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**Active surveillance to assess vaccine benefits and risks**

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**NO CONFLICTS of interest**

# Active surveillance to assess vaccine benefits and risks

- Overview
- 'Routine' surveillance
- Active surveillance network examples – Australia
- Implementation (benefit/risk) research – case studies



# WHO's implementation research themes

1

Minimize barriers and improve coverage of vaccines currently in use

2

Conduct impact evaluation of vaccines in use

3

Improve methods for monitoring of immunization programmes

Before  
program

- Anticipated impact and cost effectiveness
  - ? Real vaccine preventable incidence
    - ? NNV to prevent 1 case
- Program implementation – need for strong focus

Only part of the picture.....?



# Approaches

Available data and surveillance capacity pre-program varies

## Coverage

- Doses distributed or administered?
- By region (aggregated) or individual level data?
- By specific groups (age, sex, location)
- Delays in provision?

Understanding inherent and potential **LIMITATIONS** of each approach

## Existing national databases in Australia

- immunisation register – now all age, child only until 2016
- notifiable diseases – rapid but limited utility for some diseases
- hospitalisation and death databases – de-identified + delays
- primary care - limited data
- Safety – ‘passive’ AEFI reporting

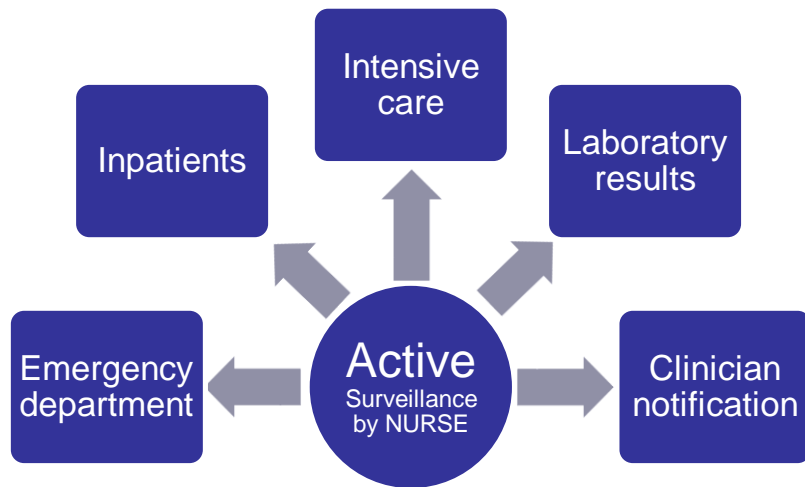
Limited capacity  
and lengthy waiting  
time to link  
datasets



**Active surveillance?**  
**2 network examples**



# 1. Sentinel real-time hospital-based surveillance



## Active Sentinel Surveillance

- Pre-specified conditions
- 8 Australian paediatric hospitals

## Recruit patients that meet criteria

- Waiver of consent
- Patient data collection
- Collection of specimens

## Analyses

Before – after incidence (RI)  
VE using TND (controls)  
Severity, risk factors

## Reports & publications

Extrapolation to national administrative data sets



**PAEDS**

Paediatric Active Enhanced Disease Surveillance

[www.paeds.edu.au](http://www.paeds.edu.au)



