Pharmacy-based interventions to increase vaccine uptake

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The European Interdisciplinary Council on Aging (EICA) has made the decision to focus this year’s main meeting for stakeholders on: “Pharmacy-based interventions to increase vaccine uptake”. The decision was a pivotal one in view of the fact that pharmacists play very different roles in various areas of the world. In some countries, their job is simply to consign vaccines as outlined by medical prescriptions. In others, pharmacists are more actively engaged, as they are the ones who actually administer vaccines and flu shots. This approach was recently utilized successfully in numerous European countries during the latest flu shot promotion campaign.

Whatever the place they are working from, pharmacists are facing common problems: vaccine production technology, combination vaccines, adjuvant composition and safety as well as the storage and handling (the cold chain) of vaccines and, sometimes, their shortage or delayed arrivals.

It is important to remember that many times, pharmacists are respected, well known members of the community where they work and live, and oftentimes they are the most accessible health care professional many people know. These men and women are daily faced with unexpected questions or reactions and sometimes with verbal abuse on the part of individuals whose information may be based on uncertain sources, much of it from the social media.

The meeting aims to assist participants in widening their information base on biology, immunology, pharmacy and ethical issues through presentations by experts in all these fields.

The meeting will also include role-playing with regard to some very common and at times sensitive conversations that might take place when drug manufacturers do not provide the vaccines (at all or on time), when a mother refuses to vaccinate her children, when a new symptom in a family member is erroneously linked to a vaccine received months or years ago. A professor of psychology will analyse role-play scenarios and make suggestions on how to face these and other delicate situations.

Moreover, providing an opportunity to meet and converse with other pharmacists is yet another important path to public engagement and receptivity to vaccinations.

We are looking forward to welcoming all pharmacists interested in participating in the interactive scientific meeting we are organizing.

Prof. Gaetano Crepaldi, EICA
Prof. Stefania Maggi, EUGMS & EICA
Prof. Jean-Pierre Michel, EICA

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018**

14.30 Registrations

14.45 **OPENING CEREMONY**

Welcome by: Stefania Maggi, Jean-Pierre Michel
Opening remarks: Gaetano Crepaldi, Carlo Giupponi

15.00 **Objectives of the meeting**

Stefania Maggi

15.15 **Individual presentation of the organizers, speakers and participants**

16.00 **Knowledge evaluation of the participants**

**VACCINE MANUFACTURING**

Chair: James Appleby

16.15 **Complexity of vaccine manufacturing and supply** - No EACCME Accreditation

Philippe Juvin

16.45 **Roles of manufacturers in providing quality vaccines at an affordable price** - No EACCME Accreditation

John Grabenstein

17.05 Coffee break

**ROLES OF PHARMACISTS IN VACCINES DELIVERY AND ADMINISTRATION**

Chair: Gonçalo Sousa Pinto

17.25 **Vaccine modes of administration: current process, new technology and adjuvants** - No EACCME Accreditation

Giuseppe Del Giudice

17.55 **Overview of the community roles of pharmacists in the world**

Litjen Tan

18.25 **Specific role played by community pharmacists in Ireland**

Susan O’Dwyer

18.55 **ROLE PLAY SESSION: FACING A CLASSICAL SITUATION** - No EACCME Accreditation

Community pharmacists facing a vaccine shortage

Role play: Rute Horta, Diane Thomson

Discussants: Gonçalo Sousa Pinto, Clemens Tesch-Roemer

20.00 Social dinner on San Servolo
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018

KEEPING UPDATED ON LIFE COURSE IMMUNIZATION
Chair: Jane Barratt
08.30 Children vaccines updates
Susanna Esposito
09.00 Adolescent vaccines uptakes - No EACCME Accreditation
Jamie Findlow
09.30 HPV vaccination with emphasis of adult women
Xavier Bosch
10.00 Recommended immunizations in European old adults
Gaetan Gavazzi
10.30 ROLE PLAY SESSION:
FACING A CLASSICAL SITUATION - No EACCME Accreditation
Community pharmacist facing a mother refusing vaccinating her child
Role play: Fiona Ecarnot, Alberta Di Pasquale
Discussants: Jane Barratt, Clemens Tesch-Roemer
11.30 Coffee break

KEEPING UPDATED ON CLASSICAL IMMUNIZATION:
A GLOBAL OVERVIEW
Chair: Jean-Pierre Michel
11.45 Influenza vaccines
John Papastergiou
12.15 Pneumococcal vaccines
Jacques Gaillat
12.45 ROLE PLAY SESSION:
FACING A CLASSICAL SITUATION - No EACCME Accreditation
Community pharmacist facing a patient complaining from adverse effect of a vaccine shot
Role play: Jane Barratt, Mel Kohn
Discussants: Jean-Pierre Michel, Clemens Tesch-Roemer
13.45 Lunch

KEEPING UPDATED ON NEW AND IN DEVELOPMENT IMMUNIZATIONS
Chair: John Papastergiou
14.30 Herpes Zoster vaccines
Robert W. Johnson
15.00 Gastro enteritis vaccines
Vincenzo Baldo
15.30 Clostridium difficile vaccine
Marco Falcone
16.00 Traveller vaccines
Andrea Rossanese
16.30 Coffee break
Chair: Jean-Pierre Michel
16.45 Vaccines delivery: issues and barriers faced by community pharmacists
Groups discussion
17.45 Report of the group discussion
19.45 Social dinner in Venice
FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018

WHY AND HOW PHARMACISTS CAN IMPROVE VACCINES UPTAKE?
Chair: James Appleby

09.00 Infectious diseases, vaccines and risk of disability and mortality
   Luigi Ferrucci

09.30 Propose possible pharmacy-based interventions to increase vaccine uptake of the whole population (from children to old adults) (Including Nurses and MDs)
   Groups discussion

10.30 Coffee break
   Chair: Stefania Maggi

11.00 Groups reports

11.30 Key messages and conclusion of the meeting
   Jane Barratt, Jean-Pierre Michel, John Papastergiou

12.00 Knowledge’s evaluation of the participants

13.00 Farewell lunch

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