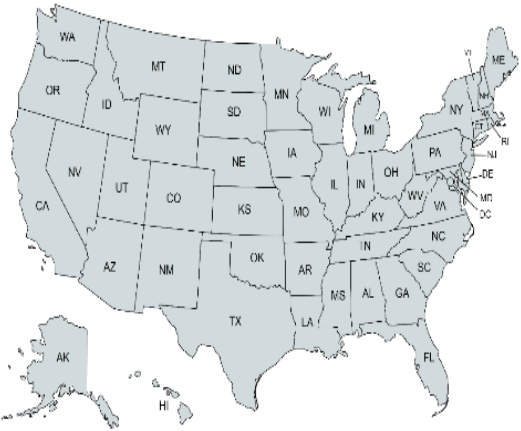
# IIS Partnership with FDA: Flow of Data



IIS

Data  
Partners

FDA/CBER  
BEST System



**IIS** share vaccination data on health plan members with **BEST** health plan data partners

**Data partners** clean, validate, aggregate and analyze linked vaccination and claims data per FDA protocols

**Data Partners** provide aggregated summary data to **FDA/CBER**, to monitor vaccine safety and effectiveness.

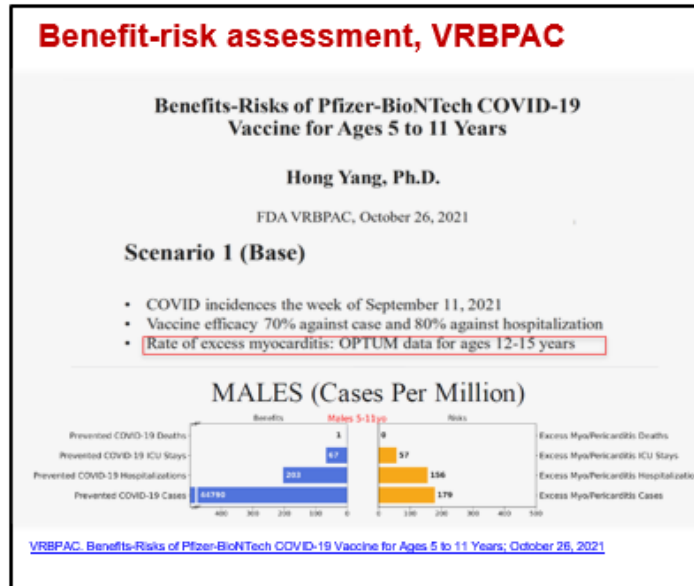
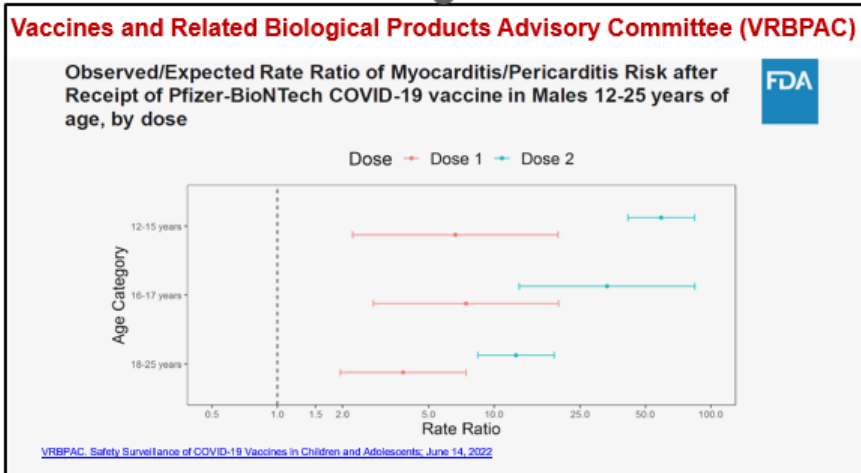
# IIS COVID-19 Data Linkage Feasibility Study (Single DP)



	Total study population (Age <64)	At least one dose		Completed series	
		Claims <sup>a</sup>	Combined IIS/Claims <sup>b</sup>	Claims <sup>a</sup>	Combined IIS/Claims <sup>b</sup>
		No. (%)	No. (%)	No. (%)	No. (%)
<b>Total (12/2020-12/2021)</b>	5,112,722	1,676,235 (32.8%)	2,458,231 (48.1%)	1,248,637 (24.4%)	2,143,556 (41.9%)
<b>Deidentified States</b>					
<b>State 1</b>	643,602	201,474 (31.3%)	316,177 (49.1%)	145,137 (22.6%)	287,198 (44.6%)
<b>State 2</b>	158,385	47,831 (30.2%)	76,820 (48.5%)	38,294 (24.2%)	68,478 (43.2%)
<b>State 3</b>	1,143,375	422,934 (37.0%)	520,249 (45.5%)	310,479 (27.2%)	404,913 (35.4%)
<b>State 4</b>	696,305	184,312 (26.5%)	265,936 (38.2%)	135,725 (19.5%)	228,643 (32.8%)
<b>State 5</b>	786,234	255,544 (32.5%)	401,634 (51.1%)	193,105 (24.6%)	366,046 (46.6%)
<b>State 6</b>	318,060	136,090 (42.8%)	167,745 (52.7%)	102,514 (32.2%)	144,224 (45.3%)
<b>State 7</b>	330,165	124,739 (37.8%)	191,327 (58.0%)	101,157 (30.6%)	180,397 (54.6%)
<b>State 8</b>	360,267	110,016 (30.5%)	179,787 (49.9%)	83,987 (23.3%)	159,617 (44.3%)
<b>State 9</b>	87,663	18,927 (21.6%)	40,901 (46.7%)	12,709 (14.5%)	36,876 (42.1%)
<b>State 10</b>	219,939	54,303 (24.7%)	105,376 (47.9%)	39,386 (17.9%)	95,468 (43.4%)
<b>State 11</b>	254,098	76,424 (30.1%)	133,781 (52.7%)	54,735 (21.5%)	122,816 (48.3%)
<b>Multiple states<sup>c</sup></b>	114,629	43,641 (38.1%)	58,498 (51.0%)	31,409 (27.4%)	48,880 (42.6%)



# Regulatory and Public Health Impact



**Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)**

VaST assessment – Review of U.S. monitoring data for consideration of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine in 6–17-year-olds

System	Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine in children & adolescents aged 5–17 years
V-safe	• Patterns of reports for local and systemic reactions similar for all age groups
VAERS	• Reporting rates for myocarditis exceed background for males ages 5–11-, 12–15-, 16–17 (mainly for dose 2 and booster) and for females 12–15-, 16–17 (dose 2 only)
VSD	• Risk for myocarditis/pericarditis is elevated; greatest in age groups 16–17 and 12–15 years, generally higher after dose 2 vs dose 1 primary series and in males vs females • No statistical signals for children ages 5–11 years
<b>BEST</b>	• Risk appears greatest in age groups 16–17 and 12–15 years, generally higher after dose 2 than dose 1 • No statistical signals for children ages 5–11 years • Only statistical signals for 12–15- and 16–17-year-olds: myocarditis/pericarditis

VAERS, Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System; VSD, Vaccine Safety Datalink; BEST, Biologics Effectiveness and Safety system

ACIP, COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Technical (VaST) Work Group, June 23, 2022

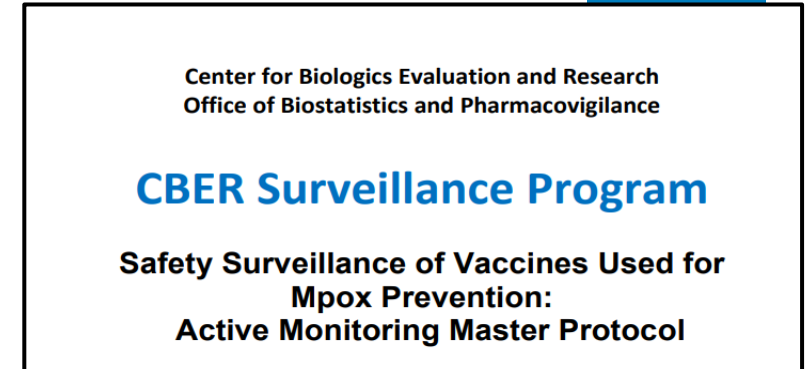
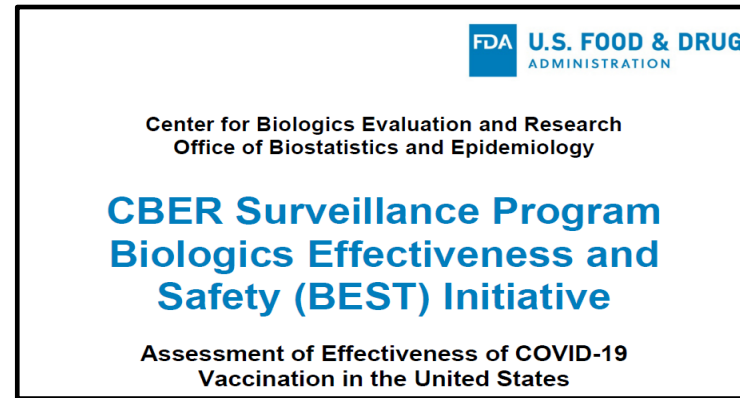
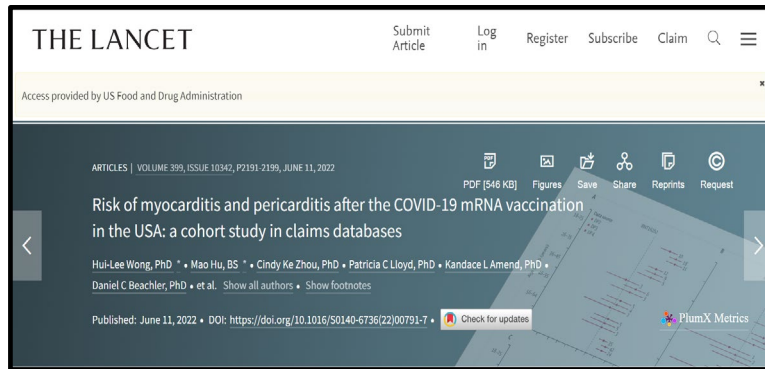
**BEST studies have contributed to EUA and approvals during numerous FDA advisory panels.**

**BEST studies provided risk estimates for input in benefit–risk assessment for regulatory decision making.**

**As part of the both passive and active US surveillance system, BEST studies contribute to the advisory committee that determines the public health policies regarding vaccines in the US.**

# Regulatory and Public Health Impact

FDA



**IIS data are crucial to FDA safety assessment/surveillance, e.g. defining the risk of Myocarditis/pericarditis after mRNA vaccines in young males.**

**IIS data provide more power to detect any potential rare safety outcomes after vaccine receipt.**

**IIS data are crucial for absolute vaccine effectiveness (VE) studies.**

**IIS data were essential to measure exposure for JYNNEOS and ACAM2000.**

**Vaccinated in Claims Only  
~10% Vaccinated in IIS ~90%**

**IIS data were critical to give us the ability to do monitoring.**

# Conclusions



- BEST Initiative contributes to FDA CBER's mission to ensure biologic products safety and effectiveness through active surveillance.
- IIS data complements COVID-19 claims data adding up to 50% more immunization information for timely, evidence-based regulatory decision making.
- IIS mpox data captured nine times as many vaccine administrations as claims data.
- Continued and expanded IIS data linkage is needed for BEST to continue generating rapid and comprehensive response to the COVID-19 pandemic, mpox, seasonal influenza, and future outbreaks that require vaccine administration.

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# Questions?

# Immunization Data: Innovations, Improvements, and Updates

## Discussion



Public Meeting  
**NATIONAL  
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June 13-14, 2024

**Break**





# Saluting Global Immunization Efforts: 154+ Million Lives Saved!

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# EPI 50-year impact analysis

National Vaccine Advisory  
Committee (NVAC) meeting  
14 June 2024

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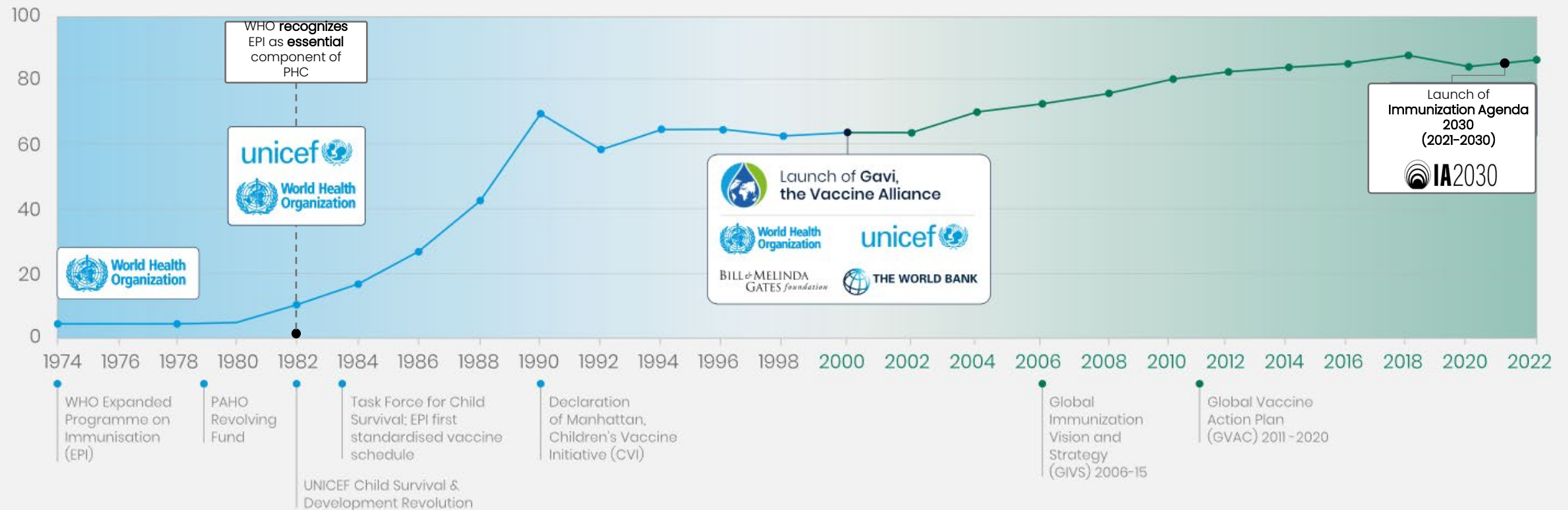
# Agenda

1. The 50<sup>th</sup> EPI anniversary & “Humanly Possible” campaign
2. Analysis scope
3. Methods
4. Results
5. Q&A and discussion with NVAC

# **The 50th EPI anniversary & “Humanly Possible” campaign**

# Over these 50 years, immunization programmes around the world have driven toward equity and access as a foundation of PHC

DTP3 coverage (%)

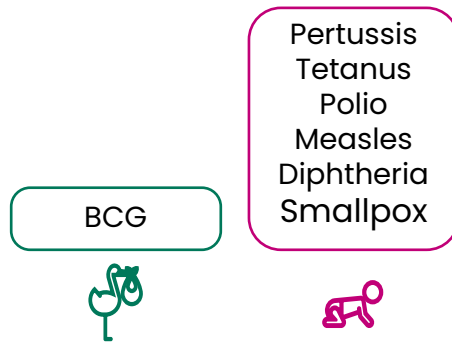


**Note:** DTP3 coverage in 1974 based on estimates from Keja K, Chan C, Hayden G, Henderson RH. Expanded programme on immunisation. World Health Stat Q. 1988;41(2):59-63. PMID: 3176515. DTP3 coverage from 1980 onwards based on WUENIC estimates, July 2023.

# The #vaccine preventable diseases has massively expanded

*From 7 VPDs in 1974..... to >13 in 2024*

**7** Global VPDs



**1974** Expanded Programme on Immunization **Founded**

acellular  
Pertussis  
Influenza  
RSV

JE  
TCV  
Meningitis  
YF  
Malaria  
Rabies

RSV  
Mumps  
Cholera  
TBE  
Varicella  
Hep A

COVID-19  
Influenza  
Meningitis  
Cholera  
Rabies

Zoster  
RSV  
Dengue  
Influenza  
Meningitis  
Mpox  
Pneumococcus  
Cholera  
Rabies

**17+**  
Context  
Specific  
VPDs

Tetanus  
COVID-19

BCG  
Hep B

Diphtheria  
Tetanus  
Pertussis  
Hep B  
Polio  
Measles  
Rubella  
Hib  
PCV  
Rotavirus

Diphtheria  
Tetanus  
Pertussis  
Hep B  
HPV

COVID-19

**13**  
Global  
VPDs

**2024**

Essential Programme on Immunization  
**life-course vaccines**

Note: \*BCG: bacillus Calmette–Guérin; Hib: Haemophilus influenzae type b; HPV: human papillomavirus; JE: Japanese Encephalitis; PCV: pneumococcal conjugate vaccine; RSV: respiratory syncytial virus; TBE: Tick-Borne Encephalitis; TCV: typhoid conjugate vaccine; YF: yellow fever.



# EPI@50 & 2024 World Immunization Week

Global immunization efforts have saved at least 154 million lives over the past 50 years



 World Health Organization     
WHO, UNICEF, Gavi, and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation launch "Humanly Possible" campaign to scale up vaccination programmes around the world during World Immunization Week 2024

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## Launch of "Humanly Possible" campaign

- Theme of non-branded/White Label campaign
- Coordinated through IA2030, across partners (WHO, UNICEF, Gavi, BMGF)
- The worldwide communication campaign calls on world leaders to advocate, support and fund vaccines and the immunization programmes
- Reaffirming their commitment to public health, while celebrating one of humanity's greatest achievements.

For more information:

<https://www.worldimmunizationweek.org/>



# EPI@50 analysis published in the Lancet on 2 May 2024

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## Contribution of vaccination to improved survival and health: modelling 50 years of the Expanded Programme on Immunization

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### Summary

**Background** WHO, as requested by its member states, launched the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) in 1974 to make life-saving vaccines available to all globally. To mark the 50-year anniversary of EPI, we sought to quantify the public health impact of vaccination globally since the programme's inception.

**Methods** In this modelling study, we used a suite of mathematical and statistical models to estimate the global and regional public health impact of 50 years of vaccination against 14 pathogens in EPI. For the modelled pathogens, we considered coverage of all routine and supplementary vaccines delivered since 1974 and estimated the mortality and morbidity averted for each age cohort relative to a hypothetical scenario of no historical vaccination. We then used these modelled outcomes to estimate the contribution of vaccination to globally declining infant and child mortality rates over this period.

**Findings** Since 1974, vaccination has averted 154 million deaths, including 146 million among children younger than 5 years of whom 101 million were infants younger than 1 year. For every death averted, 66 years of full health were gained on average, translating to 10·2 billion years of full health gained. We estimate that vaccination has accounted for 40% of the observed decline in global infant mortality, 52% in the African region. In 2024, a child younger than 10 years is 40% more likely to survive to their next birthday relative to a hypothetical scenario of no historical vaccination. Increased survival probability is observed even well into late adulthood.

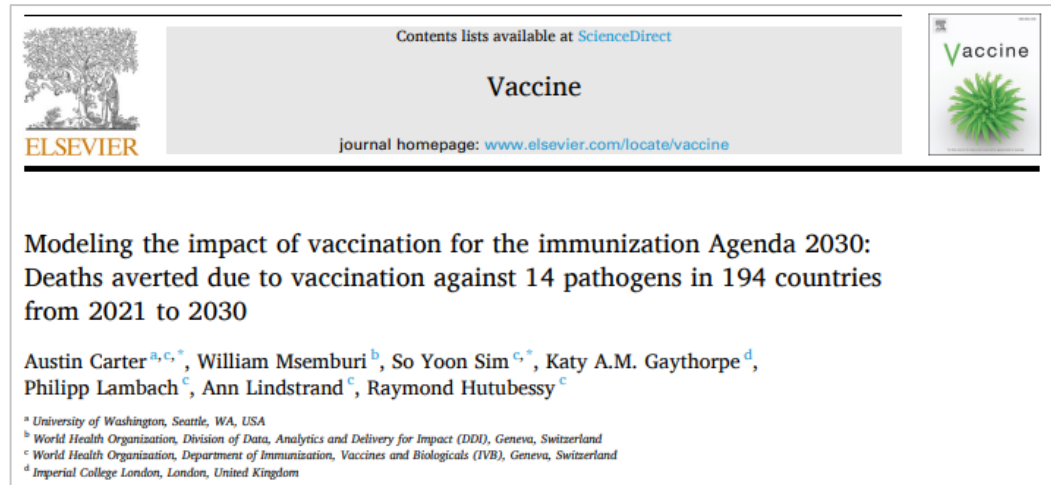
**Interpretation** Since 1974 substantial gains in childhood survival have occurred in every global region. We estimate that EPI has provided the single greatest contribution to improved infant survival over the past 50 years. In the context of strengthening primary health care, our results show that equitable universal access to immunisation remains crucial to sustain health gains and continue to save future lives from preventable infectious mortality.