# VPDs / Communicable diseases

## INFLUENZA

- Influenza
- Pandemic Influenza
- With 15 adult hospital network

## PERTUSSIS

- Pertussis
- VE, severity
- Genotypes

## VZV

- Varicella and Zoster
- Genotypes
- VE, severity

## GP A STREP

- Invasive group A strep
- Genotypes
- severity

## MENING

- Invasive meningococcal disease
- Long term f/u

## Syndromes

### ENCEPHALITIS

- Australian Childhood Encephalitis
- VPDs common – eg influenza

### ACUTE FLACCID PARALYSIS

- Acute flaccid paralysis
- Polio elimination

## Adverse Events following Immunisation

### INTUSSUSCEPTION

- Risk following rotavirus vaccines
- Severity

### FEBRILE SEIZURES

- Post MMR, Varicella and MMRV vaccines

### GUILLAIN BARRE SYNDROME

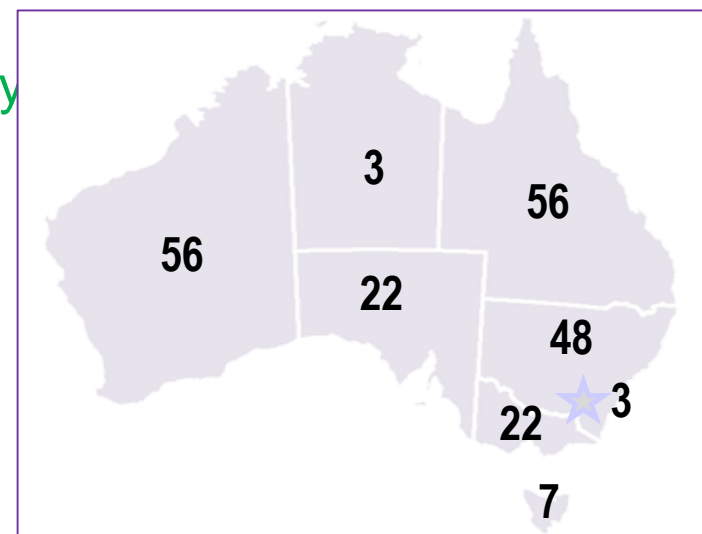
- Post Pandemic influenza vaccines

## 2. Active sentinel vaccine safety surveillance: patient reported outcomes

> 200 immunisation clinics

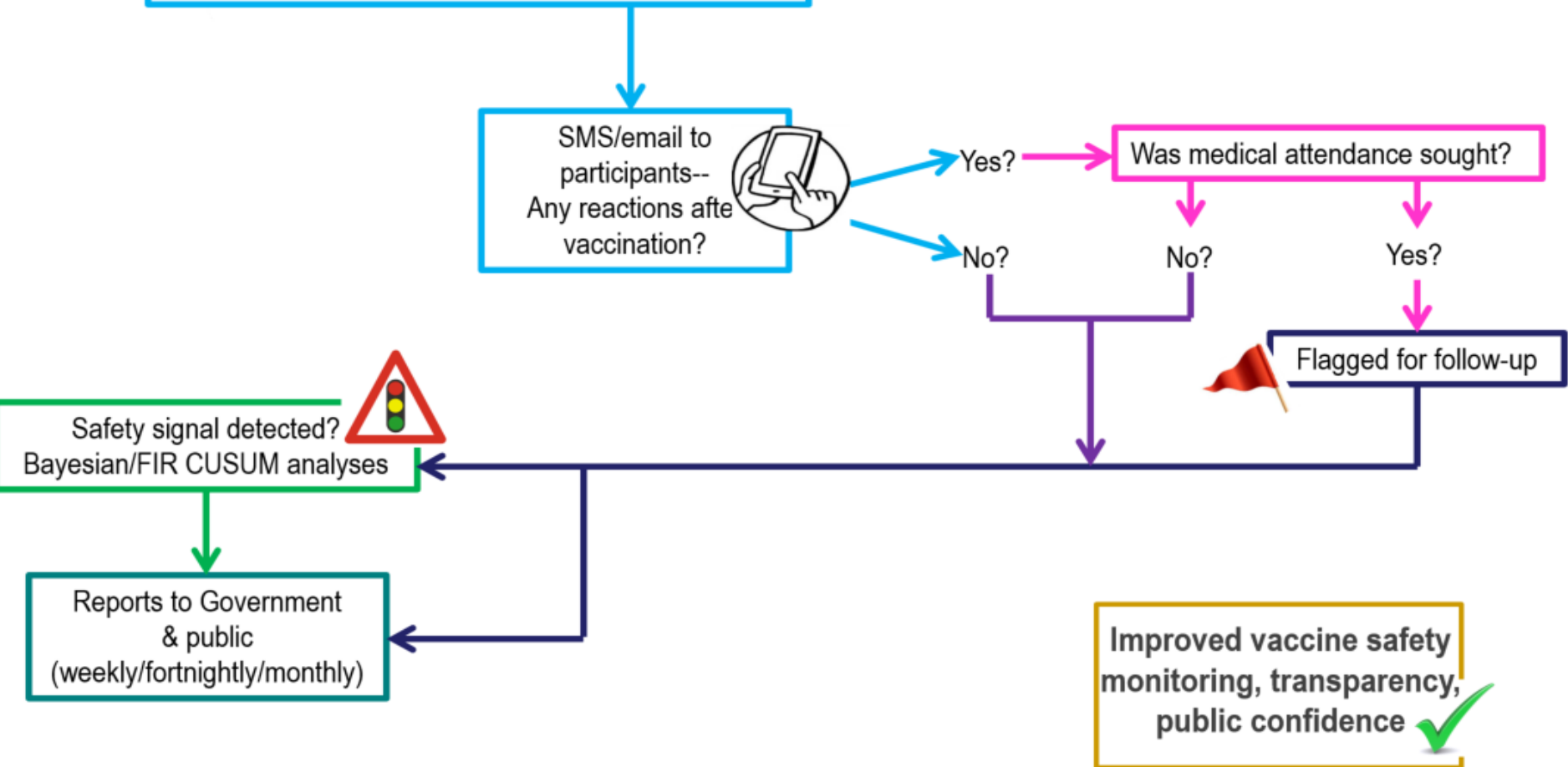
Patient/parents report AE via simple SMS survey day 3 post vaccination

- All vaccines: automated, opt-out
- Response rates ~ 70%
- Most objective measures
  - ISR
  - Fever
  - Medical attention (proxy - severe AE)
- Follow-up of medically attended cases



**Number of state/territory surveillance sites**

August 2017

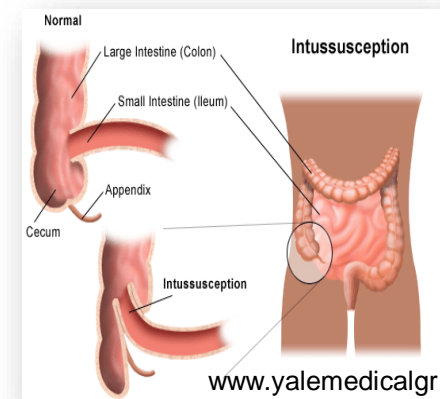




Case study:

# ROTAVIRUS

# Intussusception (IS) following rotavirus vaccination



**2007**

rotavirus vaccination on NIP

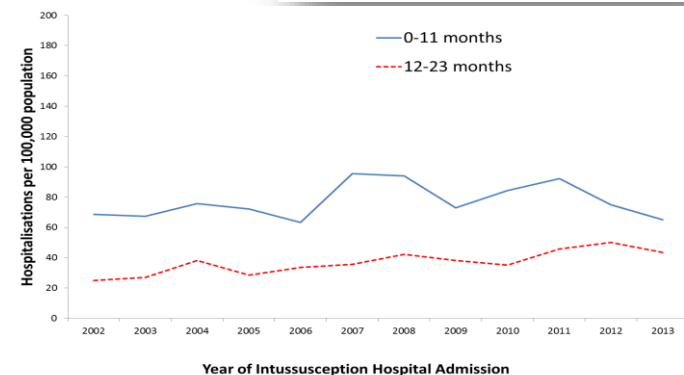
**2011** Sentinel surveillance – clinically confirmed cases comparison with historical ICD-coded data

**2013** Cases (confirmed) from 2 sources

Self controlled case series – IRR in risk v. non risk periods (0-7;0-21 days post vaccination compared with non risk periods)

**2014** No difference in clinical outcomes (vaccine associated/non vaccine associated)

**2016** Trends in hospital-coded IS – increase in dose 1 age group (1-3 months only)



	Pre-vaccine period (2002-2006)		Post-vaccine period (2009- 2013)	
Age (months)	Rate	(95% Confidence Interval)	Rate	(95% Confidence Interval)
1-<3	27.3	(20.7-35.3)	46.3	(38.2-55.5)
3-<5	80.1	(68.5-93.0)	80.6	(69.9-92.5)
5-<7	142.7	(127.1-159.7)	103.0	(90.8-116.3)
7-<9	103.1	(89.9-117.7)	105.3	(93.0-118.8)
9-<12	67.8	(59.1-77.5)	82.2	(73.3-91.9)
0-<12	69.4	(64.9-74.1)	77.7	(73.4-82.3)

