



Meeting Objectives and Introduction of Participants

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Meeting objectives

1. Provide a platform for researchers to share their experiences and lessons learned during from conducting COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness research studies in their respective countries

2. Identify gaps and challenges encountered during implementation of COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness studies

3. Strengthen the research implementation capacity and promote the effective utilization of data and evidence to inform policy-making for COVID-19 immunization programs



Summary of the Agenda for Day 1

Five Technical Sessions



COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness studies using cohort method

COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness studies using TND in SARI

Experiences and lessons learned from other COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness studies in the Region



Closed session (WHO EMRO and Country Offices)

Introduction to the EM Regional COVID-19 Vaccine

Effectiveness Study



Summary of the Agenda for Day 2

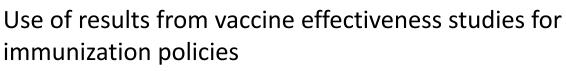


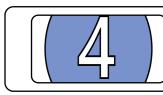
WHO support for research studies during the COVID-19 pandemic

Four Technical Sessions



Statistical analysis considerations for estimating COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness





Closing remarks



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Expert participants from:

- ✤ Al-Azhar University, Egypt
- American University of Beirut Medical Center, Lebanon
- Bahrain Defence Force Royal Medical Services, Bahrain
- ✤ Gulf Center for Disease Prevention and Control, Saudi Arabia
- Iran University of Medical Sciences, Iran
- Jordan University of Science and Technology, Jordan
- Kermanshah University of Medical Sciences, Iran
- Khartoum University, Sudan
- Khyber Medical University, Pakistan
- MM Global Health Consultancy, Switzerland
- Mohammed V University, Morocco



Expert participants from (continued)

- National Research Center, Egypt
- Pakistan Pediatric Association, Pakistan
- Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, SEHA, United Arab of Emirates
- Shifa Tameer-e-Millat University, Pakistan
- United Arab Emirates University, United Arab of Emirates
- Weill Cornell Medicine and WHO Collaborating Center for Disease Epidemiology Analytics, Qatar
- Ministries of Health, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia and Tunisia
- ✤ WHO Country Offices for Egypt, Iran, Jordan and Pakistan
- ✤ WHO EMRO, Divisions of SID, DCD and WHE
- ✤ WHO PAHO, Washington DC USA
- ✤ WHO HQ, Divisions of UHC/IVP and WPE/EPP

Speakers and Facilitators (WHO)



- ✤ Dr Rana Hajjeh, Director, Program Management, WHO EMRO
- Dr Arash Rashidian, Director, Science, Information and Dissemination, WHO EMRO
- ✤ Dr Yvan Hutin, Director, UHC Division of Communicable Diseases, WHO EMRO
- **Dr Mehrnaz Kheirandish**, Regional Advisor, Evidence and Data to Policy, SID, WHO EMRO
- Dr Kamal Fahmy, Medical Officer, Immunization and Vaccine Preventable Diseases, UHC/DCD, WHO EMRO
- Dr Zahra Karimian, Consultant, Evidence and Data to Policy, SID, WHO EMRO
- ✤ Dr Richard Brennan, Director, WHE, WHO EMRO
- ✤ Dr Abdinasir Abubakar, Acting WR, WHO CO Lebanon
- ✤ Dr Daniel Feikin, Medical Epidemiologist, UHC/IVB, WHO HQ
- Dr Anshu Varma, Technical Officer, UHC/IVB, WHO HQ
- Dr Amira Ahmed, National Professional Officer, WHO CO Egypt
- ✤ Dr Saverio Bellizzi, Team Lead for WHE Preparedness and Response Program, WHO CO Jordan
- Dr Michael Lukwiya, Health Cluster Coordinator, WHO CO Pakistan
- ✤ Ms Shadrokh Sirous, Unit Head for UHC/ Health System, WHO CO Iran

Speakers and presenters (external)



- ✤ Dr Farid Najafi, Professor of Epidemiology, Kermanshah University of Medical Sciences, Iran
- **Dr Fatima Thneibat**, Head of Data Management, Ministry of Health, Jordan
- Dr Zia Ul Haq, Dean and Professor, Faculty of Public Health, Khyber Medical University, Pakistan
- Dr Zeinab Nabil Ahmed Said, Professor of Medical Microbiology & Immunology, Faculty of Medicine (for Girls), Al-Azhar University, Egypt
- Dr Laith Abu Raddad, Professor, Director of WHO Collaborating Center for Disease Epidemiology Analytics, Weill Cornell Medicine, Qatar
- Dr Naif Alharbi, Director of Public Health Emergencies, Gulf CDC, KSA
- Dr Nissaf Bouafif ép Ben Alaya, General Director, National Observatory of New and Emerging Diseases, Ministry of Health, Tunisia
- ✤ Dr Nawal Alkaabi, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Consultant, Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, SEHA, UAE
- Dr Rima Moghnieh, Professor, Division Head of Infectious Diseases, Lebanese American University Medical Center-Rizk Hospital, Lebanon
- Dr Manuela Runge, Epidemiologist and Senior Data Analyst, MMGH
- **Dr Thomas Cherian**, Infectious Disease Specialist and Medical Epidemiologist, MMGH



Thank you

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