# Analysis scope

# EPI 50-year impact analysis

- **Historical public health impact of vaccination for pathogens within EPI**
  - **Time-frame:** 50 years (June 1974– May 2024)
  - **Country scope:** global (194 countries)
  - **Pathogens scope:** 14 vaccine preventable diseases
    - 11 from 13 global VPDs (diphtheria, Haemophilus influenzae type B, hepatitis B, measles, pertussis, poliomyelitis, rotavirus, rubella, Streptococcus pneumoniae, tetanus, and tuberculosis)
    - 3 from 17 context-specific VPDs (Japanese encephalitis, Neisseria meningitidis A, and yellow fever)
- Uses a **framework developed by WHO**, first used for IA2030 analysis
  - **Counterfactual:** no vaccination since 1974
  - **Metric:** Calendar year of impact
  - **Models:** VIMC, external, WHO-developed, Geographic and temporal extrapolation
  - **Outcomes:** deaths averted, years of life gained, years of full health gained (DALYs averted), proportion of infant mortality reduction attributable to vaccination
- Goal of the analysis
  - Quantify the impact of vaccination in the last 50 years based on **a solid scientific analysis**
  - Conservative approach, robust minimum

# Previous analysis: Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030) Impact Goal indicator 1.1



## 1. Scientific analysis

## 2. Advocacy

New UN-led global immunization push aims to save more than 50 million lives



© UNICEF/Jannatul Mawa | A young boy is vaccinated against measles and rubella during a national vaccination campaign in Bangladesh.

## 3. Monitoring & Evaluation

### IG1: Prevent Disease

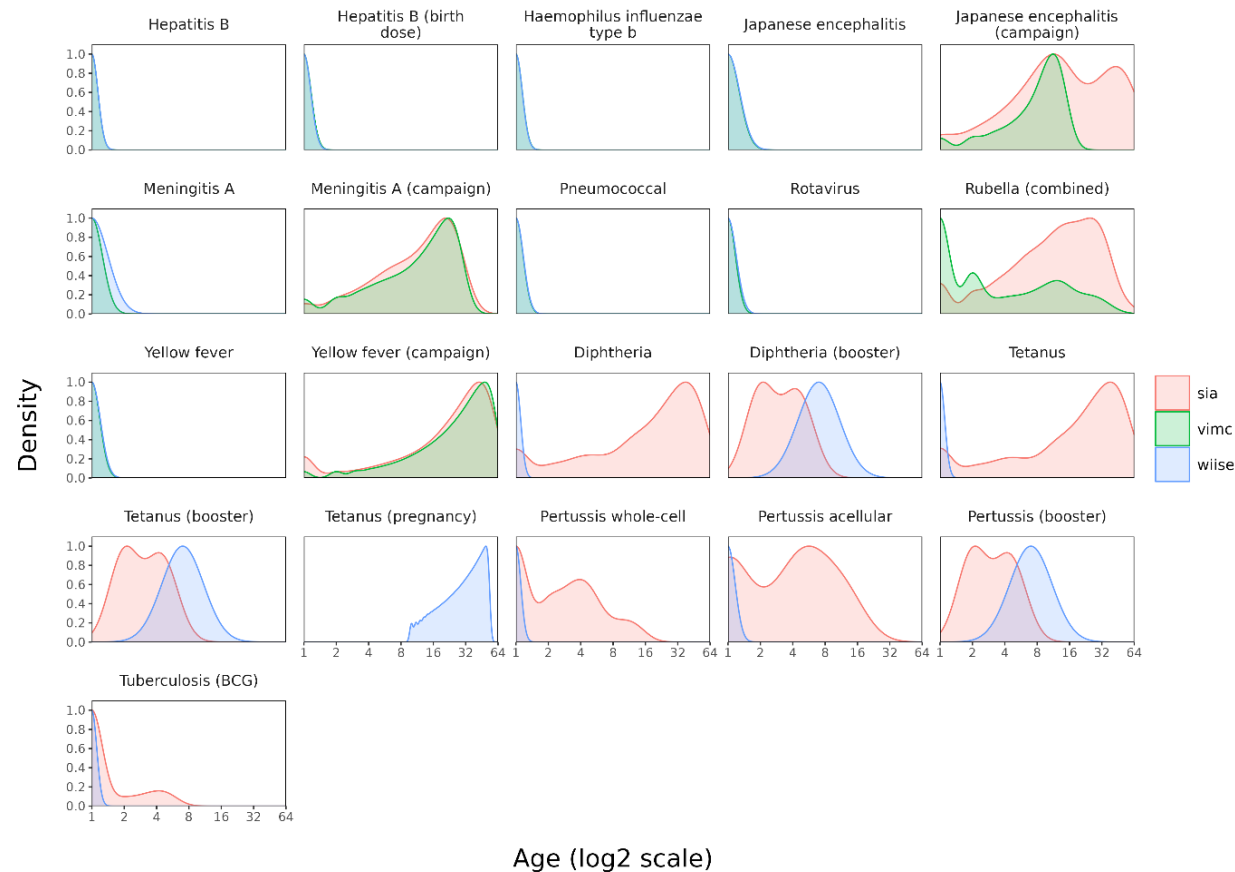
1.1 50 million future deaths averted globally from vaccination delivered by 2030

Cumulative number of deaths averted



# Methods

# Coverage estimates



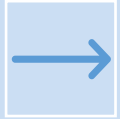
Age distribution at vaccination, by antigen, data source

## Data sources

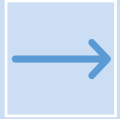
- WHO Immunization Dashboard (for routine immunization)
- WHO Supplementary Immunization Activities database (for SIA)
- WHO Polio Information System (for SIA)
- Vaccine Impact Modelling Consortium (VIMC) coverage estimates (for RI and SIA)

# Models

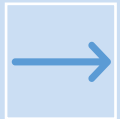
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Dynamic transmission models  
2 diseases: measles (ensemble of  $n=2$ ) and polio



A suite of VIMC transmission models  
8 diseases: Hib, hepB, JE, IPD, rotavirus, rubella, mening A and YF

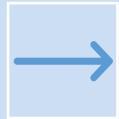


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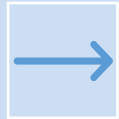


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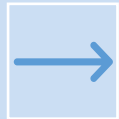
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Extended by geographical imputation and temporal extrapolation

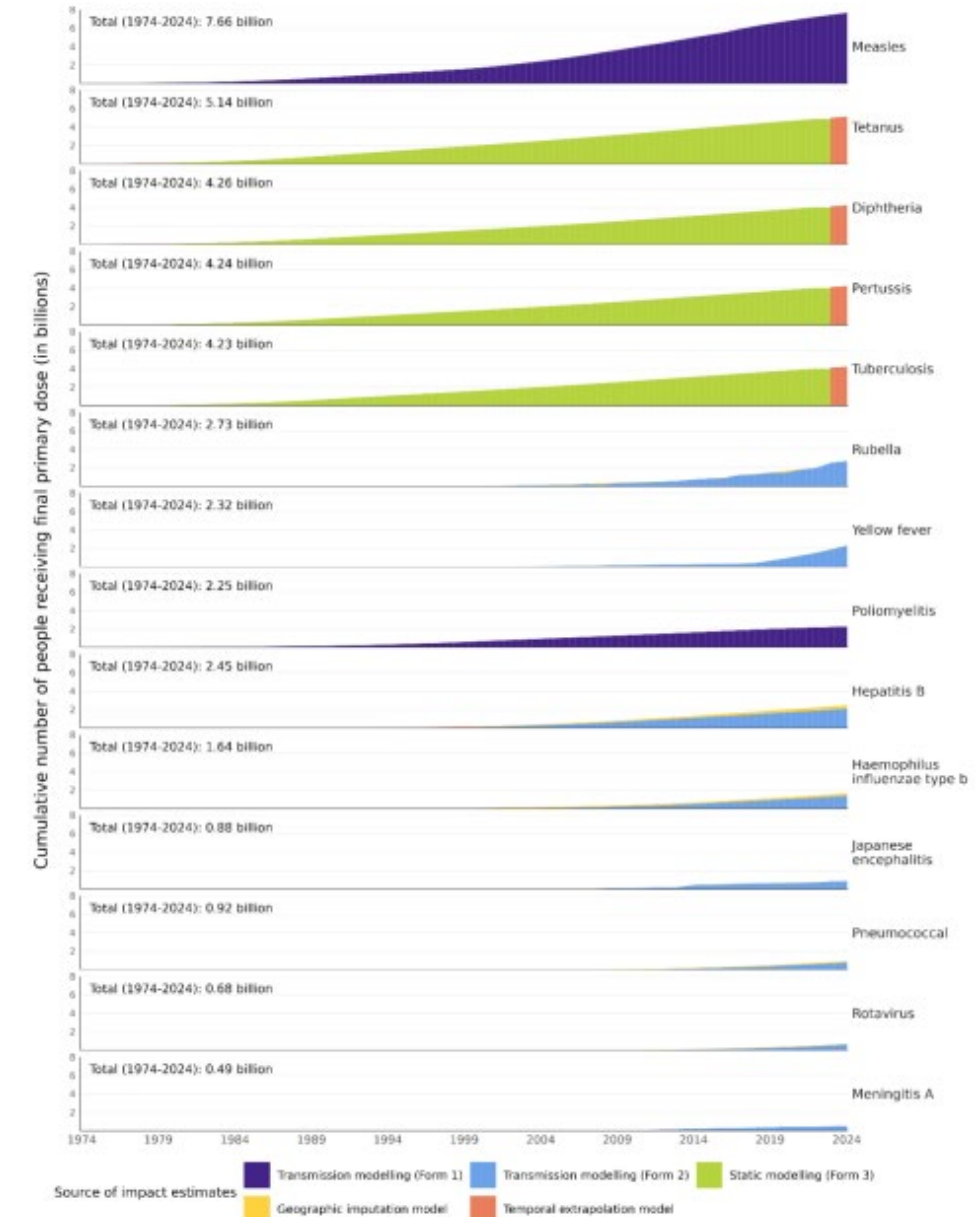


Figure S6 The relative contribution of vaccine impact estimation methods.

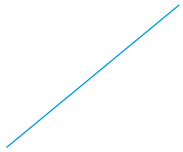
# Temporal extrapolation: Not every dose is equal

*Reflecting the reality:*

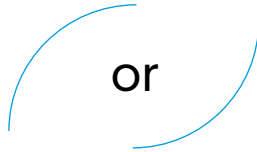
- Vaccines have indirect benefits
- When vaccines prevent transmission → protect unvaccinated too
- The total benefit increases but the direct individual marginal benefit decreases

*Our models:*

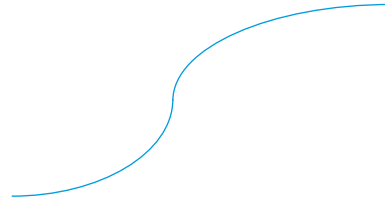
- Fitted four different models to observed data on cumulative impact vs. cumulative coverage



Linear: Each dose is equal, coverage has no effect



Logarithmic or Exponential: Each additional dose has lesser OR greater effect



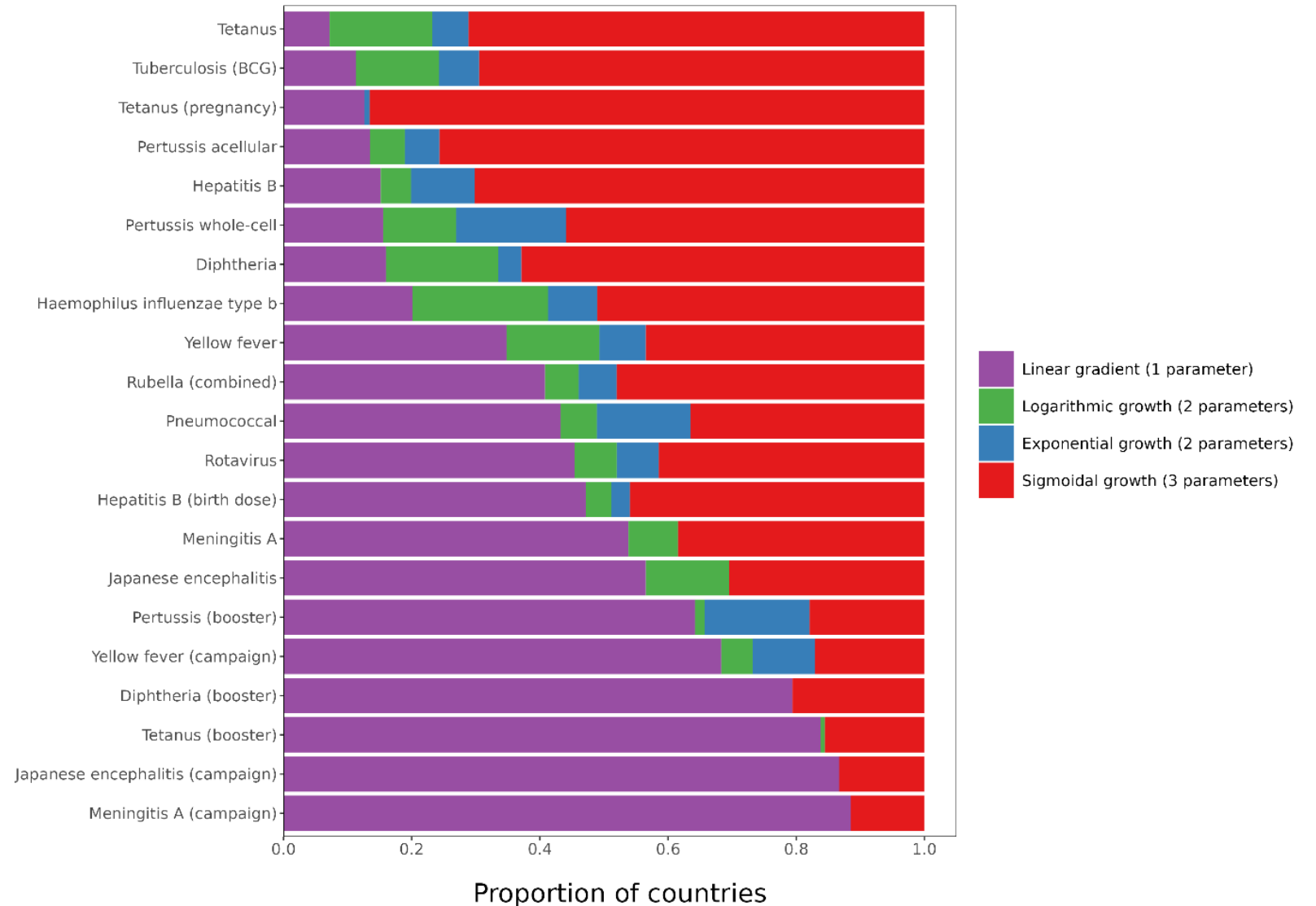
Sigmoidal: The programme takes time to become established but eventually each dose becomes less impactful

*Model variation:  
Each place and time look different and are tricky to predict but at the cumulative space, the relationship stabilizes*

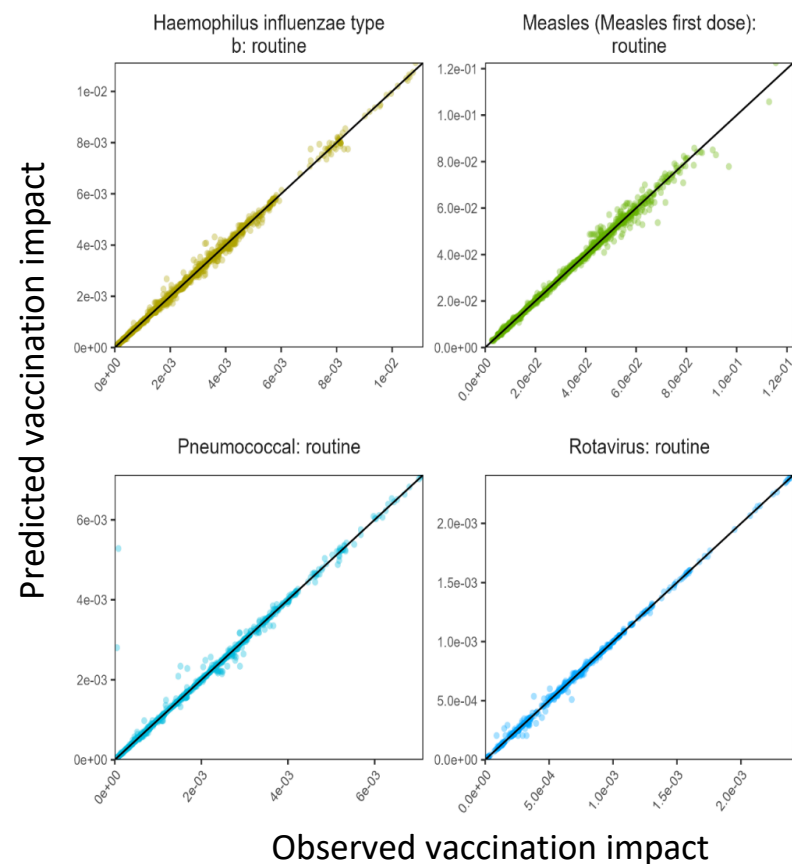
- Best fitting models were selected using the corrected Akaike Information Criterion (AICc) → ensures we are parsimonious

# Temporal extrapolation: Not every dose is equal

Proportion of countries with  
each functional form by  
disease-vaccine-activity



# Imputation for gaps in place and time



Model validation: predicted vs observed impact

- To impute impact in countries for which we had no results, we estimated the impact of predictors that give rise to **differences between countries**
- Fitted **regression models** to each country, for each vaccine activity, using an AICc model selection approach
- **Predictor variables** included:
  - Vaccination coverage, up to 4 years lag
  - Gini coefficient (inequality)
  - Health spending
  - Malnutrition
  - Maternal mortality
  - Access to clean water and sanitation, etc.
- The fitted time series regression models were used to **impute vaccination impact** in countries for which we did not have estimates
- Coefficients of correlation were sampled for selected predictors from the fitted distributions of neighboring countries
- *We plan to extend these methods to help strengthen vaccine program impact*

# Results

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- Vaccination has **averted 154 million deaths** since EPI launch in 1974.
- **Measles accounted for 60%** of the total benefits (94 million of 154 million deaths averted).
- The majority of deaths averted are in children under 5. More than **9 billion years of life** have been saved.
- Vaccination also prevents the long-term consequences associated with severe disease, especially polio. **10.2 billion years of full health have been gained** (DALYs averted).

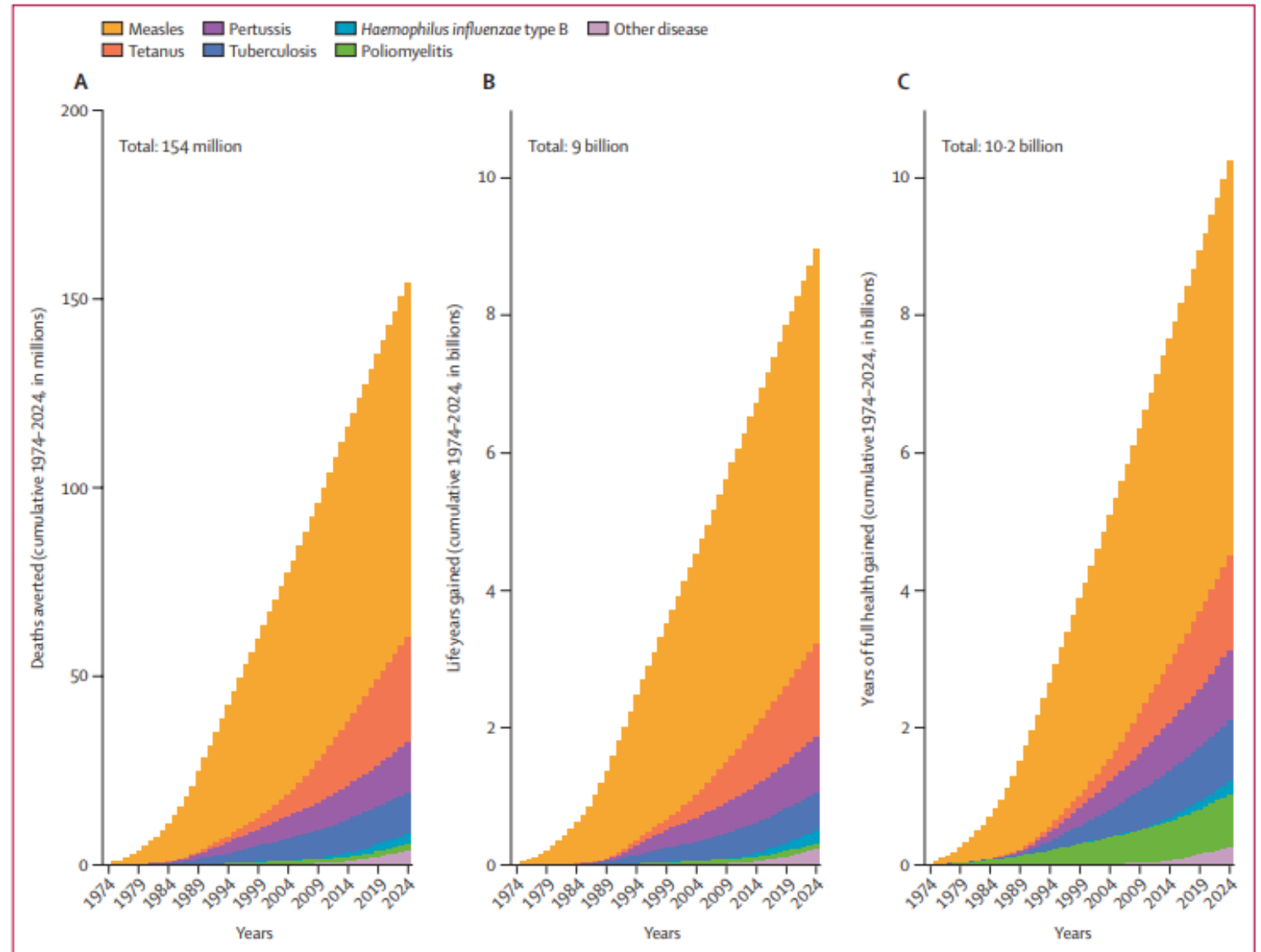


Figure: Deaths averted, years of life saved, and years of full health gained due to vaccination