Country	Incidence: 100,000 infants < 1 year/child years	Reference
Indonesia	18	Dewi et al 2012#
Malaysia	17.8	Giak et al 2008
Uzbekistan	23	Latipov et al 2011
Thailand	19.7-47.8	Khumjul et al 2009
Singapore	26-39.9	Tan et al 2009
Taiwan	68.4	Ho et al 2005
Hong Kong	88.2	Nelson et al 2002
Bangladesh	97	Zaman et al 2009
Japan	180-190	Takeuchi et al 2012
South Korea	236 (<2 yrs)	Jo et al 2009
Vietnam	302	Bines et al 2006

## *Intussusception in infants in Asia*



# Effect of a rotavirus vaccination program, as compared with no rotavirus vaccination program in Australia

Annual Hospitalisations in children < 5 years of age	Without vaccination program
Rotavirus attributable gastroenteritis#	11073
Intussusception using RotaTeq and/or Rotarix*	144

**Methods: Estimates based on method of Patel, et al, NEJM 2011**

#: annual number of ICD-coded hospitalisations (data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) for rotavirus AGE and estimated for rotavirus-attributable AGE (derived from Dey et al, MJA 2012 and Jayasinghe et al, Vaccine 2013). Vaccine effectiveness estimates applied by dose (see appendix).

•derived from using ICD-coded hospitalisations (data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) for IS with adjustment for cases confirmed as IS, vaccine coverage, age



# Unanticipated benefits of rotavirus vaccines:

## Reduction in febrile seizures

Study	Seizures outcomes
<b>USA</b> Payne et al CID, 2014	<b>rotavirus vaccination vs no vaccination</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• first-ever seizures RR = 0.82; 95% CI: 0.73–.91</li> <li>• all seizures RR = 0.79; 95% CI: 0.71–0.88.</li> <li>• <b>18-21% protective</b></li> </ul>
<b>Spain</b> Pardo-Seco et al, PIDJ 2015	<b>rates for seizures in children &lt;5 years pre/post</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• correlated with coverage (<math>r = -0.673</math>; <math>P = 0.033</math>) and rotavirus admission rates (<math>\rho = 0.506</math>; <math>P = 0.001</math>)</li> <li>• <b>16.2% (95% CI: 8.3–23.5%) and 34.0% (27.3–40.1%)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Australia</b> Sheridan et al, J Pediatric Infect Dis Soc. 2016	<b>ED presentation and hospitalization in children</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>35.8% and 38.0% effective</b>, respectively, for febrile seizures up to two years following vaccination.</li> </ul>



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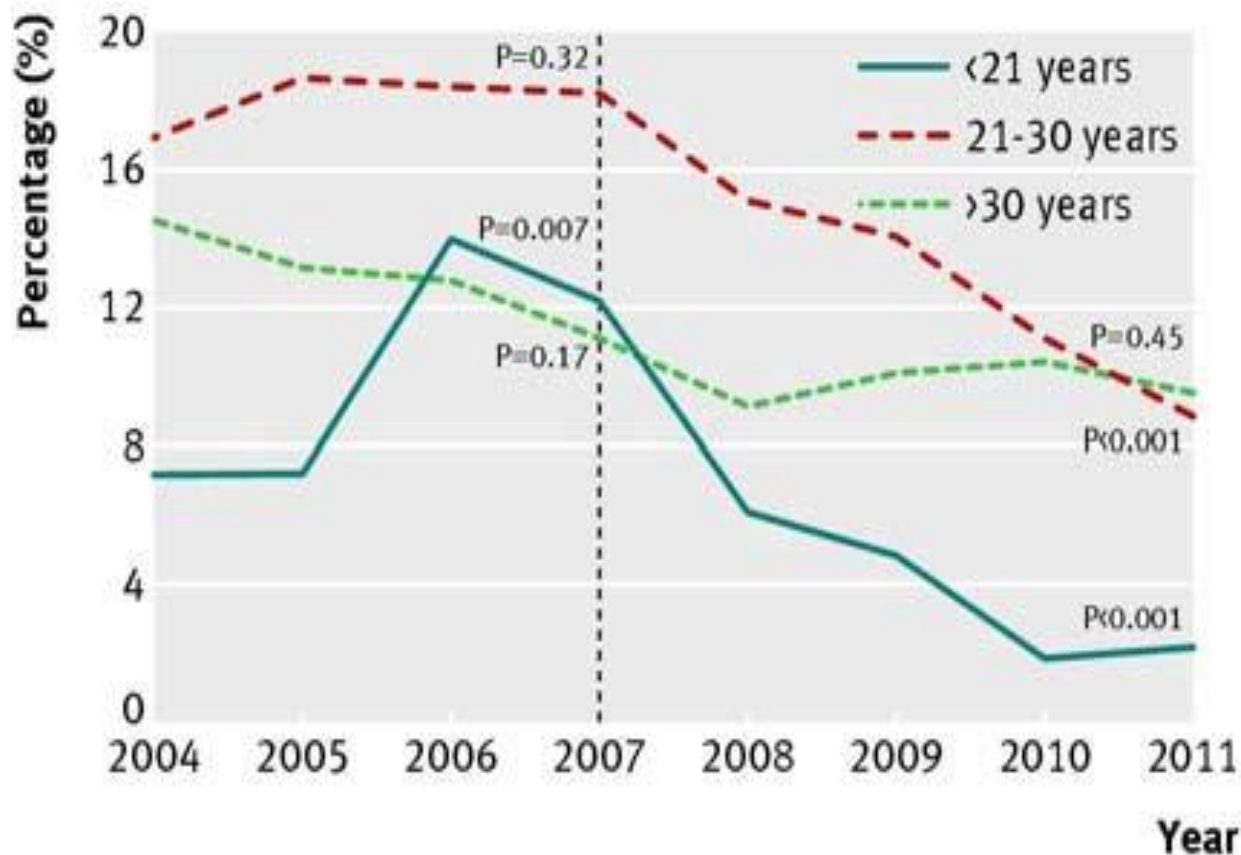
**HPV**

# Pre and post program introduction

## Declines in genital warts (HPV types 6 and 11)

Ali et al BMJ 2013

- Sentinel surveillance: 8 public sexual health services
- New Australian born patients only 2004-2011- first visit to clinic. N=85,770



**Females <21 years** 92.6% decline

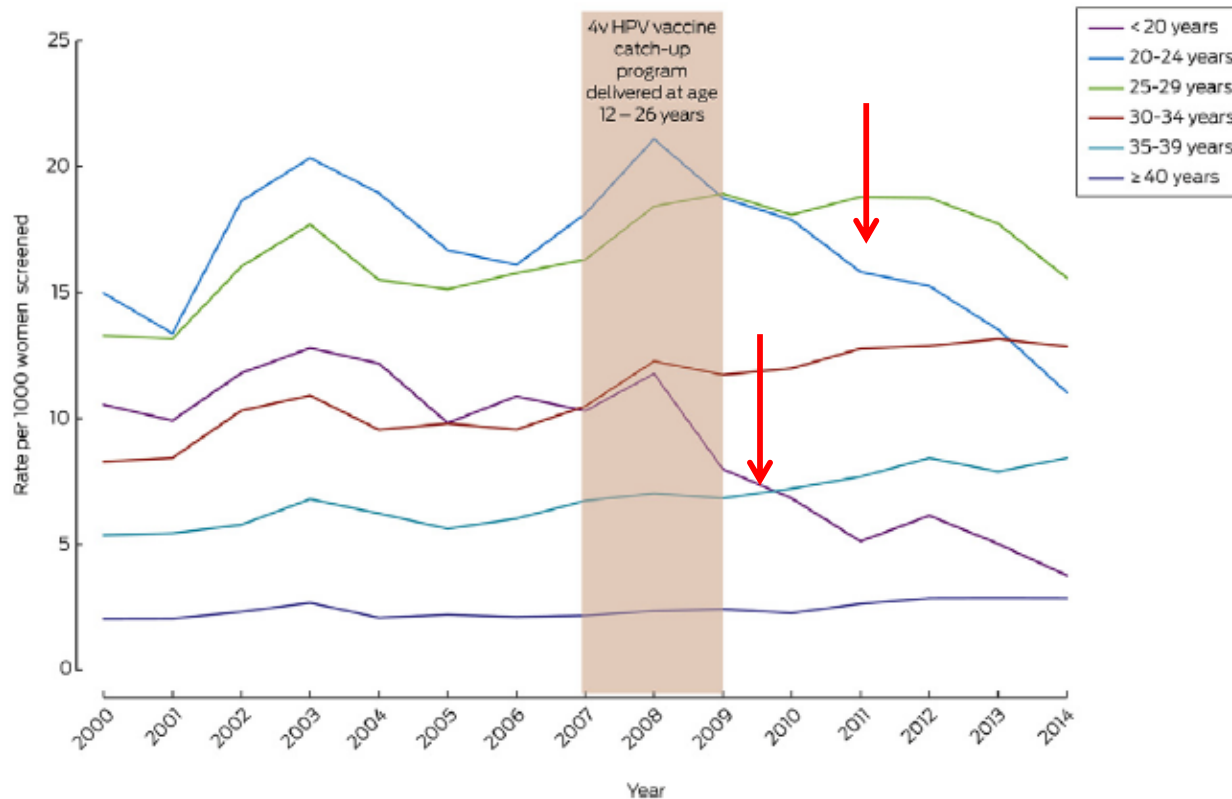
**Females 21-30 yrs** 72.6% decline

**Males <21 years** 81.8% decline

**Males 21-30 yrs** 51.1% decline post vaccination

# Declines in high grade cervical abnormalities

Trends in prevalence rates of high-grade histologically confirmed cervical abnormalities\* diagnosed in Victorian women, by age group, 2000–2014



4v HPV = quadrivalent human papillomavirus. \*Using Australian Institute of Health and Welfare indicator 4.2, which includes high-grade squamous abnormality, cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN) grade 2, CIN grade 3 or CIN not otherwise specified; high-grade endocervical abnormality, endocervical dysplasia; and high-grade endocervical abnormality, adenocarcinoma in situ (<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail/?id=60129550871>). ♦

## Surveillance outcomes

### Changes in cervical screening program (2017)

- Reduced age at commencement
- Reduced intervals
- Change from Pap smear to HPV-DNA based

### Cost effectiveness modelling (2013)

- Program for males at much reduced vaccine price

# Mass psychogenic response to human papillomavirus vaccination

Jim P BATTERY, Simon Madin, Nigel W Crawford, Sonja Elia, Sophie La Vincente, Sarah Hanieh, Lindsay Smith and Bruce Bolam

- 1 month into program commencement - 2007
- One school: 26 girls in sick bay post vaccination, 4 to ED
- no organic cause: **prompt thorough response, follow-up, communication**

## RESEARCH

### Syncope and seizures following human papillomavirus vaccination: a retrospective case series

Nigel W Crawford, Hazel J Clothier, Sonja Elia, Teresa Lazzaro, Jenny Royle and Jim P BATTERY

## Syncope

- HPV and other vaccines, predictable reaction to painful stimulus
- Highest incidence in young adolescents

**2013 – male and females  
Enhanced surveillance in schools for AEFI, esp syncope**

# Countering misinformation

## HPV vaccine program setbacks due to unfounded safety concerns

### India 2010

- Demonstration project suspended

### Japan 2013

- Public and HCW mistrust, 'neuro-motor and other conditions' attributed to vaccine

### Denmark 2015

- Vaccine uptake falls due to public mistrust - single clinic attributing POTS to vaccine