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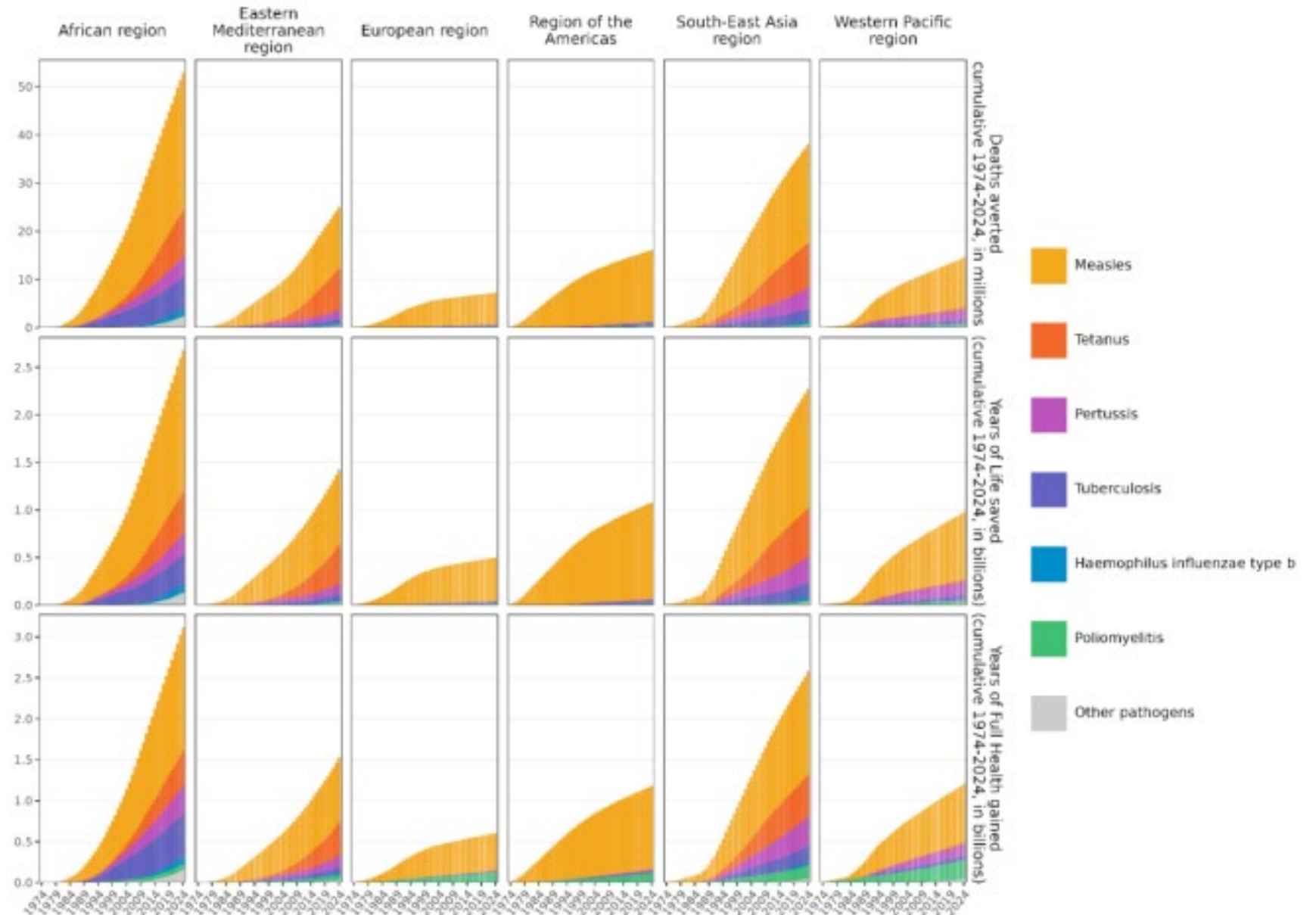


Figure: Deaths averted, years of life saved, years of full health gained due to vaccination by WHO region



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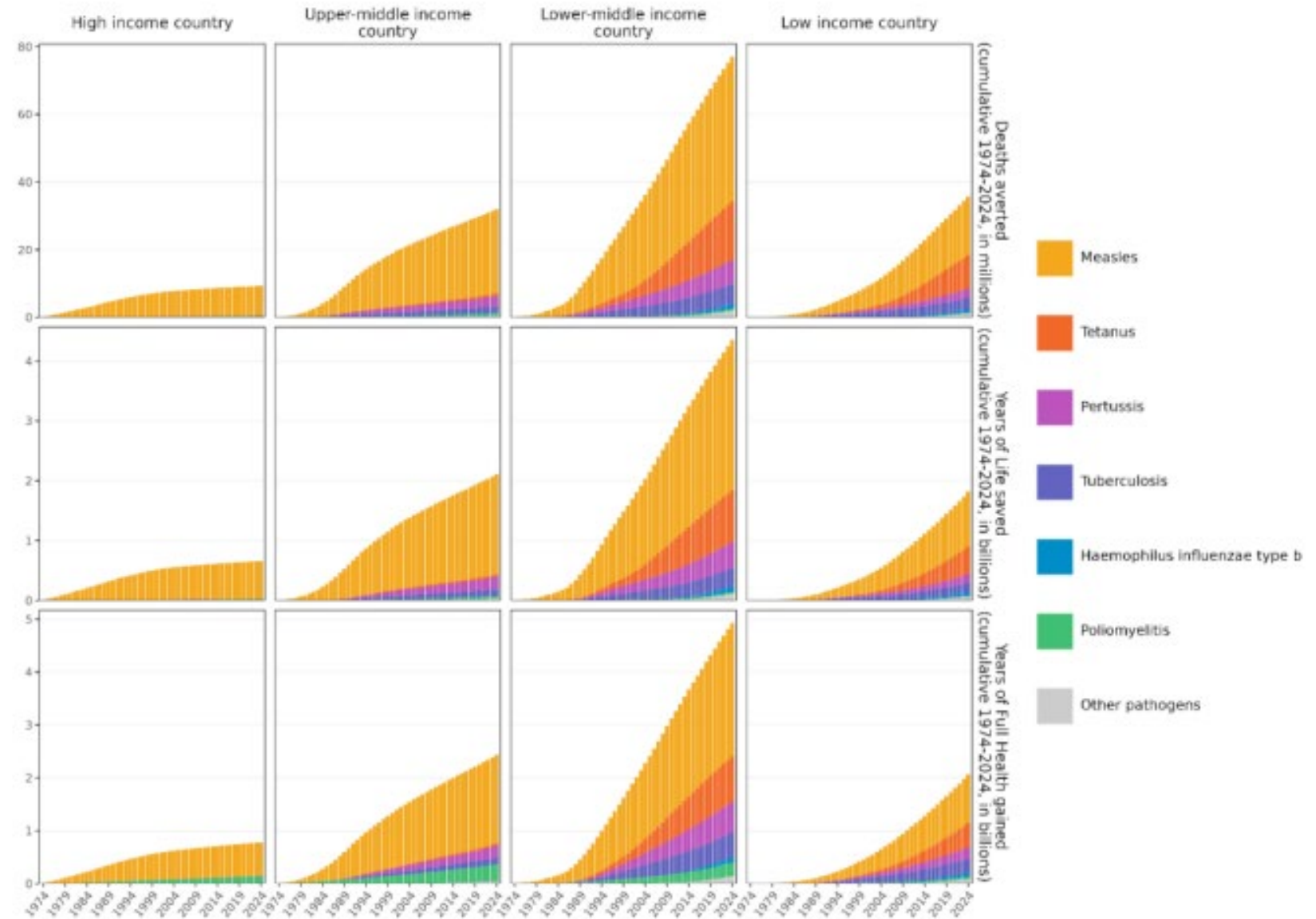
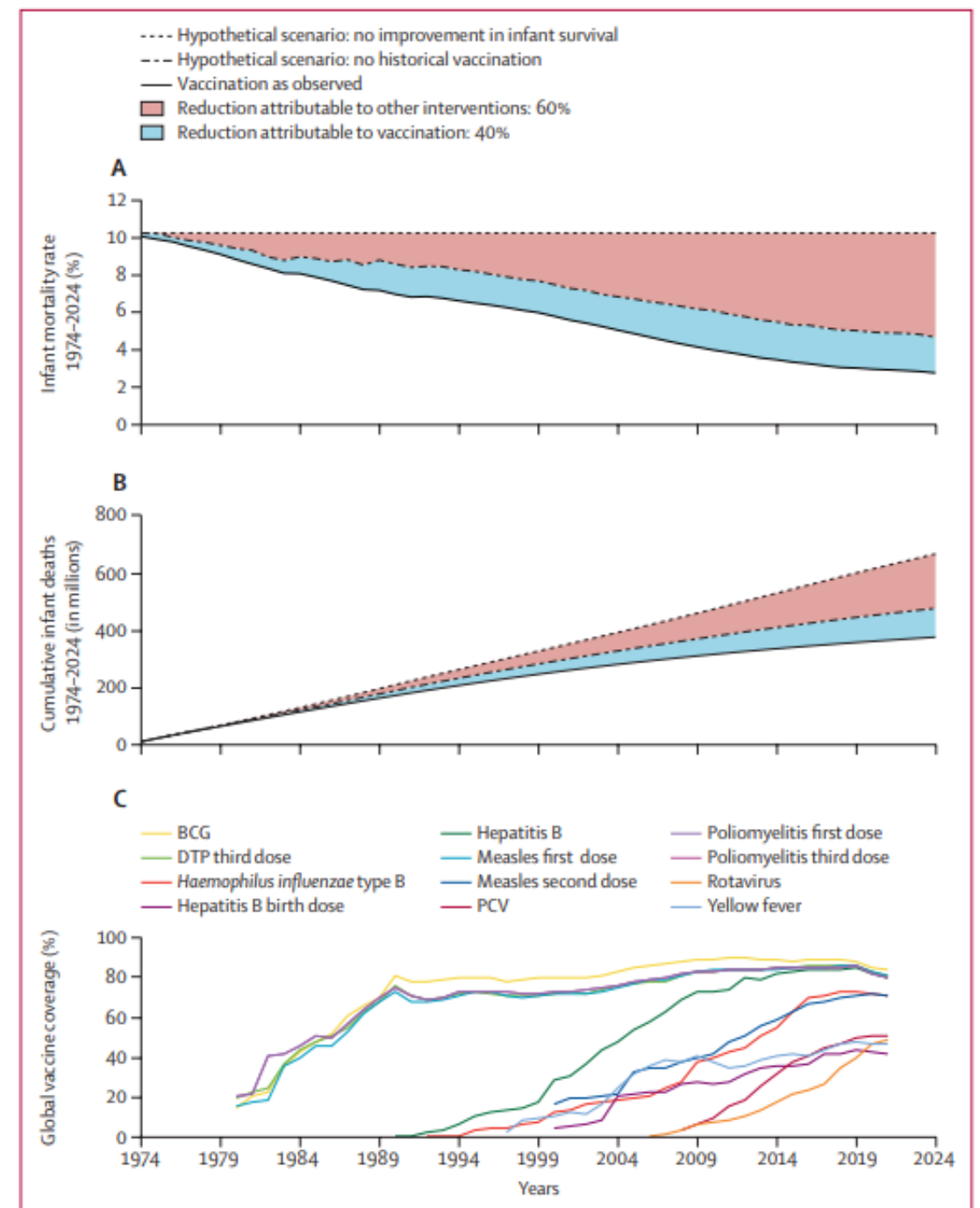


Figure: Deaths averted, years of life saved, years of full health gained due to vaccination by World Bank income status (as classified in 2024)

# Results

- Infant mortality was falling before the 1974 launch of EPI and continues to fall due to multiple causes
- Between 1974 and 2024, 40% of the reduction in infant mortality is attributable to vaccination
- Consider this plot decade by decade, in context of large-scale interventions
- Contribution of non-vaccine factors has increased over time and is becoming more important.

Figure: Infant mortality 1974–2024, the proportional effect of vaccination on overall decreasing trends, and global vaccine coverage



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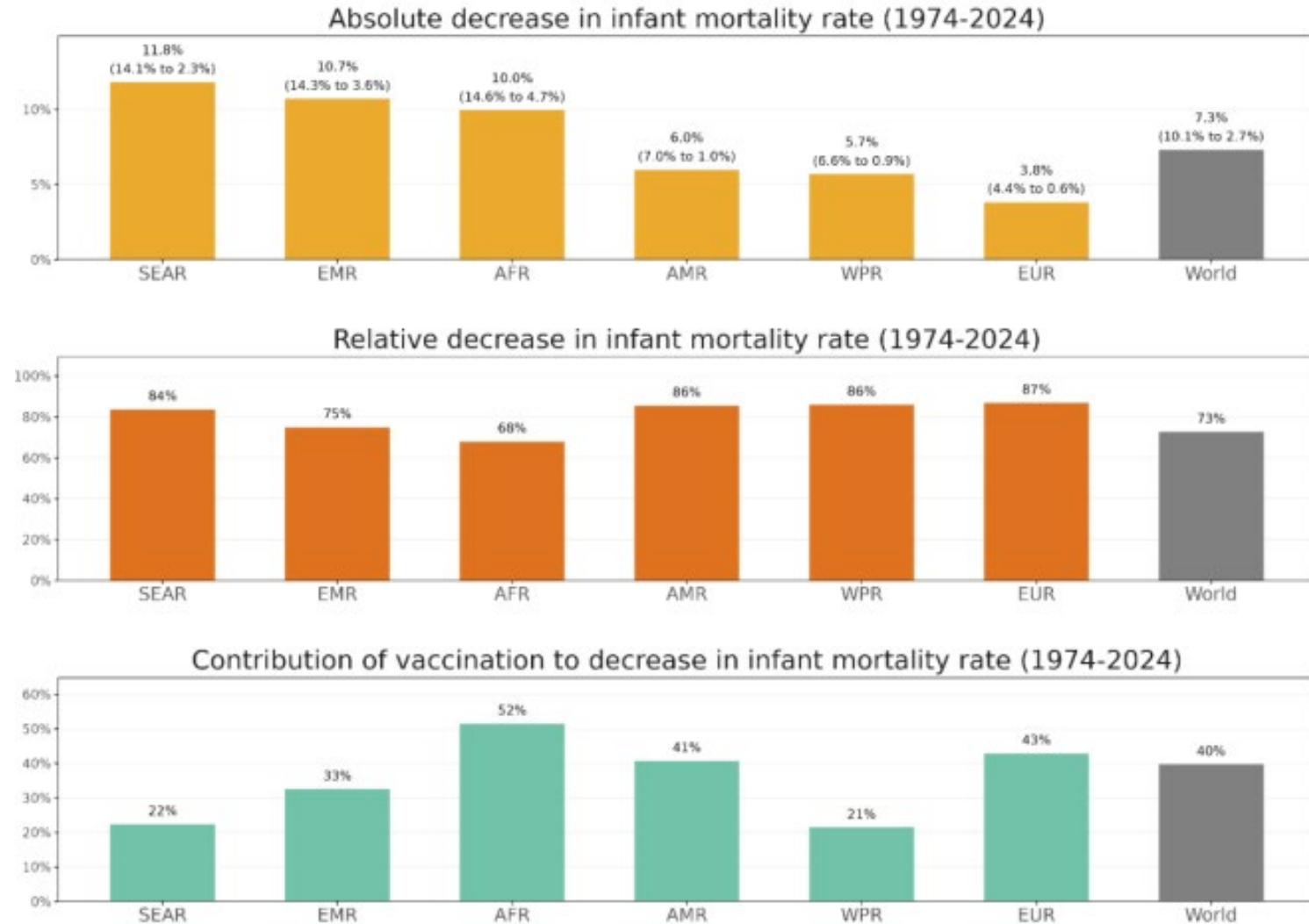


Figure S3 Absolute and relative decrease in infant mortality and contribution of vaccination to the decrease in infant mortality, by region, 1974 – 2024. Regional acronyms: AFR = African region, AMR = Region of the Americas, EMR = Eastern Mediterranean region, EUR = European region, SEAR = South-East Asia region, WPR = Western Pacific region

# Results

Increase in survival probability:

- In 2024, a child at any age under 10 years is **at least 40 percent more likely to survive to their next birthday** compared to a hypothetical scenario of no vaccination in the past 50 years, globally
- **Protective benefits continue past the age of 50, globally**

**Greatest absolute benefits in Eastern Mediterranean and African Regions** (approaching 2.5 percentage point reduction in infant mortality)

**Greatest relative benefits in the Western Pacific, Americas and Eastern Mediterranean Regions**, up until early adulthood

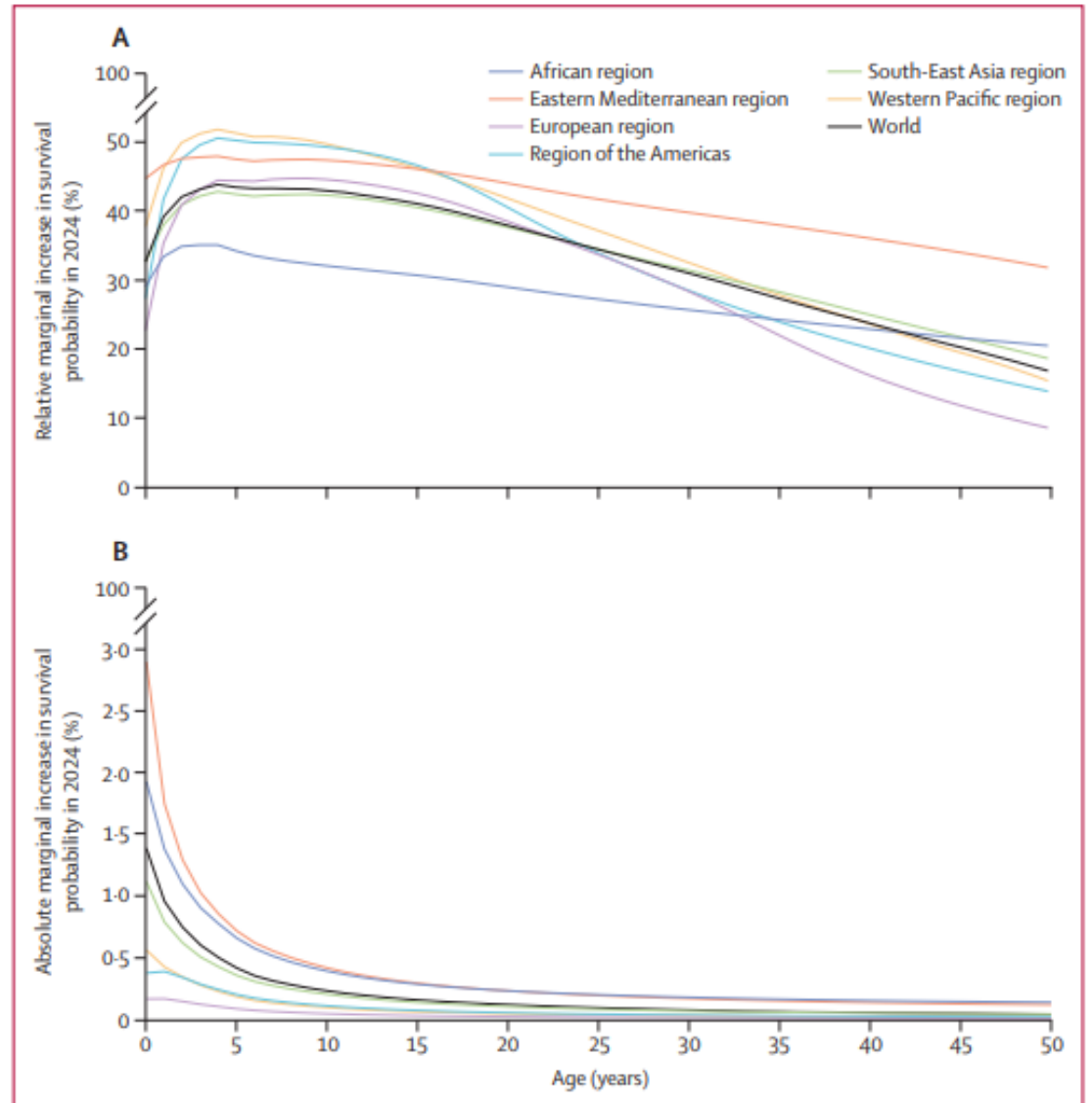


Figure: Marginal increase in survival probability in 2024 by year of life and WHO Region, compared with the hypothetical scenario of no historical vaccination  
Relative represents proportional percent change in this baseline risk.

# Conclusions

- Since 1974, EPI has saved over 154 million lives (of whom 146M children, 101M infants)
- Measles vaccination accounted for 60% of this benefit and is the single greatest contributor in all settings, preventing ~94 million deaths and saved over 5.7 billion years of life
- For every life saved, 66 years of full health were gained (disability-adjusted life years averted) on average, translating to 10.2 billion years of full health gained.
- Prevention of poliomyelitis was especially prominent in disability averted
- Vaccination has accounted for 40% (52% in AFR) of the reduction in infant mortality since 1974.
- In 2024, a child at any age under-10 is 40% more likely to survive to their next birthday relative to a hypothetical scenario of no historical vaccination.
- This increased survival probability is observed even well into late adulthood.

# Messages from “Humanly Possible” campaign

We can make it possible for everyone to benefit from the life-saving power of vaccines by:

- Ensuring vaccines are high on the priority list for governments in all countries;
- Advocating for vaccines to be an integral part of the planning and investment of health care across the life course;
- Making sure immunization programmes are adequately financed and resourced in all countries;
- Accelerating research and innovation that advances access to, and support for, vaccines;
- Speaking out on the impact of vaccinations locally, nationally and globally

More information: <https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-immunization-week/2024>

# Resources

- **Article published on the Lancet:**  
[https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(24\)00850-X](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(24)00850-X)
- **Open-source code library (WHO GitHub repository):**  
<https://github.com/WorldHealthOrganization/epi50-vaccine-impact>
- **DOI for WHO GitHub repository:**  
<https://zenodo.org/doi/10.5281/zenodo.10974443>
- **FAQ for study findings:**  
<https://github.com/WorldHealthOrganization/epi50-vaccine-impact/blob/master/Frequently%20Asked%20Questions.pdf>
- **Our World in Data:**  
<https://ourworldindata.org/vaccines-children-saved>





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# Saluting Global Immunization Efforts: 154+ Million Lives Saved!

## Discussion



# Research Review: An Eye-Opening Study on Switching Arms Between COVID-19 Vaccine Doses

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# Effect of contralateral boosting on humoral responses to mRNA COVID-19 vaccination



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# Effect of contralateral boosting on humoral responses to mRNA COVID-19 vaccination

## Experimental work

- Disclosures and Funding
- Terminology and abbreviations
- Experimental design
- Research Data
- Acknowledgments

## Commentary

- Strengths and Limitations
- Interpretation
- Speculation on mechanism
- Recommendations



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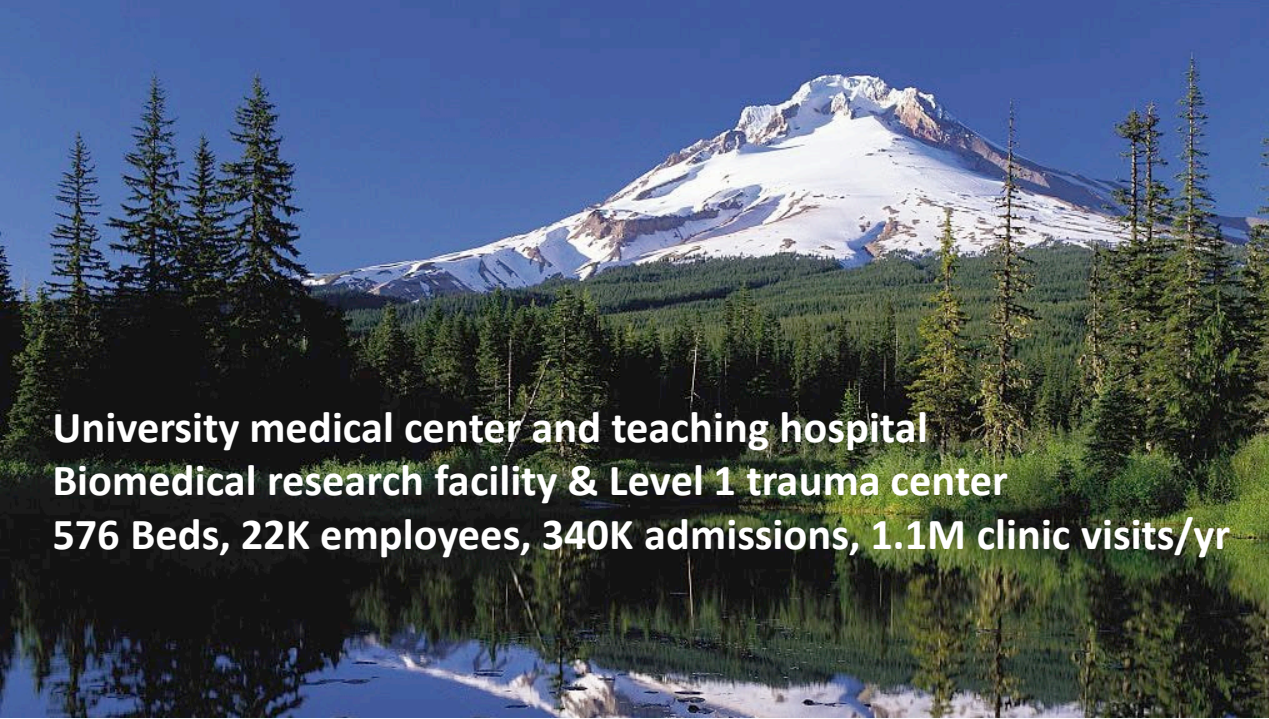


# TERMINOLOGY AND ABBREVIATIONS

BAb	Binding antibodies
BNT162b2	Pfizer-BioNTech 1 <sup>st</sup> generation COVID-19 vaccine
C19 study	OHSU COVID-19 serology study
HCW	Healthcare workers
NAb	Neutralizing antibodies
OHSU	Oregon Health & Sciences University
Ppt	Study participant
V1	Vaccine dose 1
W1	Wave 1 (sampling visit 1)



# BACKGROUND - Oregon Health and Sciences University



**University medical center and teaching hospital**  
**Biomedical research facility & Level 1 trauma center**  
**576 Beds, 22K employees, 340K admissions, 1.1M clinic visits/yr**

Serves the region  
between Seattle &  
San Francisco





# BACKGROUND - context

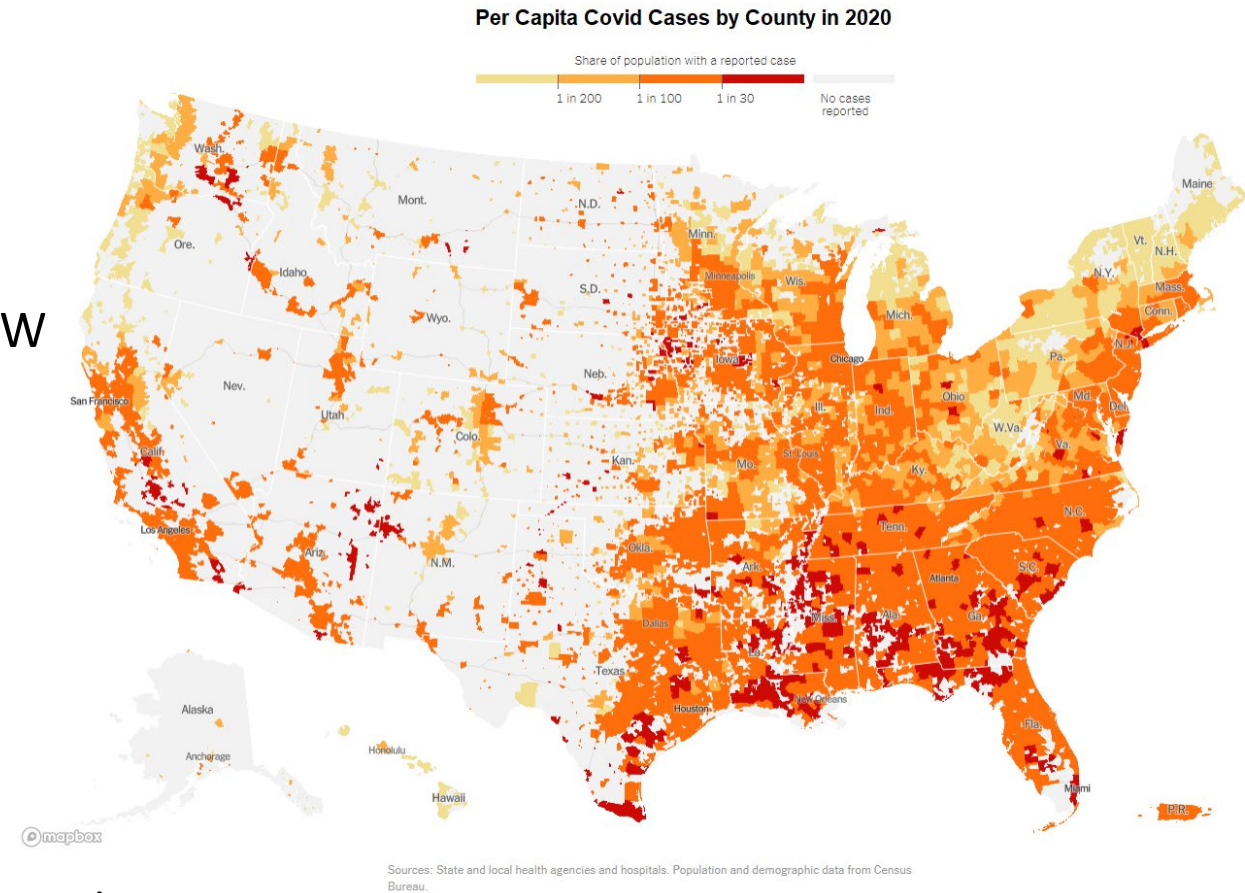
In 2020 new respiratory pandemic was sweeping through the country

New mRNA COVID-19 vaccines first available to HCW late 2020

- Pfizer, Moderna
- OHSU vaccinating ~1000 HCW per day

However, many fundamental knowledge gaps

- Seroprevalence of unrecognized infection
- Immune responses to vaccination
- Interaction between natural infection, vaccination, viral genetic evolution



# BACKGROUND – C19 study

C-19 serology study - prospective cohort study of adult HCW receiving first-time COVID-19 vaccination

Objective: understand immune responses to COVID-19 vaccination and natural infection

Data collection and study procedures

- Demographics
- Vaccination and infection history
- Peripheral blood samples
- Vaccination with BNT162b2

A total of 2016 participants enrolled between Dec 2020 and March 2021



# BACKGROUND – C19 study

## C19 serology study



Wave 1



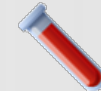
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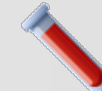
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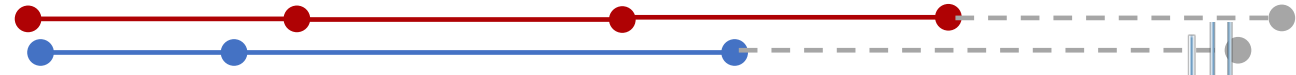
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Wave 4



post-boost

Wave 5  
Ongoing



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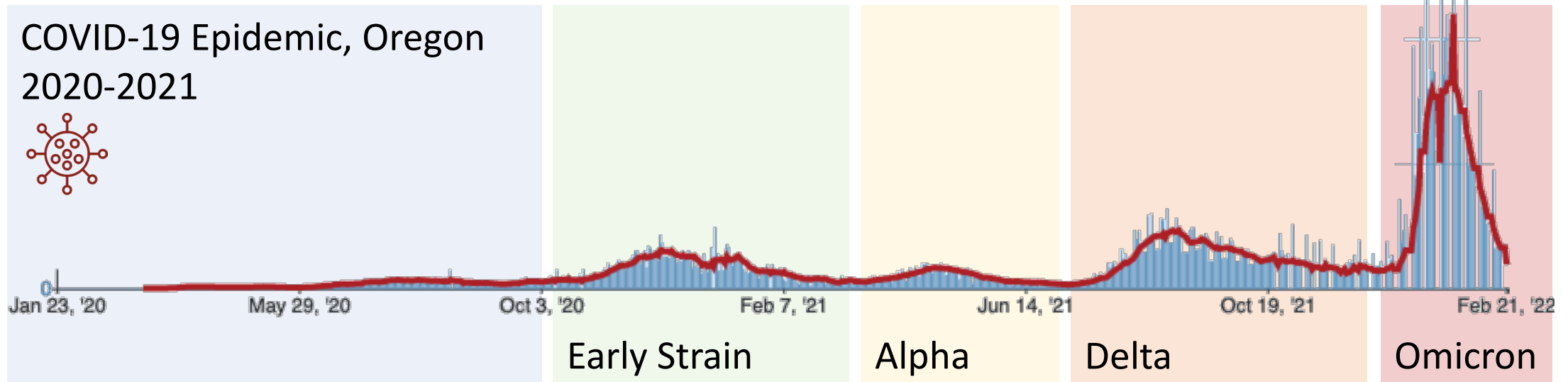


Vaccination  
1 & 2



Booster

## COVID-19 Epidemic, Oregon 2020-2021

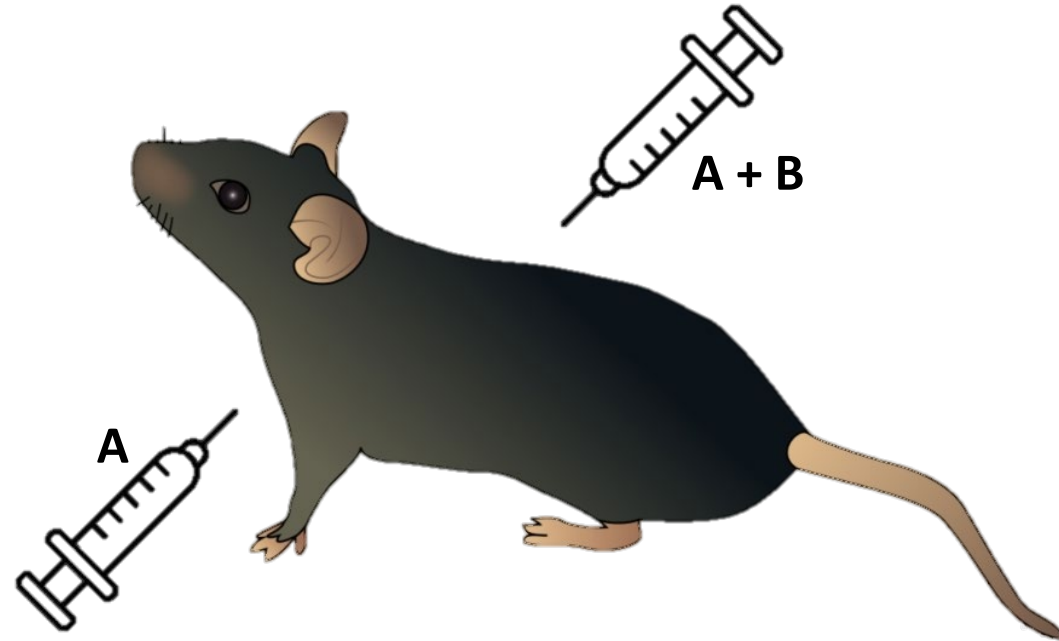


# ARM RANDOMIZATION - rationale

General assumption in medical practice that vaccine site selection does not matter.

However, antigen presentation in response to local exposure is regional

Animal studies: immunodominance during sequential vaccination can be broken by distributing site of vaccination (immunodominance, original antigenic sin, imprinting).



Sequential vaccination of mouse with antigen A followed later by antigens A + B. Heterotopic vaccination allows responses to both A and B at boosting.

# ARM RANDOMIZATION - methods

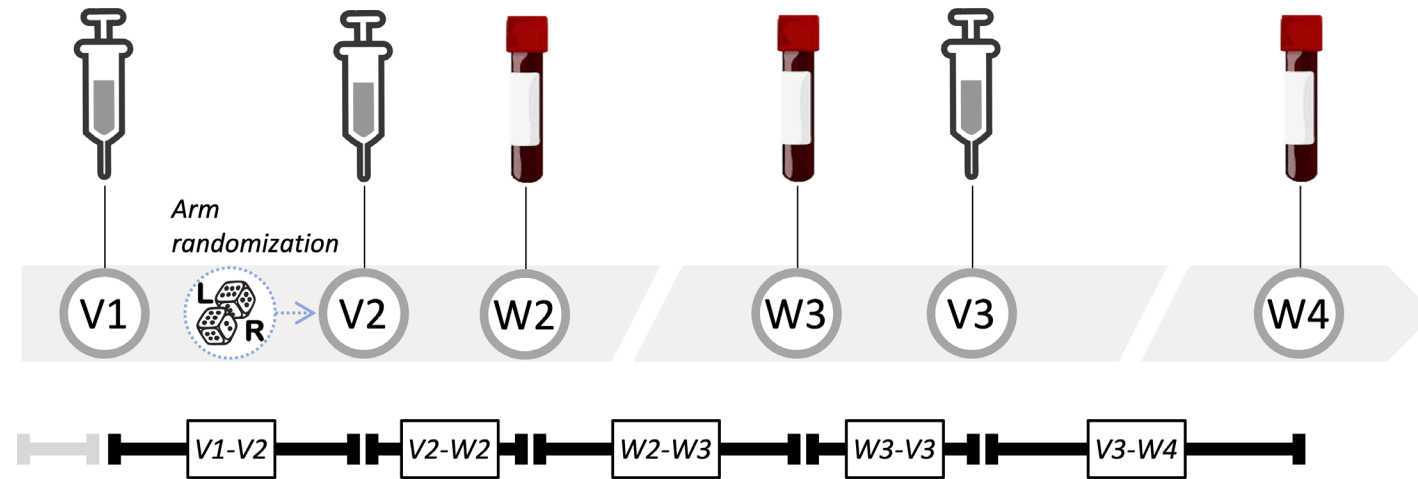
Pre-randomized each participant to ipsilateral or contralateral group

Offered enrollment into substudy at V2.  
Group assignment revealed after enrollment.

Longitudinal measurement of antibody responses

Analysis of three groups

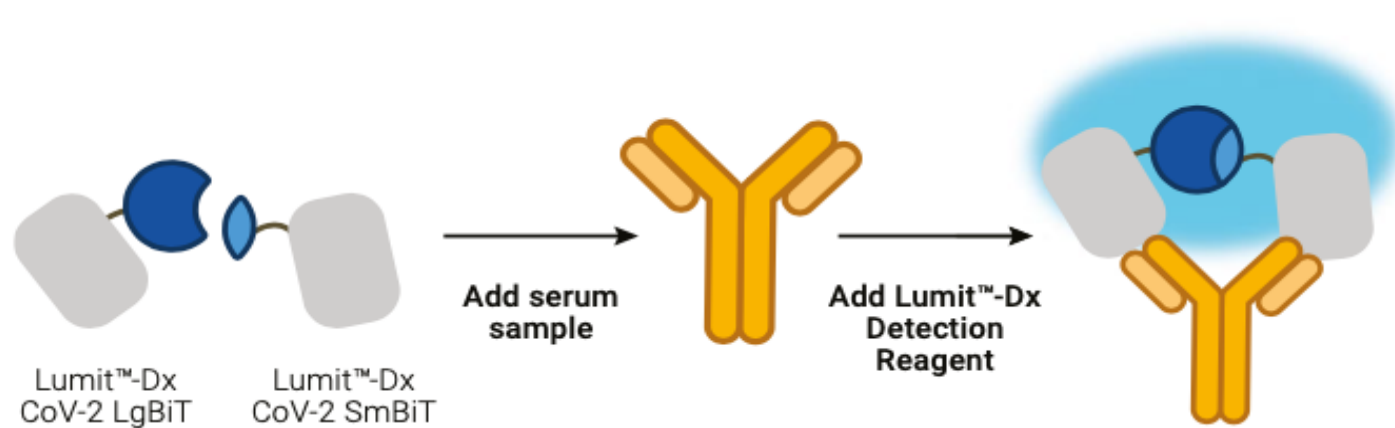
- all ppts with information on arm usage
- all randomized ppts
- subset matched on gender, age, time intervals



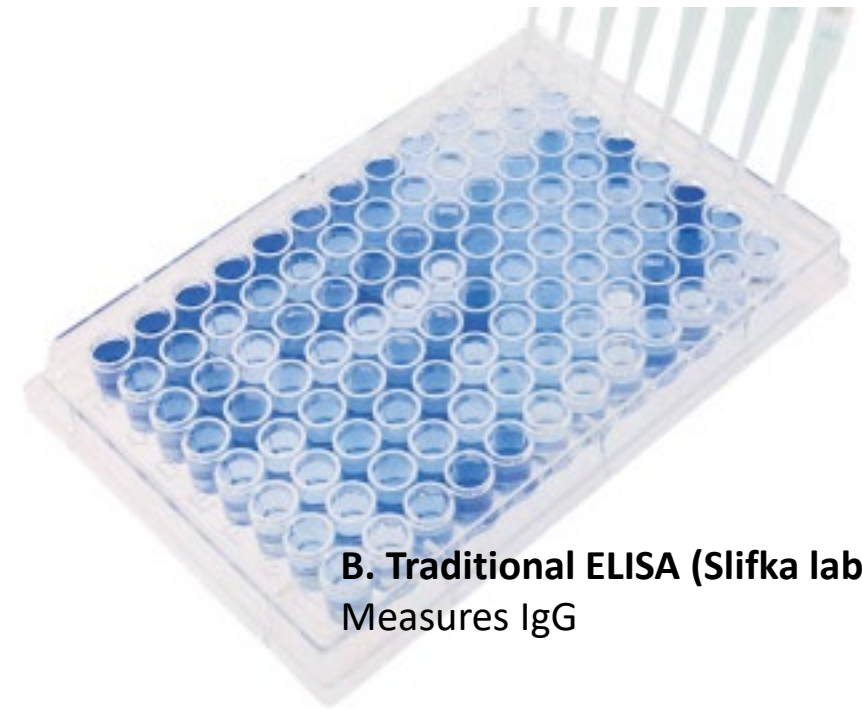
Timeline of vaccinations (V1-V3), arm-randomization, and study visits (W3-W4) for blood collection



# ARM RANDOMIZATION - assays

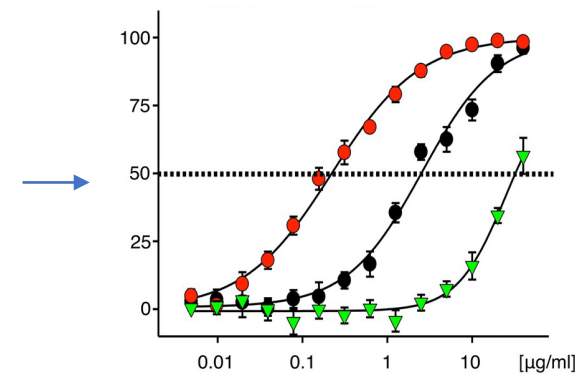
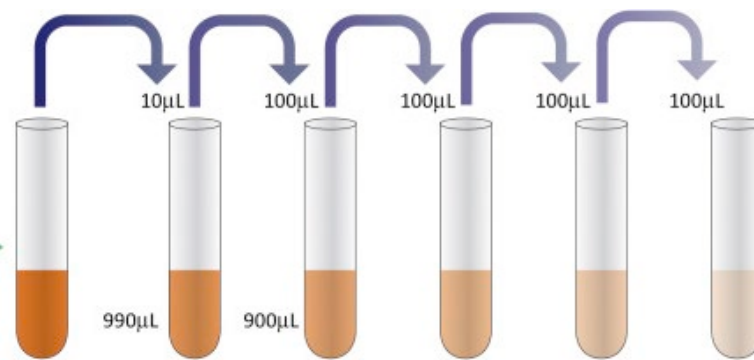


**A. Lumit DX™ SARS-CoV-2 immunoassay (Promega – OHSU lab)** – antibody binding produces chemiluminescence. Readout is in relative light units (RLU). Measures total Ig.