### Ireland 2016

- Sudden decline in coverage - 'concerned parent' group object to vaccine





Case study:

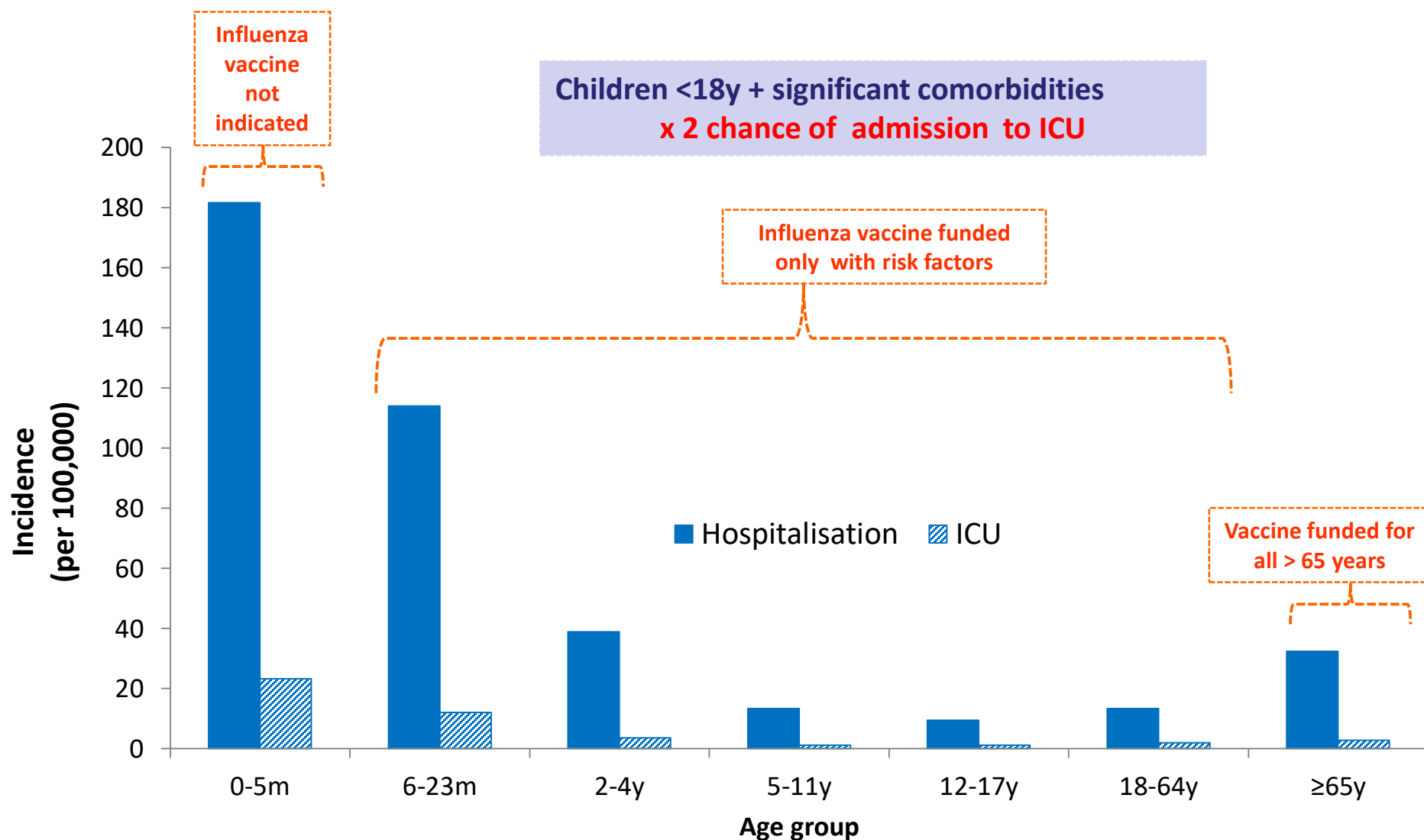
# INFLUENZA

## Background – 2010

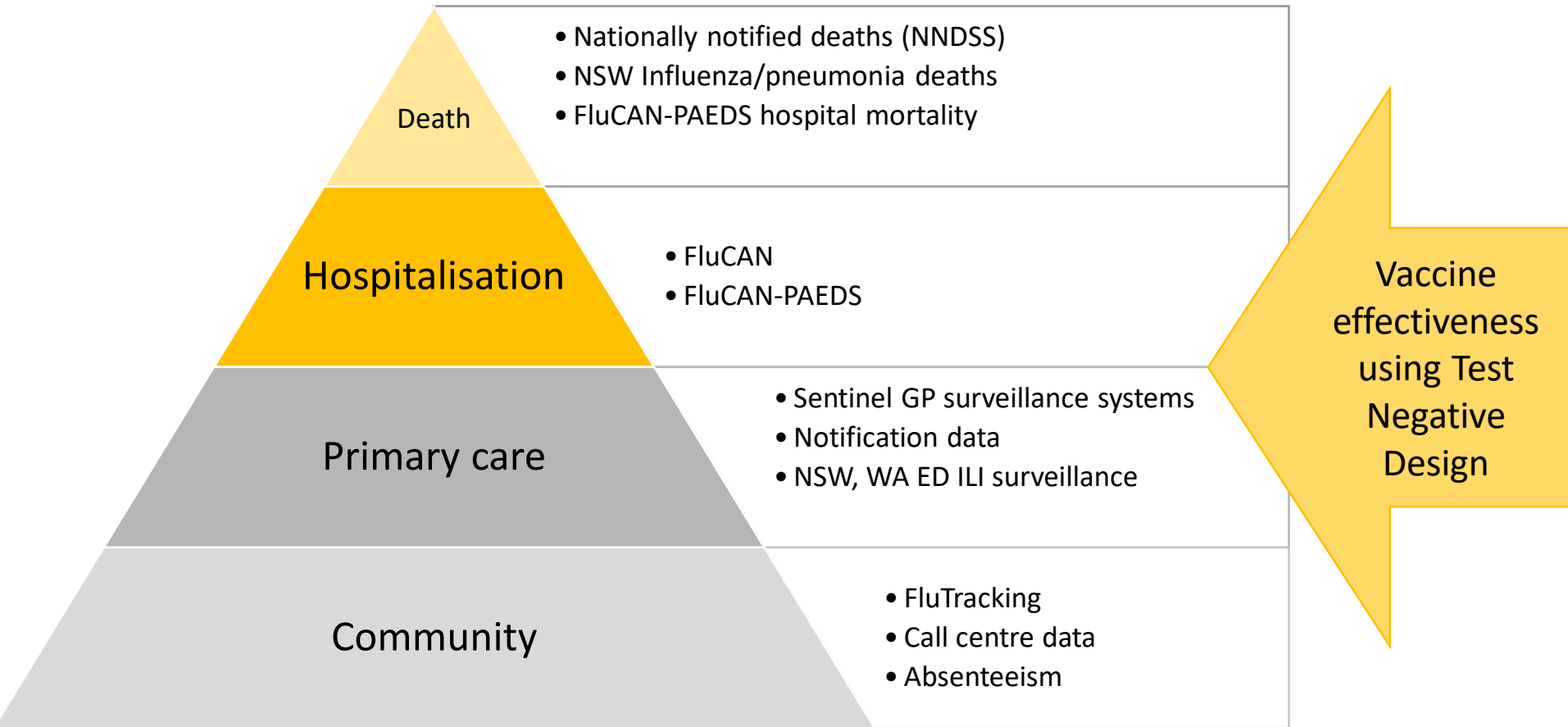
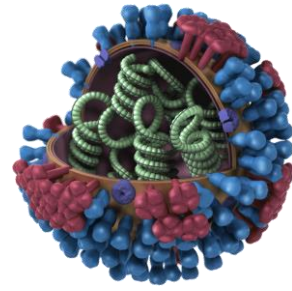
Child vaccination  
suspended due to  
fever/febrile  
convulsions from one  
vaccine brand