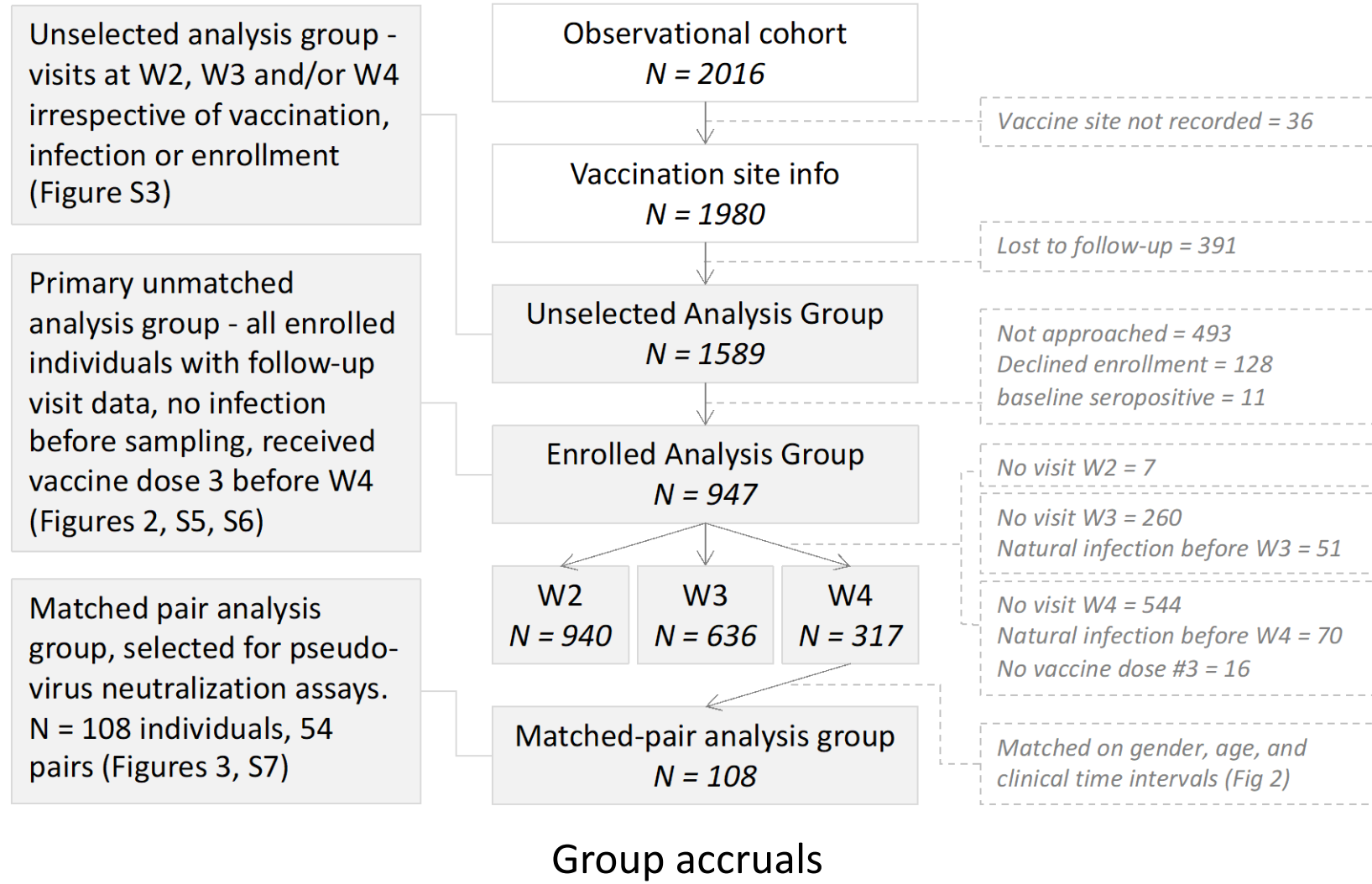
**B. Traditional ELISA (Slifka lab)**  
Measures IgG

**C. Pseudovirus neutralization**  
Montefiori lab





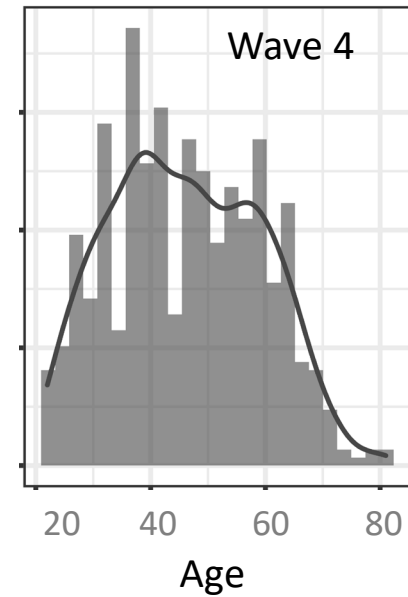
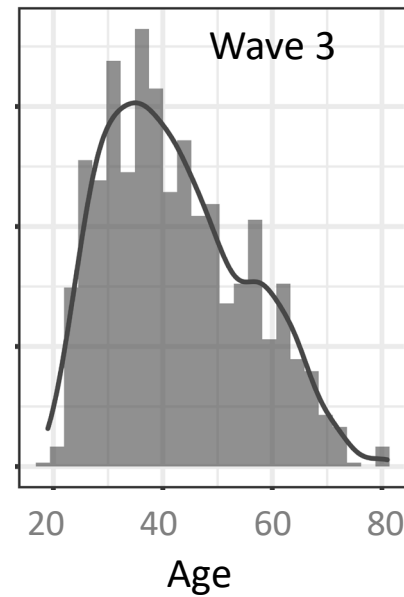
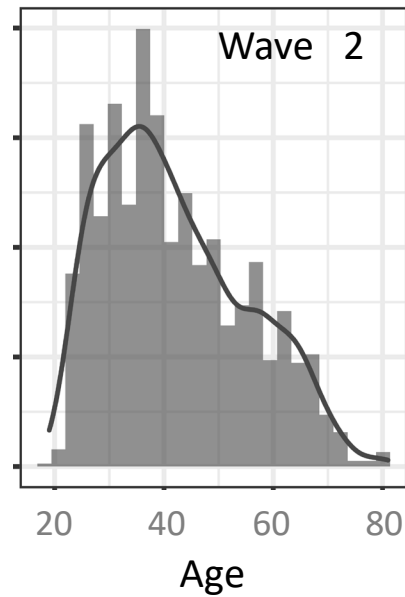
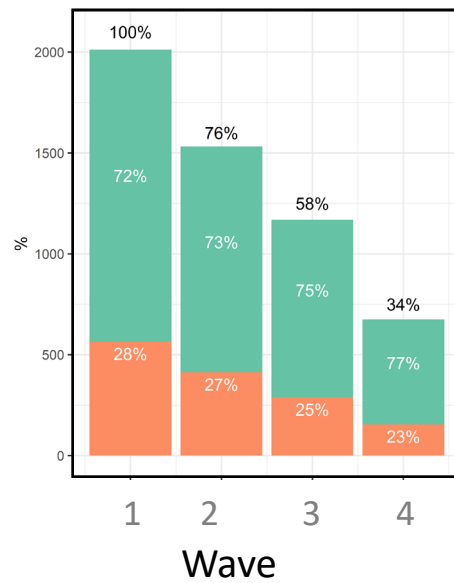
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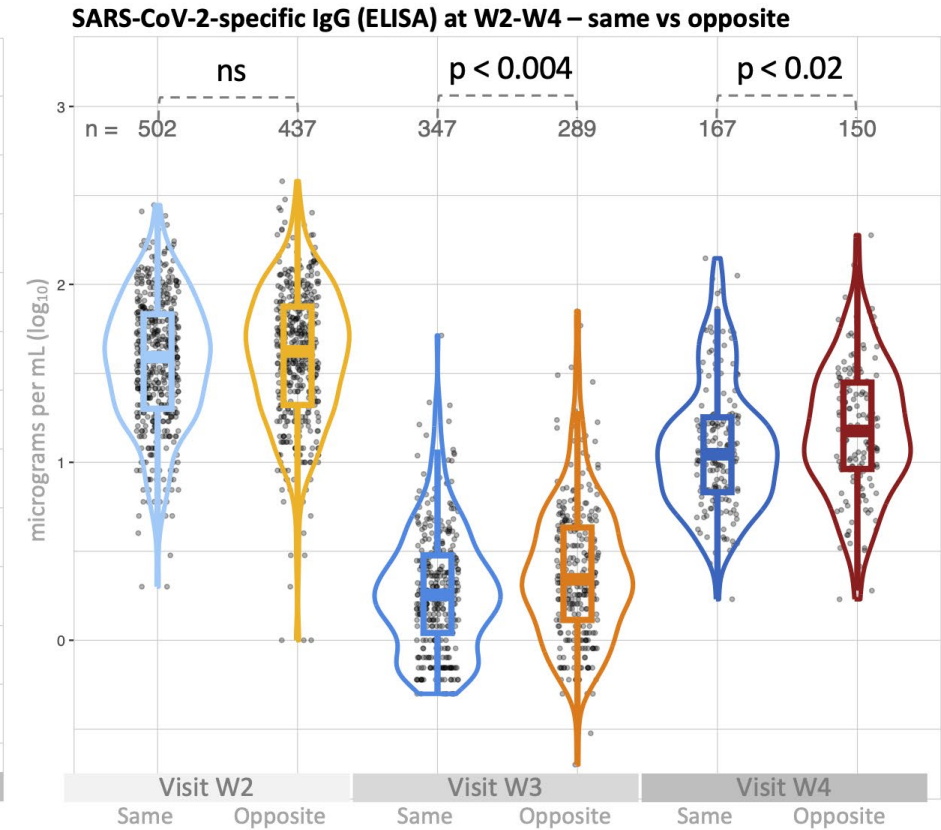
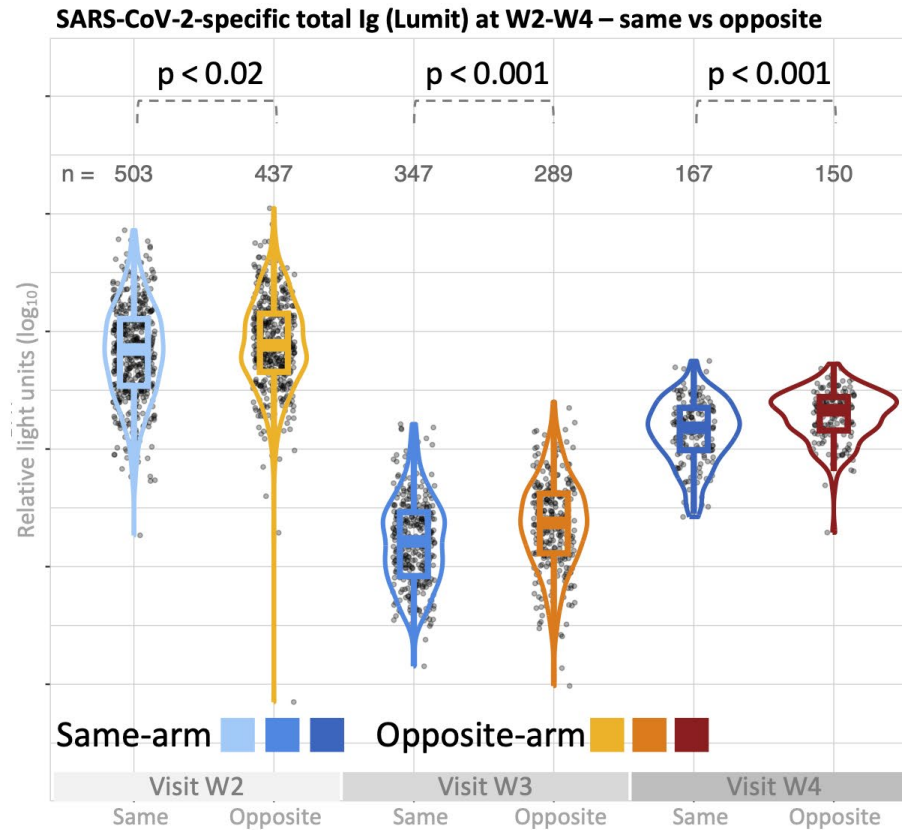
## Demographics, enrollment and randomization

- More women than men
- Median age 40, range 19-81
- Proportions remained stable over time



# ARM RANDOMIZATION – immune responses

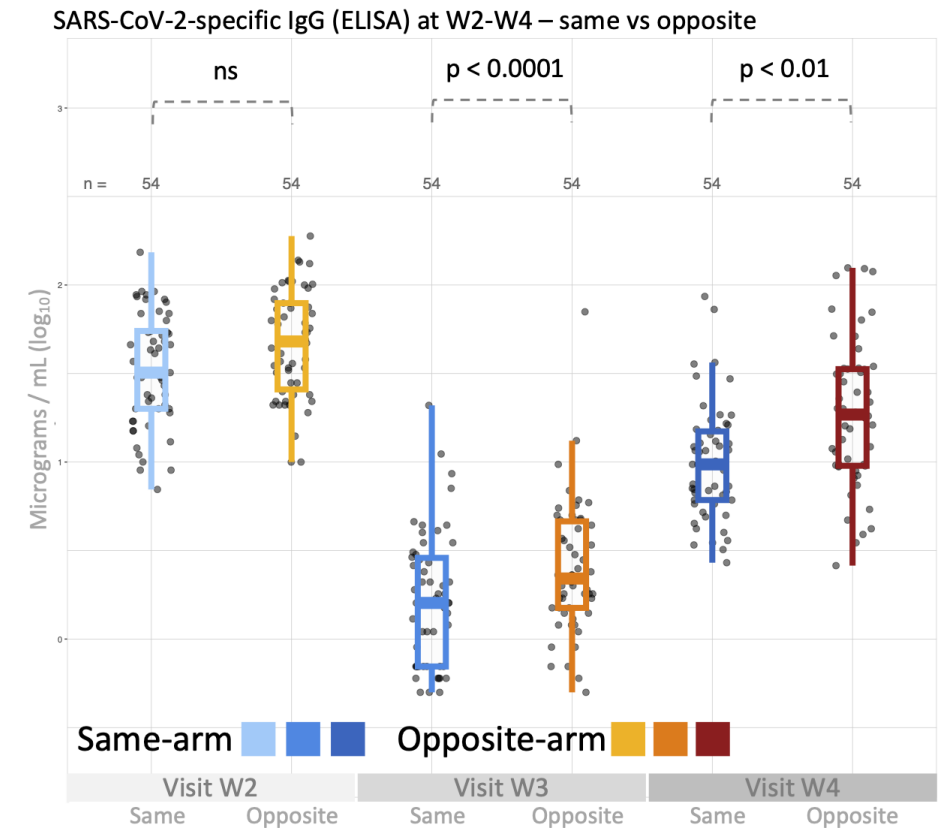
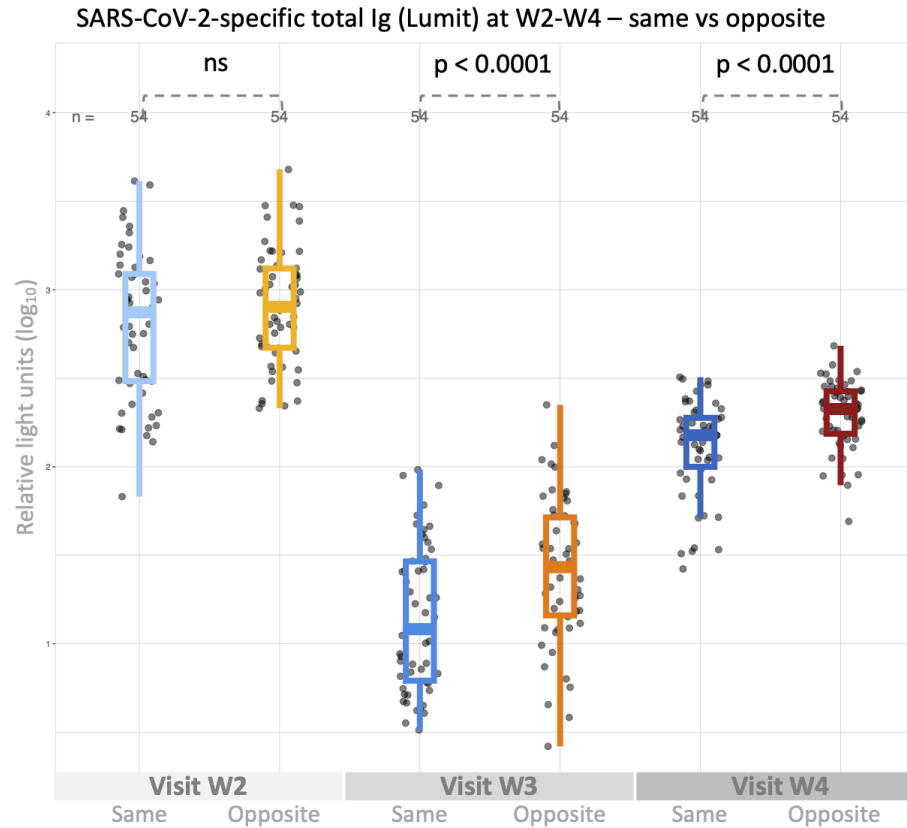
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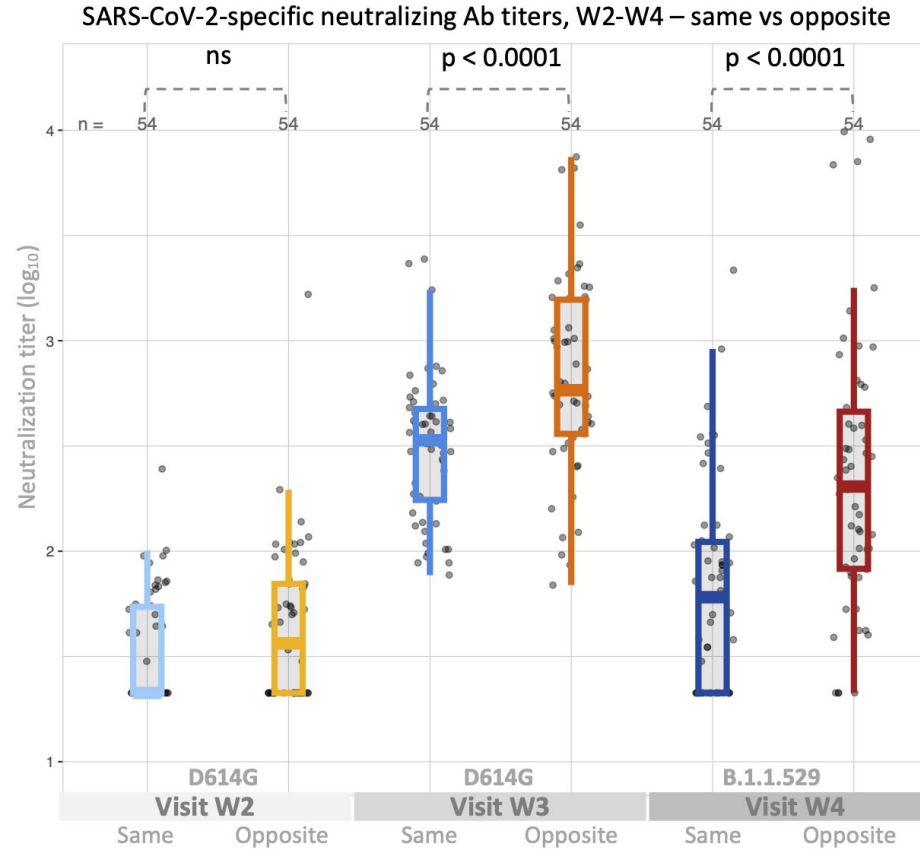
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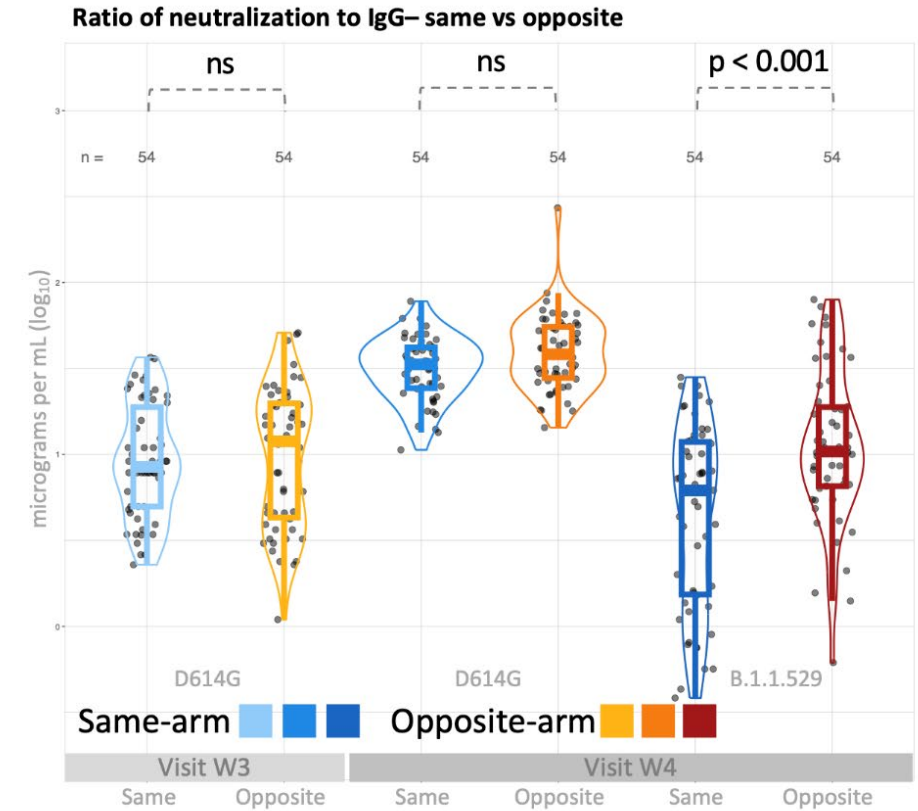
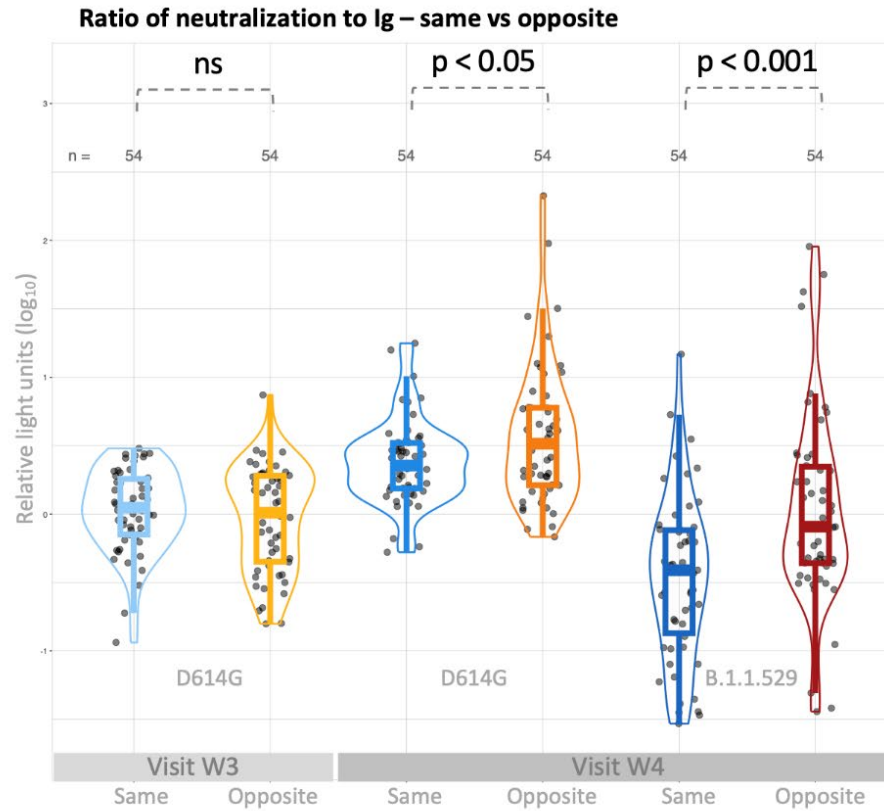
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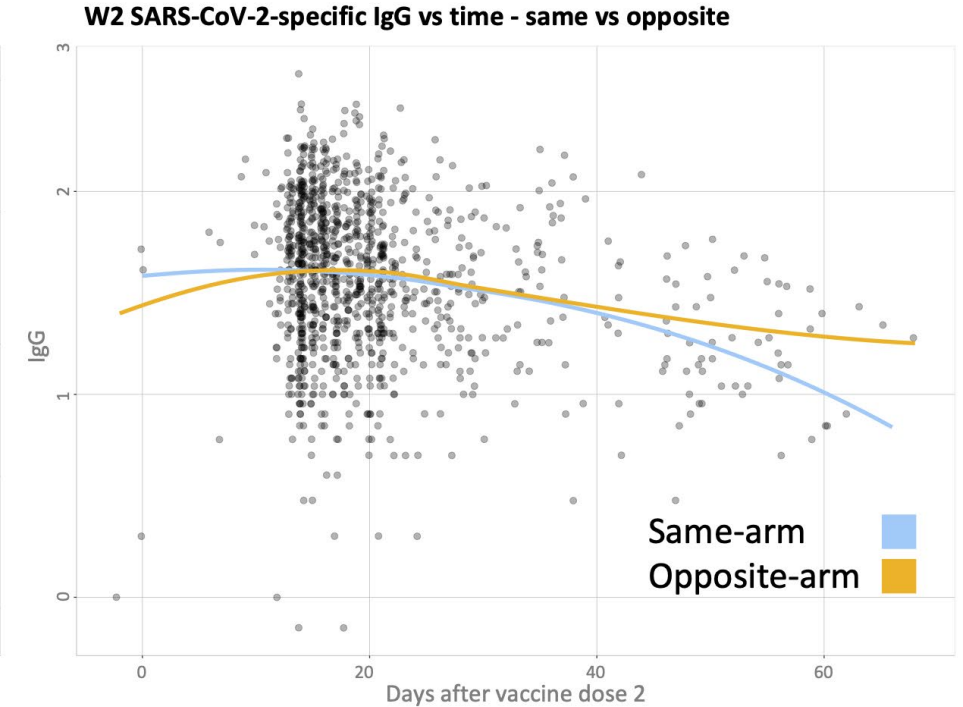
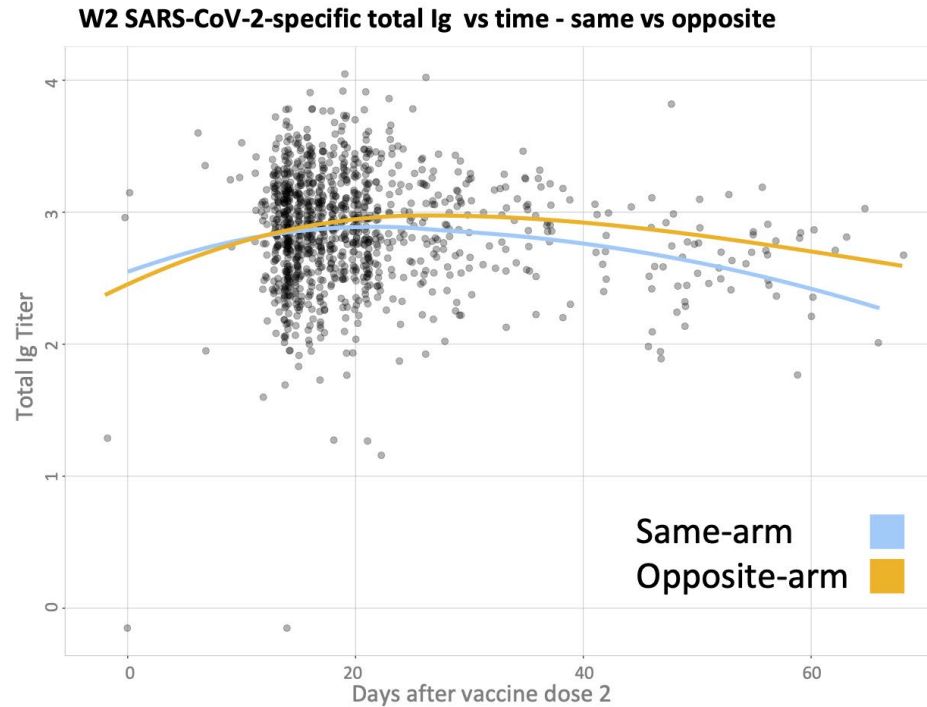
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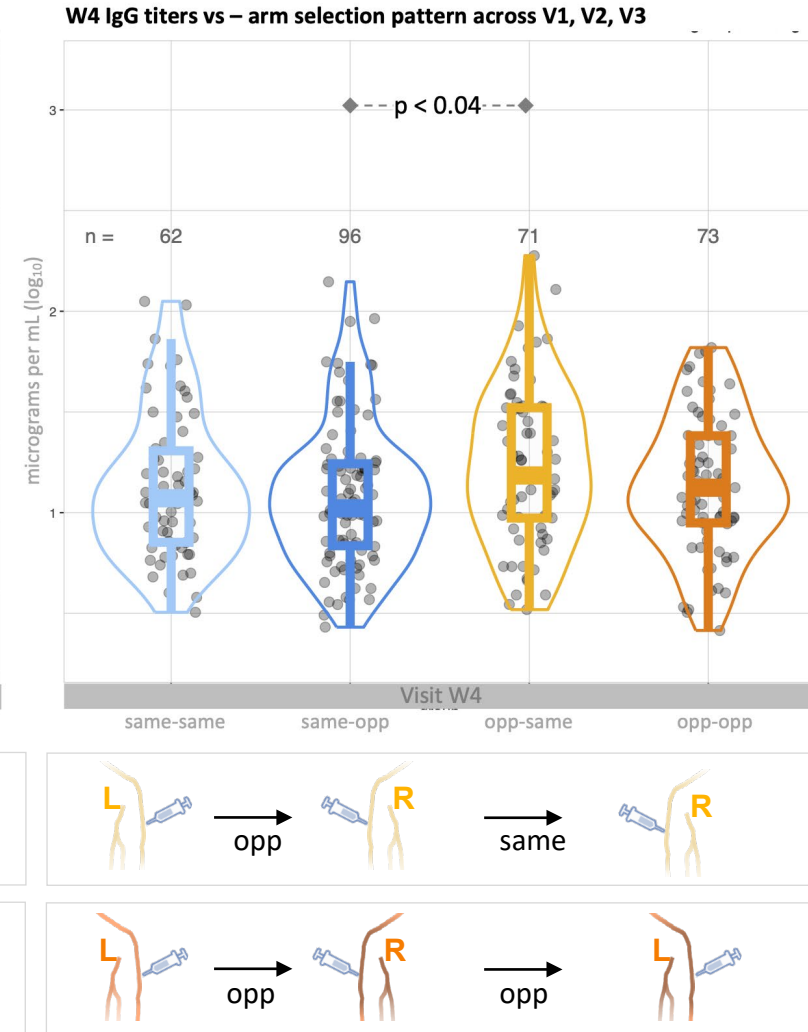
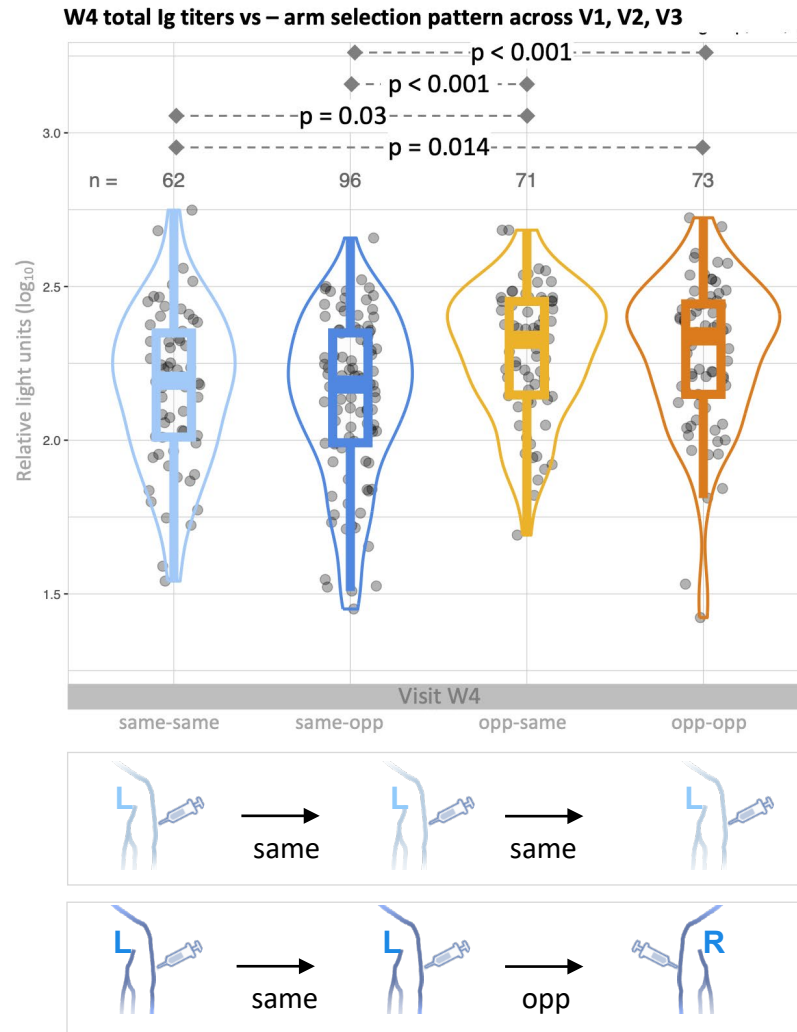


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Log 10 COVID-19-specific NAb titers after dose 3 by all 4 possible treatment arm combinations

# ARM RANDOMIZATION – immune responses

## Observations

## Relative response by time and assay

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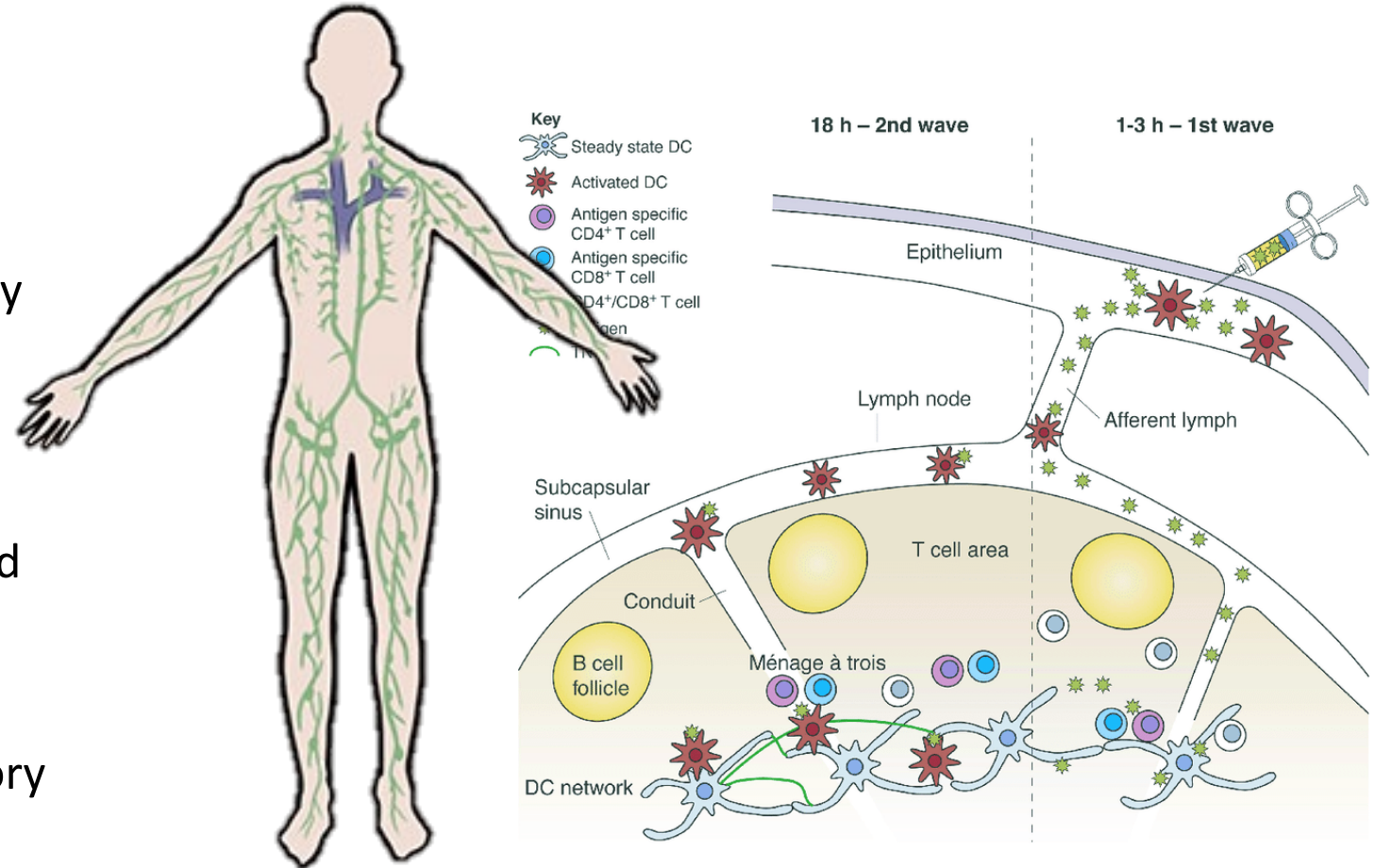
# THOUGHTS ON MECHANISM

Antibody presentation is a regional phenomenon

Ipsilateral second dose may preferentially boost primary responses

Contralateral second dosing may allow recruitment of additional newly activated naive B cells