# Influenza-coded hospitalisation rates, Australia 2002–2013

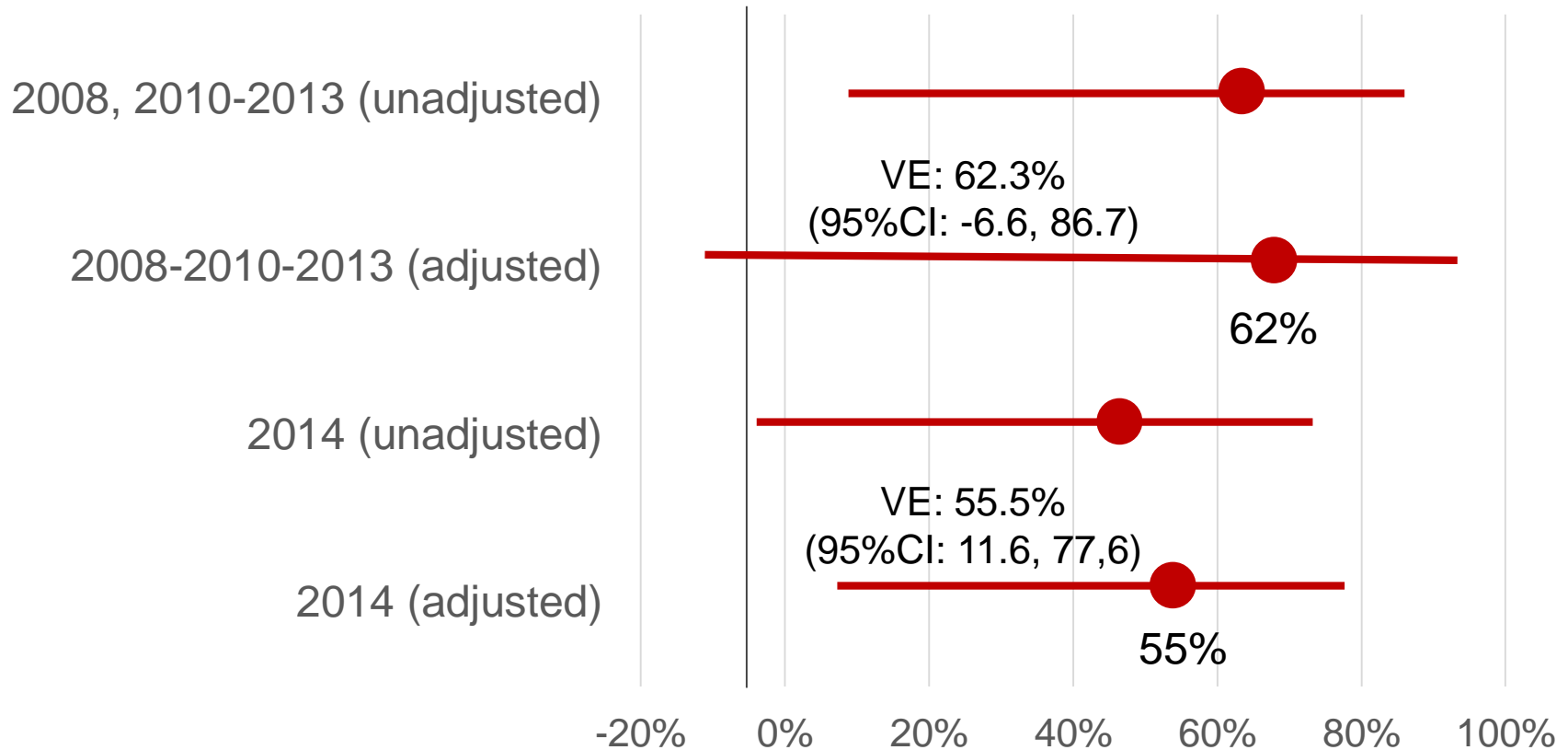


# Influenza Surveillance - Australia



# Do influenza vaccines work in children?

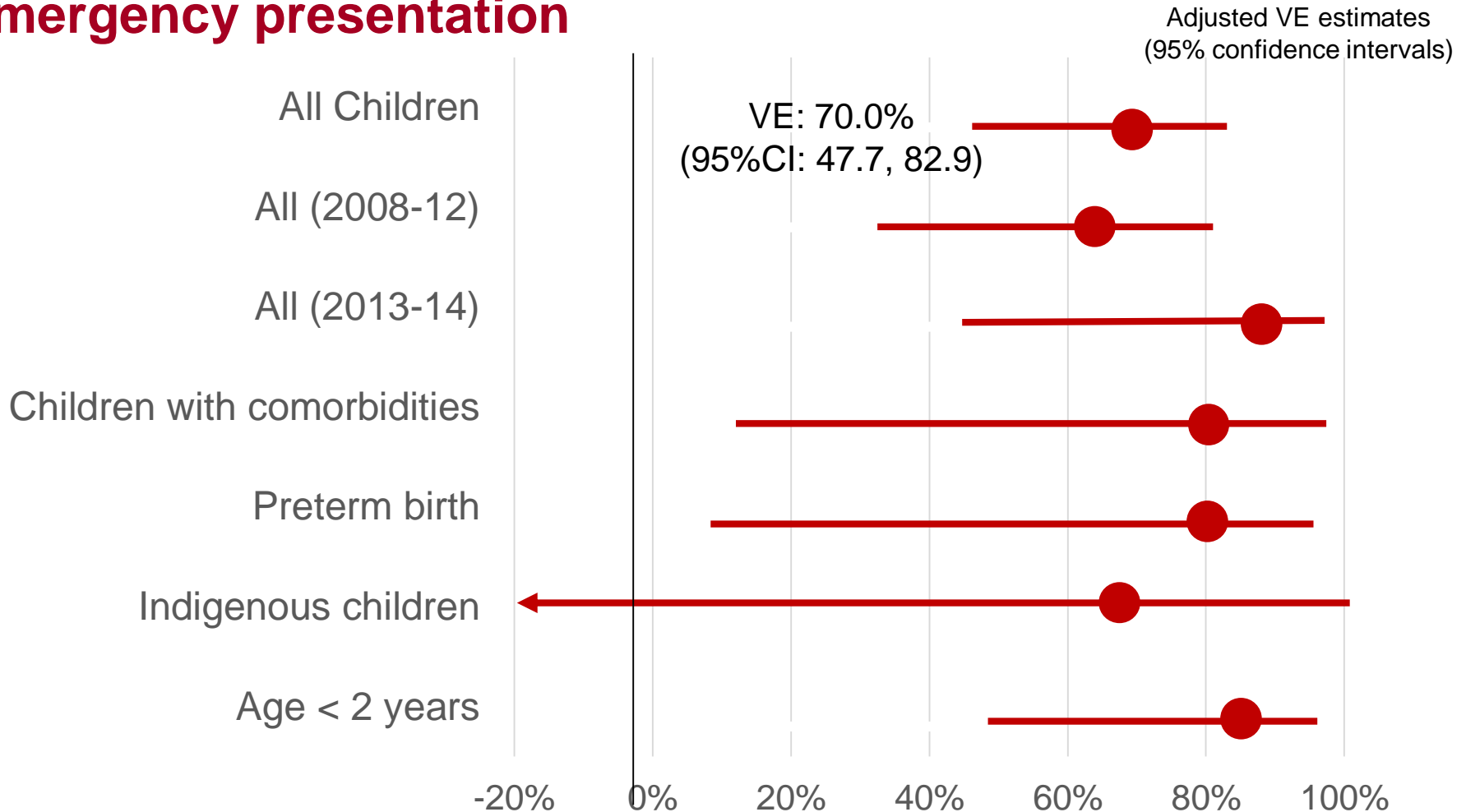
## Hospitalisation



- Case control studies using test negative design
- Controls = children hospitalised with RTI with no or ORV