Ultimately promote larger pool of memory B cells





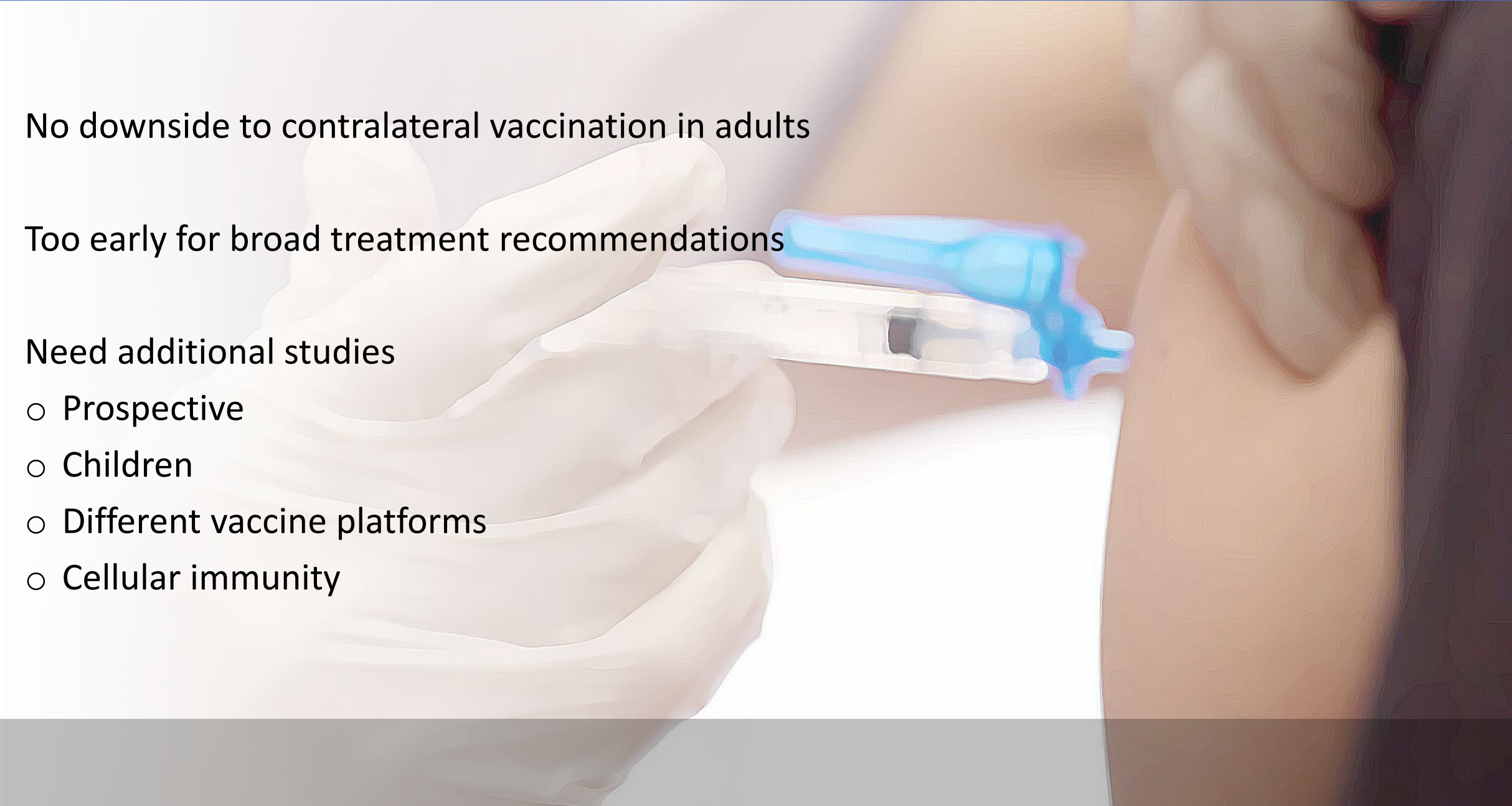
# INTERPRETATION

No downside to contralateral vaccination in adults

Too early for broad treatment recommendations

Need additional studies

- Prospective
- Children
- Different vaccine platforms
- Cellular immunity



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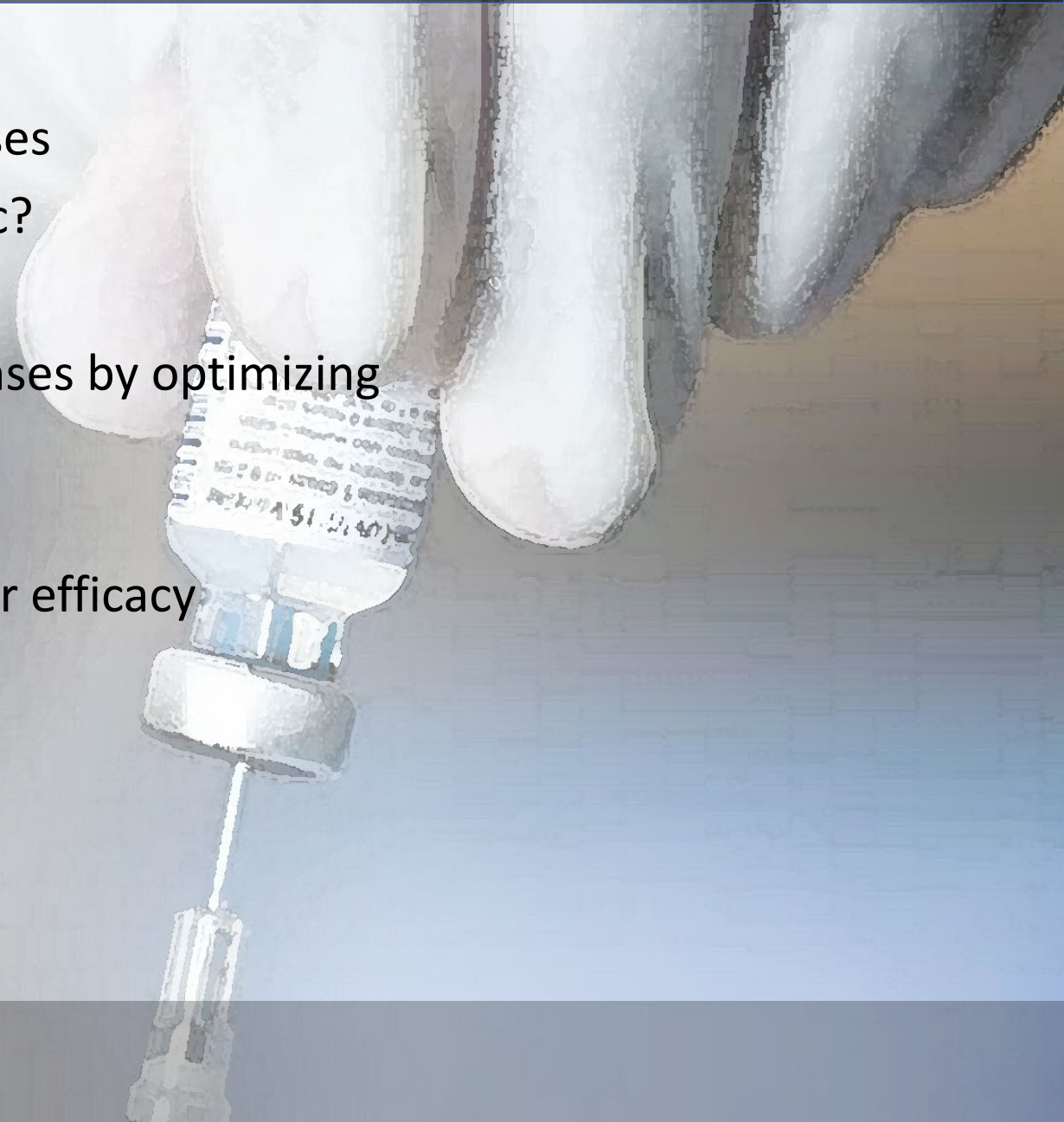
Other factors may also affect immune responses

- Are they additive, competitive or synergistic?

By how much can we improve immune responses by optimizing non-pharmacologic factors?

Cases near the threshold immune response for efficacy

- Patients with heightened susceptibility
- Durability of immunity
- Newly developed vaccines



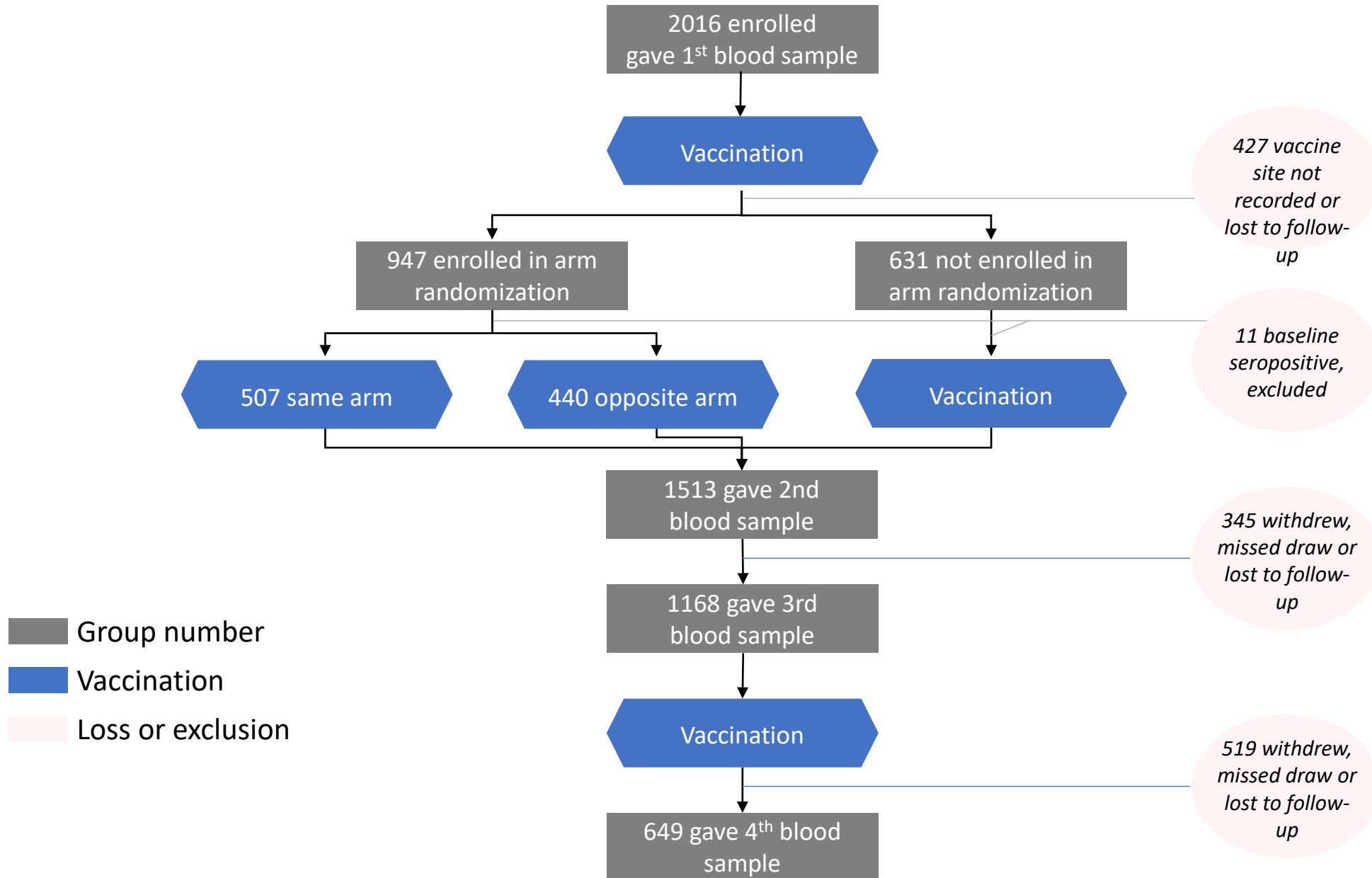


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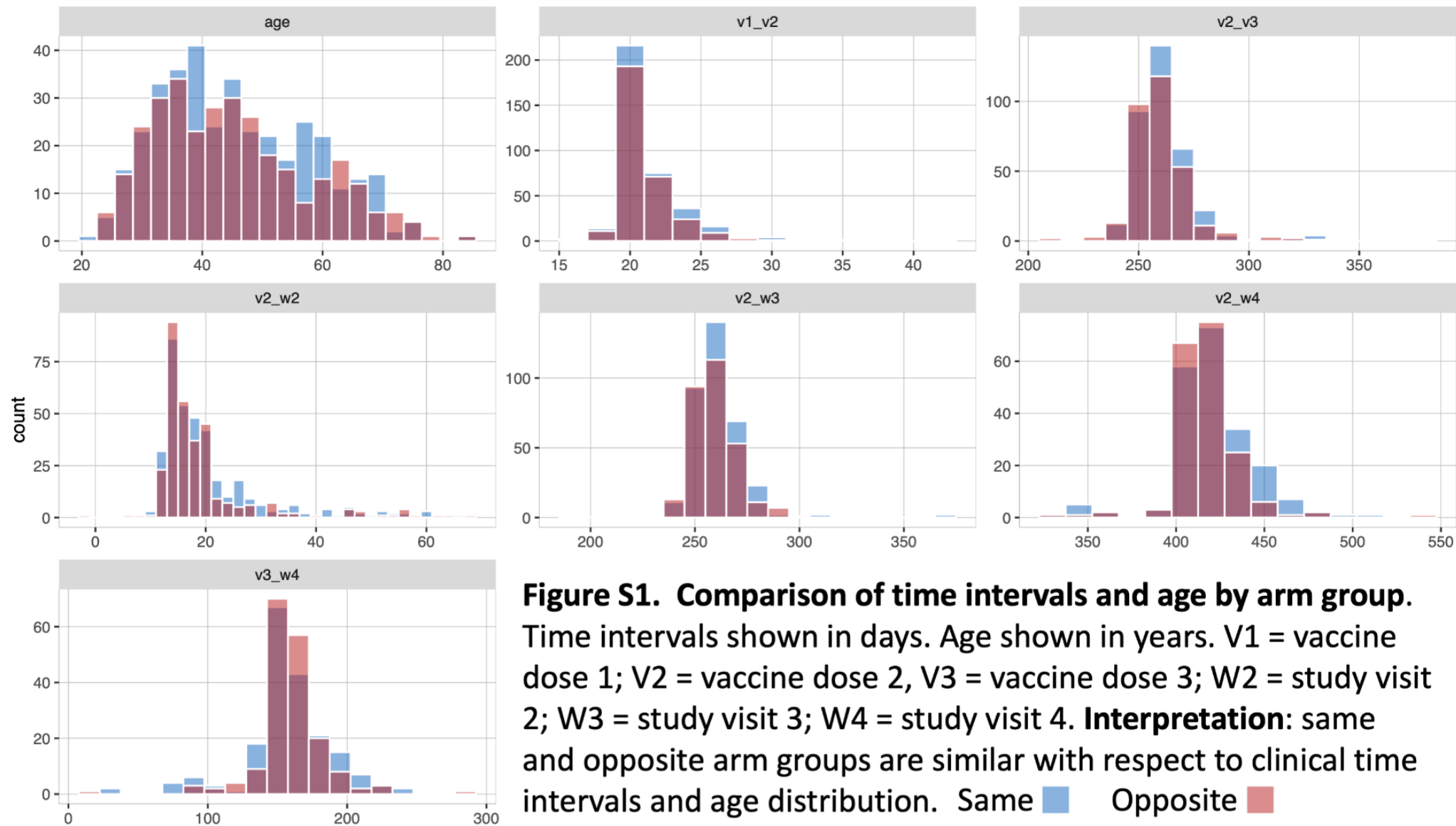


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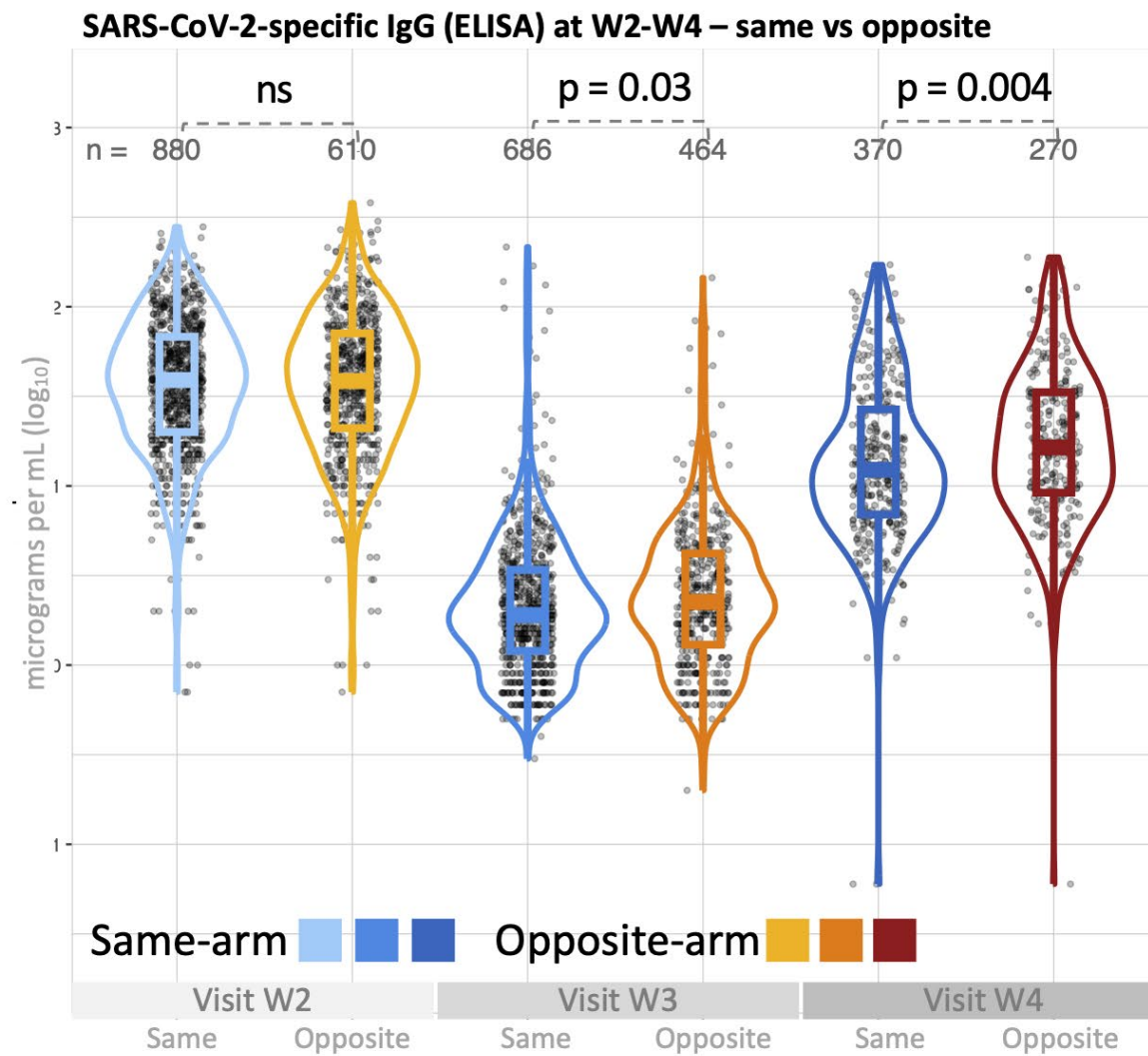
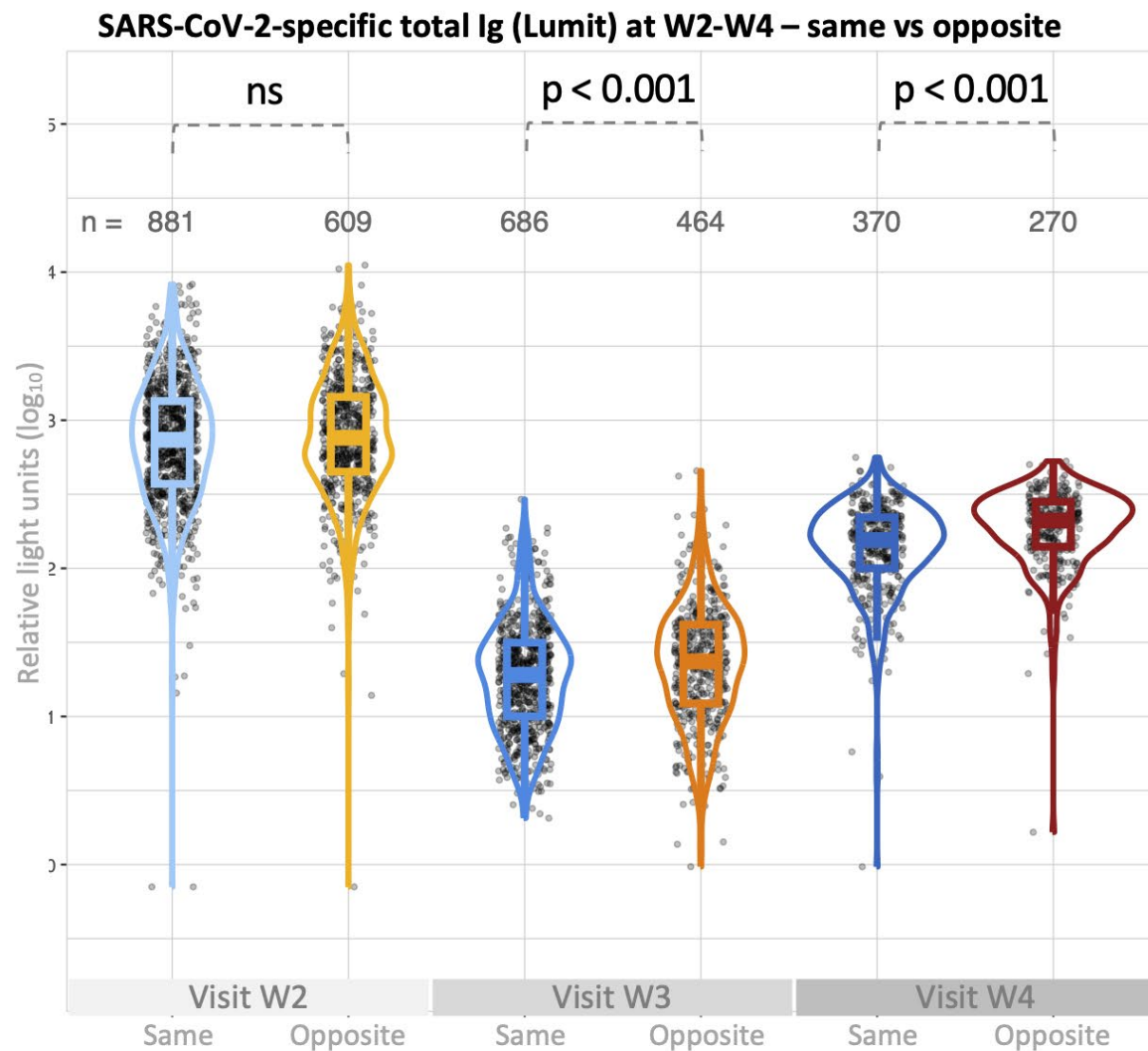