# Do influenza vaccines work in children?

## Emergency presentation

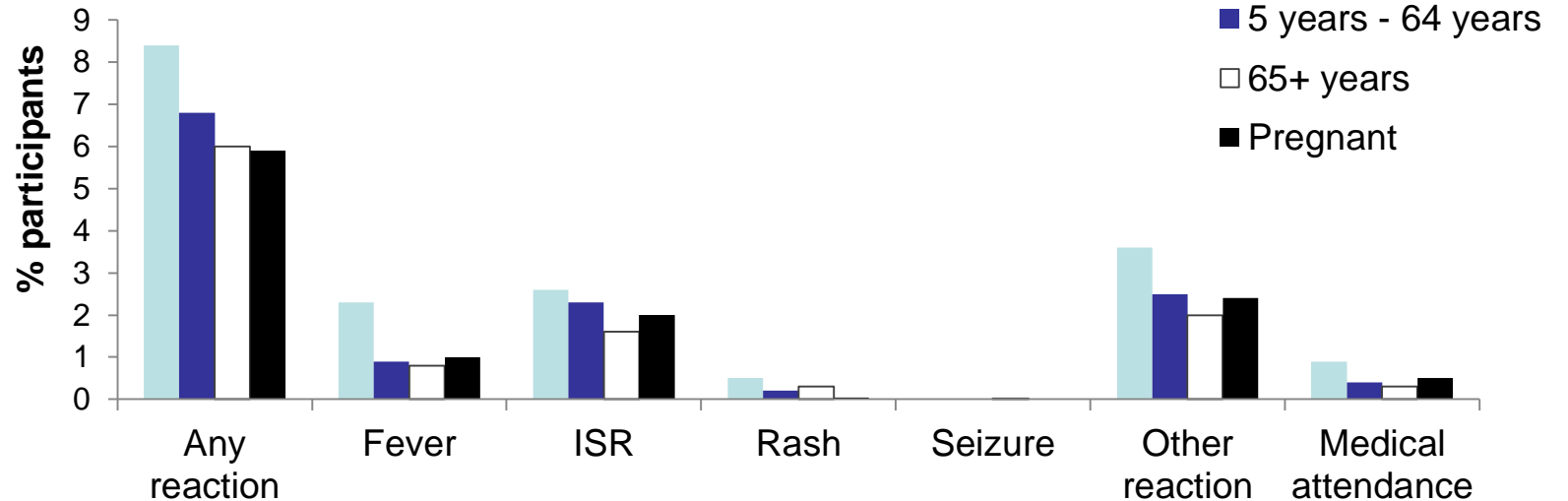


# Active influenza vaccine safety surveillance – SMS based

1 April 2017 – 3 September 2017

✓ *No safety signals identified*

- 73,560 participants responded
- 6.6% event rate
- 0.4% medical attendance rate





Case study:

# MMRV VACCINE

# MMRV vaccine introduction

Research

JAMA Pediatrics | Original Investigation

## Evaluation of Combination Measles-Mumps-Rubella-Varicella Vaccine Introduction in Australia

Kristine Macartney, MD; Heather F. Gidding, PhD; Lieu Trinh, PhD; Han Wang, MStats; Aditi Dey, PhD; Brynley Hull, MPH; Karen Orr, RN; Jocelynn McRae, MPH; Peter Richmond, MBBS; Michael Gold, MB, CHB; Nigel Crawford, PhD; Jennifer A. Kynaston, MBBS; Peter McIntyre, PhD; Nicholas Wood, PhD; for the Paediatric Active Enhanced Disease Surveillance Network

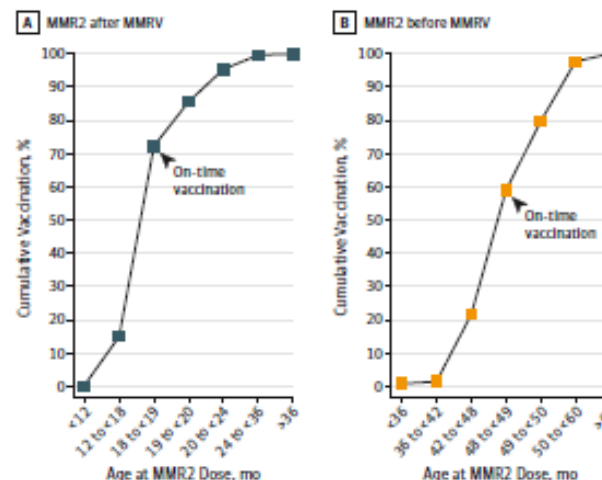
**Table 1. Australian NIP Schedule Before and After Introduction of MMRV From July 1, 2013**

Age	Before July 1, 2013	After July 1, 2013
12 mo	MMR	MMR
18 mo	Monovalent varicella <sup>a</sup>	MMRV <sup>b</sup>
48 mo	MMR <sup>b</sup>	NA



- Varicella uptake improved at age 2 years by 4% (from 85.9 to 89.9%)
- On time vaccination for measles-containing vaccine dose 2 increased by 13.5%
  - No increased risk of febrile seizures post MMRV vaccine (used as dose 2 at age 18 months)

**Figure. Proportion of Children With On-Time Vaccination for Dose 2 of Measles-Containing Vaccine Before and After Measles-Mumps-Rubella-Varicella (MMRV) Vaccine Introduction**



On-time vaccination was defined as vaccine receipt within 30 days of the recommended age. MMR indicates measles-mumps-rubella; MMR2, dose 2 of MMR-containing vaccine in cohort born between July 1 and December 31, 2012 (A), and cohort born between January 1 and June 30, 2009 (B).

**Table 3. FS Risk Following Dose 1 of MMR and a Subsequent Dose of MMRV in Young Children**

Analysts	Method for Age Control	FS Episode	Vaccine	RI -1 to -13 Days, (95% CI)	P Value	RI 5 to 12 Days, (95% CI)	P Value	RI 13 to 30 Days, (95% CI)	P Value
Primary	11-14, 15-18, and 19-23 mo	Unique <sup>a</sup>	MMR	0.41 (0.18-0.94)	.04	2.71 (1.71-4.29)	<.001	0.89 (0.54-1.48)	.66
		Unique <sup>a</sup>	MMRV	1.26 (0.77-2.07)	.36	1.08 (0.55-2.13)	.82	1.08 (0.67-1.74)	.74
Secondary	1-mo intervals	Unique <sup>a</sup>	MMR	0.42 (0.18-0.97)	.04	2.57 (1.56-4.23)	<.001	0.83 (0.49-1.40)	.48
		Unique <sup>a</sup>	MMRV	1.25 (0.74-2.14)	.40	1.17 (0.57-2.40)	.67	1.10 (0.66-1.83)	.72
Secondary	11-14, 15-18, and 19-23 mo	First	MMR	0.37 (0.15-0.92)	.03	2.85 (1.78-4.56)	<.001	0.82 (0.47-1.43)	.48
		First	MMRV	1.37 (0.81-2.33)	.24	1.06 (0.49-2.27)	.89	1.21 (0.73-2.01)	.73

Abbreviations, FS, febrile seizure; MMR, measles-mumps-rubella; MMRV, measles-mumps-rubella-varicella; RI, relative incidence.

<sup>a</sup> First FS episode or multiple FS episodes, with the episodes separated by at least 7 days.

EDITORIAL

### Using Disease Epidemiology to Optimize Immunization Schedules

Cindy M. Weinbaum, MD, MPH; Walter A. Orenstein, MD

Macartney et al<sup>1</sup> report in this issue of *JAMA Pediatrics* on the safety of using combination measles-mumps-rubella-varicella (MMRV) vaccine as the second dose of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine and sole dose of varicella vaccine in Australia, and the effect of this policy on national vaccine coverage. They found that these two vaccine

coverage declined 84.6%, with the largest declines reported in children aged 5 to 9 years (89.3%) and 10 to 14 years (84.8%).<sup>6</sup> In 2005, a combined live, attenuated MMRV vaccine (ProQuad; Merck & Co Inc) was licensed for use in children aged 12 months to 12 years. The use of combination vaccines is a practical way to reduce the number of injections a child receives and can improve timely vaccination coverage; combination vaccines also have the advantage of reducing the

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