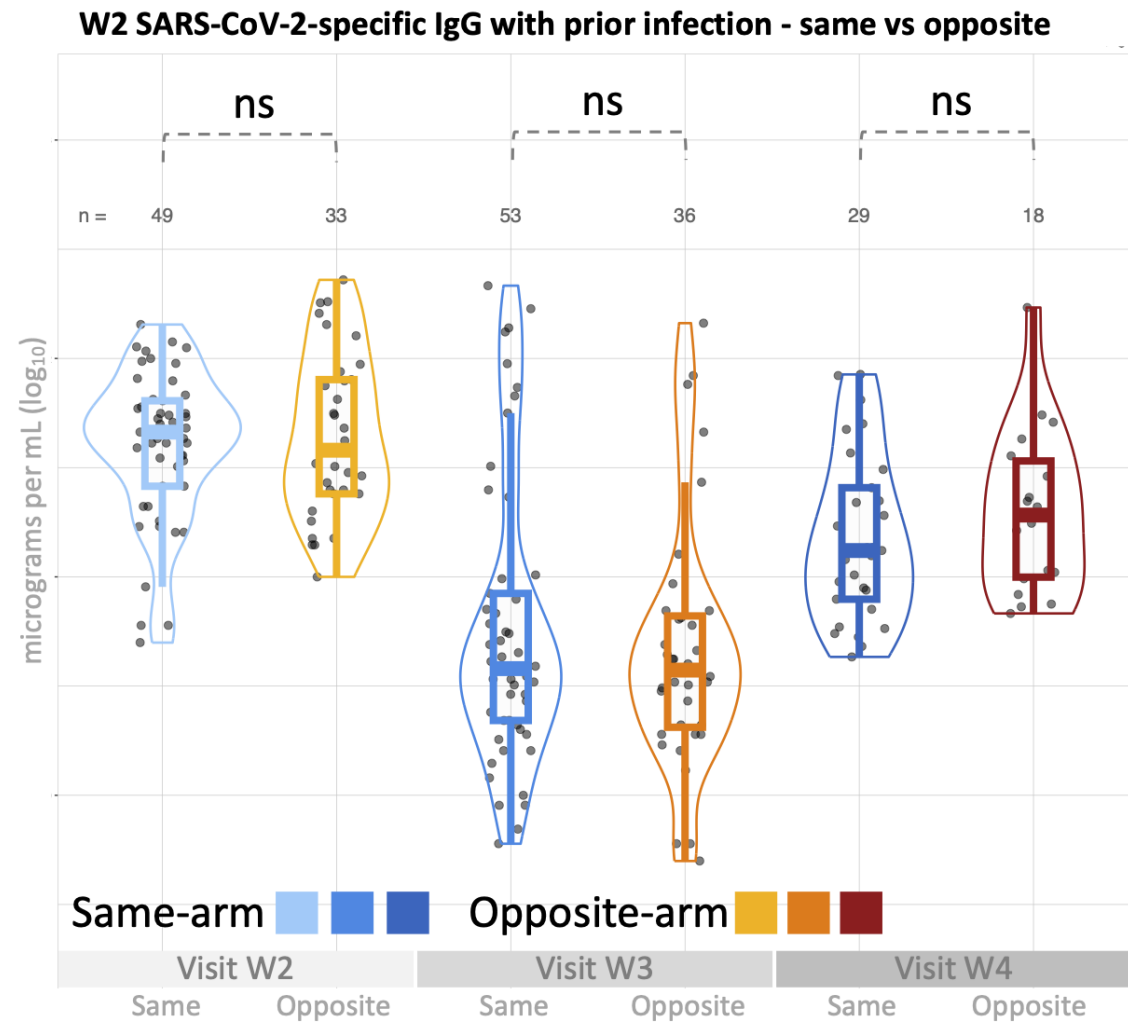
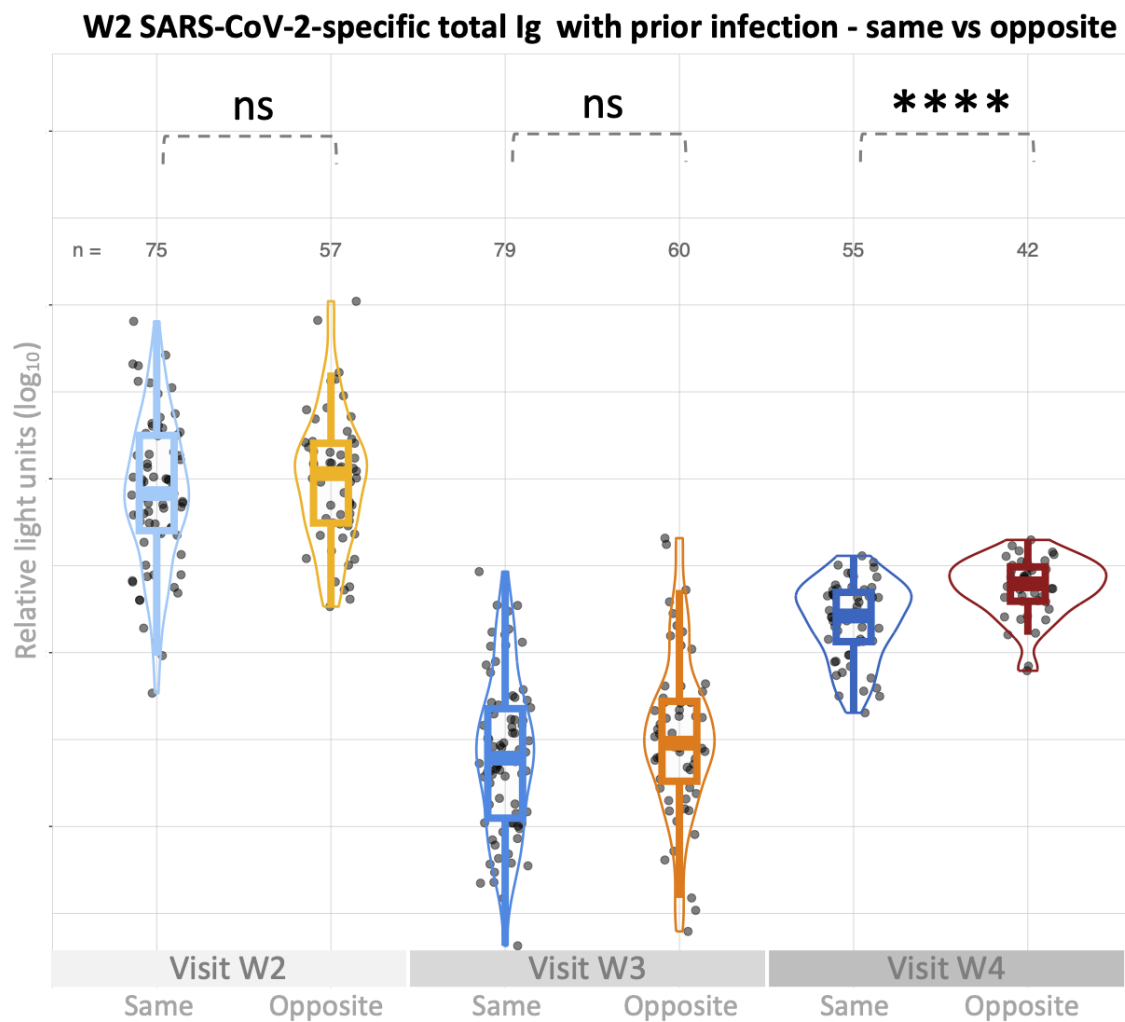
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**Figure S1. Comparison of time intervals and age by arm group.** Time intervals shown in days. Age shown in years. V1 = vaccine dose 1; V2 = vaccine dose 2, V3 = vaccine dose 3; W2 = study visit 2; W3 = study visit 3; W4 = study visit 4. **Interpretation:** same and opposite arm groups are similar with respect to clinical time intervals and age distribution. Same ■ Opposite ■



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Log 10 COVID-19-specific BAb titers in participants with prior infection by arm group (same vs opposite) by time since vaccine dose 2 (V2)

# Fall and Winter Respiratory Diseases: The Vaccination Season Ahead

## Discussion



# **Liaison Member and Federal Agency Updates**



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# National Vaccines Strategic Plan 2026-2030: Preliminary Planning and Stakeholder Feedback

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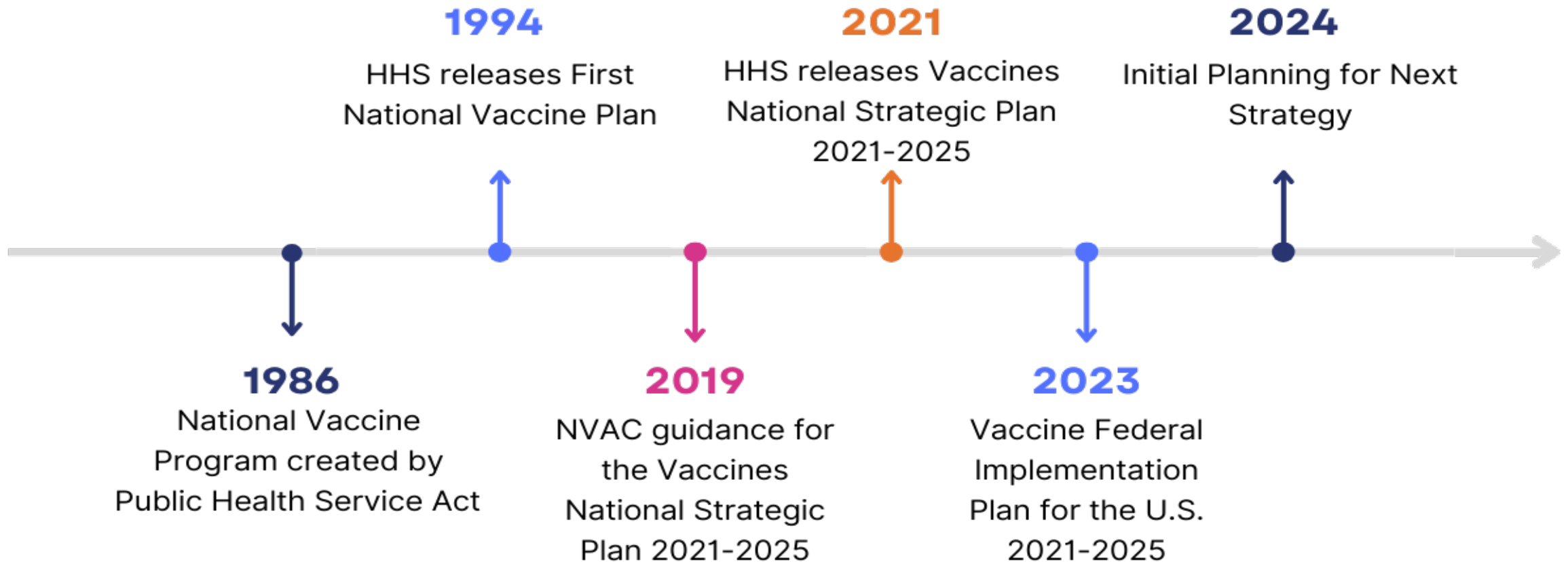
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- Current National Vaccine Strategic Plan 2021-2025
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- ASH NVAC charge
- Timeline for VNSP 2026-2030 development process
- Discussion



## Background: National Vaccine Program

- National Vaccine Program established in 1986. Complies with Section 2105 of the Public Health Service Act.
- Purpose: achieve optimal prevention of adverse reactions and human infectious diseases
- These responsibilities are reflected in Vaccine Plans:
  - ✓ 2010 National Vaccine Plan
  - ✓ Two mid-course reviews of 2010 plan
  - ✓ 2016 National Adult Immunization Plan
  - ✓ Vaccines National Strategic Plan 2021-2025

# Timeline: Background and Current Status



# National Vaccines Strategic Plan 2021-2025

## VACCINES

### 5 GOALS

- 19 OBJECTIVES
- 71 STRATEGIES
- 10 INDICATORS

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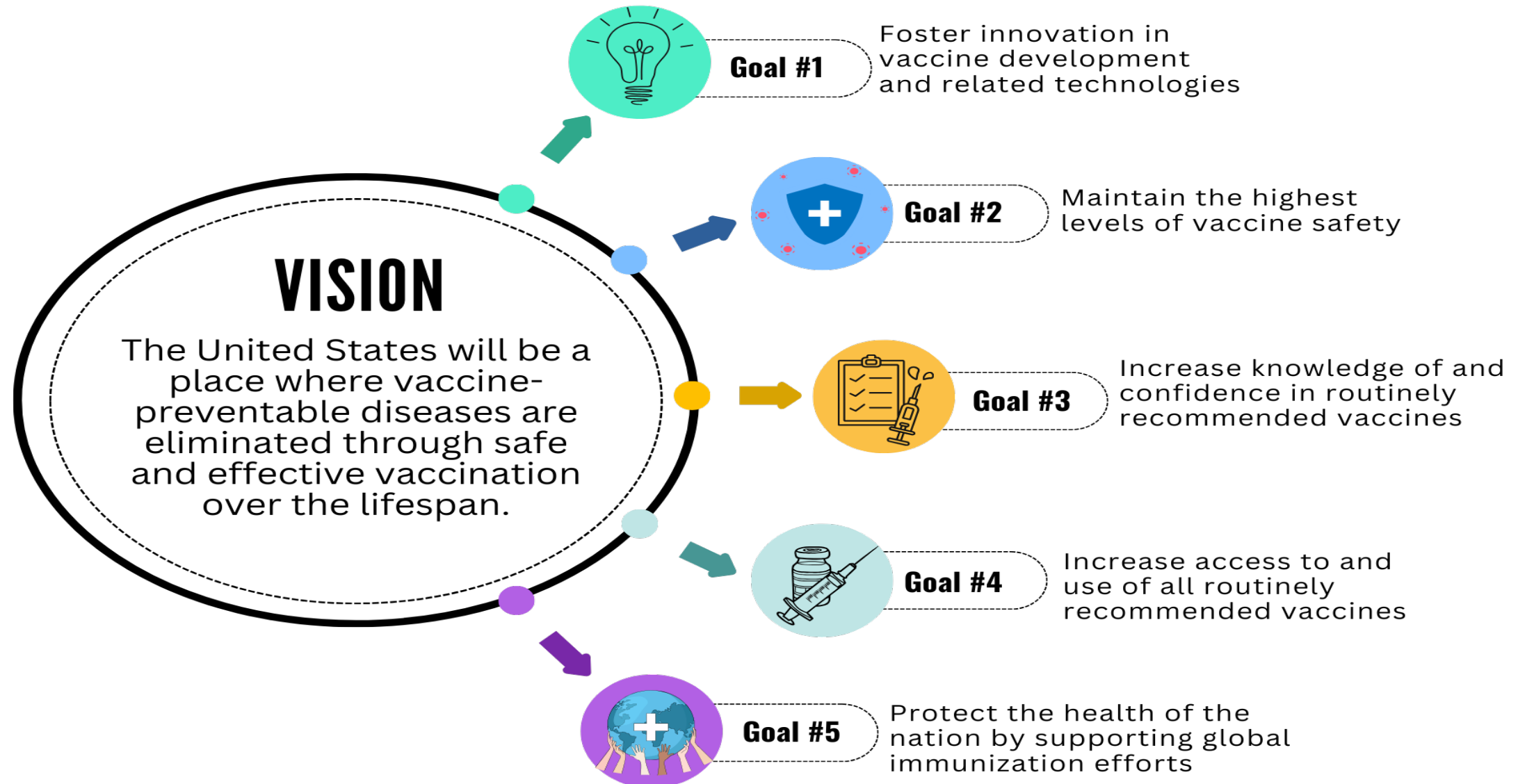
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# National Strategic Plan 2021-2025: Goals





## Next National Vaccine Plan: NVAC Charge



Review and assess goals, objectives, and indicators in the current NVSP



Keep and/or propose new goals if needed



Prioritize three top objectives within each of the 5 goals



Propose new indicators that measure if goals and objectives are achieving desired outcome

## Next National Vaccine Plan: NVAC Charge, Continued



Seek input from a diverse set of experts in the development of the report

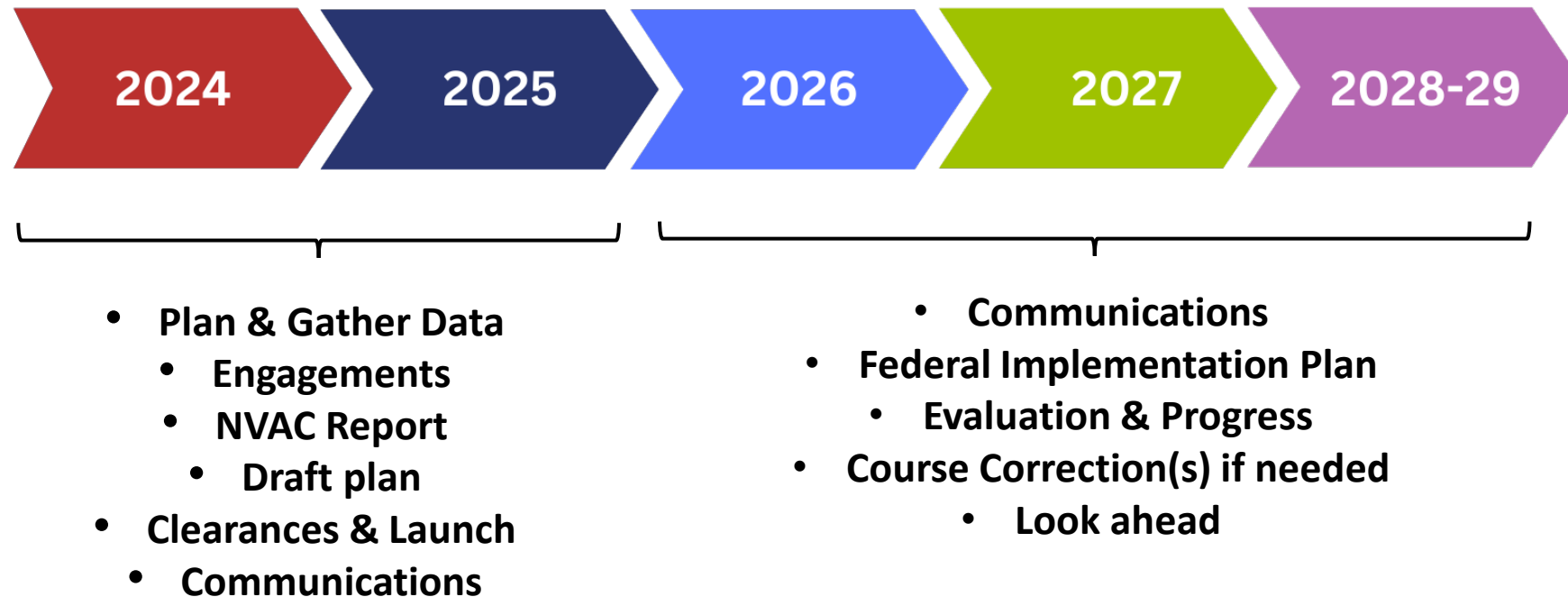


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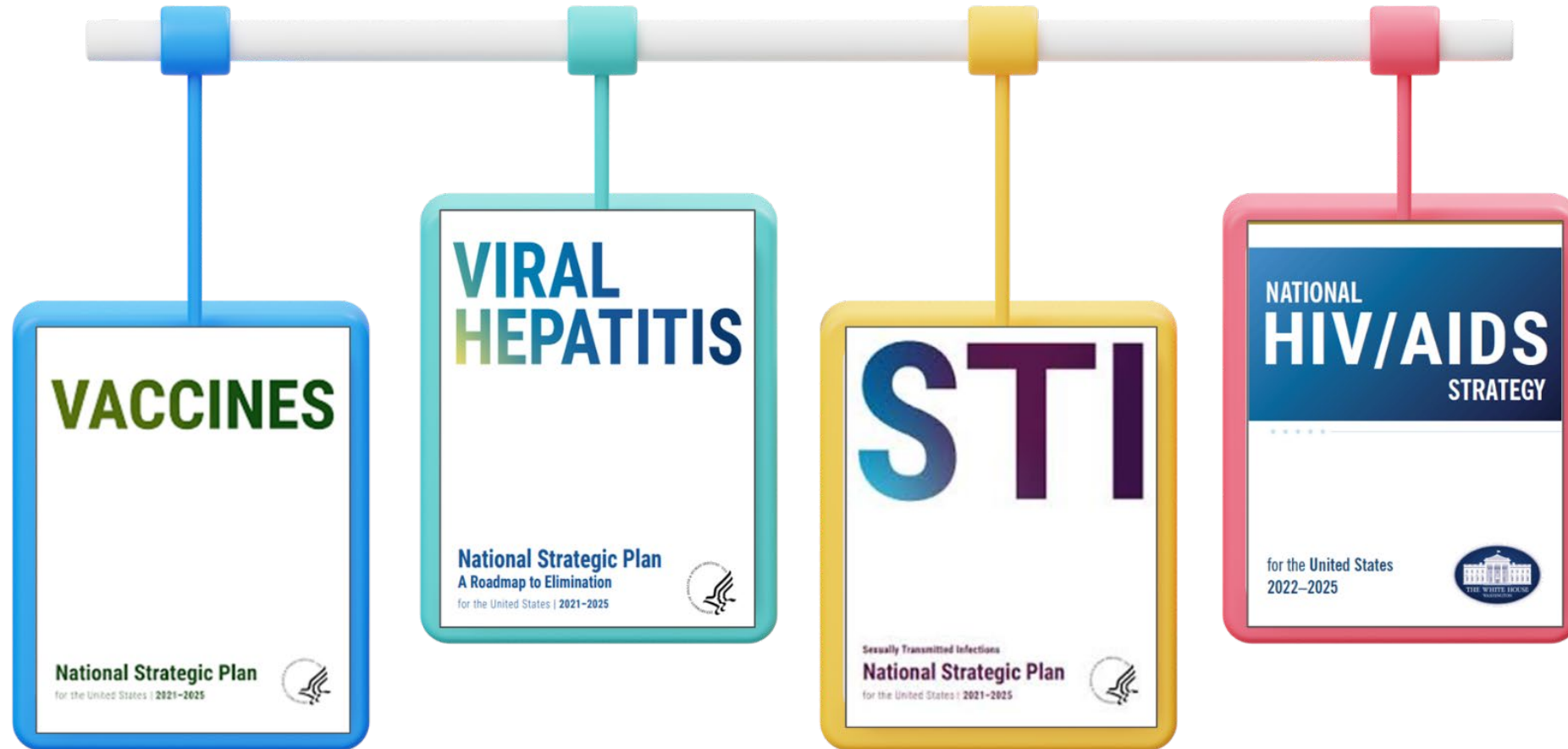


Write a short report for review and vote: **Feb 2025 NVAC meeting**

# National Vaccine Strategic Plan 2026-2030 Timeline for Development Process



# Current National Strategic Plans



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