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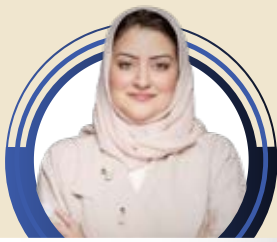
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PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

**Friday
8 May
2026**

PreForum Workshops (14:00-18:00)

Workshop I

Life Course Immunization: From Evidence to Practice

Workshop II

Optimizing Vaccine Management and Supply Chains

**Saturday
9 May
2026
(08:45-18:00)**

Main Conference – Day 1

Policy, Confidence, and Innovation

**Sunday
10 May
2026
(08:45-18:00)**

Main Conference – Day 2

LifeCourse Vaccination and Health System Strengthening



Friday, 8 May 2026

Pre-Forum Workshops

13:00-14:00 Registration

WORKSHOP I: LIFE COURSE IMMUNIZATION FROM EVIDENCE TO PRACTICE

Overview

The Life-Course Immunization Workshop aims to provide healthcare professionals and public health leaders with an integrated understanding of immunization strategies across all stages of life. The workshop will translate current scientific evidence into practical implementation strategies, covering maternal immunization, adolescent and risk-based vaccination, and immunization for healthy aging. Participants will gain insights into optimizing vaccine uptake, addressing hesitancy, and strengthening delivery systems to improve population-level protection.

Target Participants

Infectious disease physicians, Family medicine and primary care physicians, Obstetricians and gynecologists, Pediatricians, Public health professionals, EPI program managers, Nurses and vaccination coordinators, Healthcare administrators involved in immunization programs



Date: Friday, 8th May 2026



Time: 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM



Venue: Crowne Plaza RDC Hotel, Riyadh



Accreditation: Saudi Commission for Health Specialties (SCFHS)



Workshop Agenda

SESSION I. MATERNAL IMMUNIZATION: EVIDENCE, SAFETY, AND IMPACT

MODERATORS: DR. DAYEL ALSHAHRANI, DR. OMAR ALZOMOR

14:00-14:20

Maternal-fetal antibody transfer: How and When?
Dr. Ahmed Alayoubi

14:20-14:40

Current Recommendations for Vaccination During Pregnancy
Dr. May Albarrak

14:40-15:00

Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy in Antenatal Care Settings
Dr. Majid Alhudhud

15:00-15:15

Panel Discussion

15:15-15:30

Break

SESSION II. IMMUNIZATION IN ADOLESCENTS AND RISK-BASED POPULATIONS

MODERATORS: PROF. ABDULLAH ALMOHAIZEIE, DR. MAHER ALAHMADI

15:30-15:50

Adolescent Immunization: Closing Coverage Gaps
Dr. Nora Alfattoh

15:50-16:10

Vaccination Strategies for Mass Gathering and Large-Scale Events
Dr. Ahmad Alghamdi

16:10-16:30

Immunization in Adults with Chronic Medical Conditions
Dr. Mohammed Alsaeed

16:30-16:45

Panel Discussion

SESSION III. VACCINATION FOR HEALTHY AGING

MODERATORS: DR. MAJID ALTHAQAFY, DR. ABDULMAJEED AL ARFAJ

16:45-17:05

Understanding immunosenescence and vaccine response
Dr. Raneem Milyani

17:05-17:25

Vaccination Schedules for Older Adults
Dr. Nisreen Alsherbeeni

17:25-17:45

Addressing Barriers to Vaccine Uptake in Older Adults: The Role of Health Sectors
Dr. Ali Alsaeed

17:45-18:00

Panel Discussion

18:00

Conclusion and Recommendations



Friday, 8 May 2026

Pre-Forum Workshops

WORKSHOP II. OPTIMIZING VACCINE MANAGEMENT AND SUPPLY CHAINS

Overview


Vaccine Management and supply chain Training workshop seeks to provide country-based vaccine managers with the necessary skills to perform their duties effectively, ensuring that all vaccines are fully protected from the time they arrive in the country right up to the point of administration.


Target Participants

EPI/ Vaccination program staff, Cold chain and supply chain personnel (national, regional, and facility levels), logistics and vaccine store managers

Workshop content

The participants will be trained on critical aspects of vaccine management based on the documents and policies currently in use for vaccine management developed and supported by WHO/UNICEF and national policies.

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Facilitators: Dr. Sultan Almaziad, Dr. Mohammed Abdalaziz



Workshop Agenda

14:00-14:05

Introduction and Expectations

14:05-14:30

Global Policies on Vaccine Management & vaccine forecasting

14:30-15:15

Supply chain adequacy & Reliability including VVM and Check test

15:15-15:45

Efficient vaccine distribution system including proper vaccine storage during transportation and at healthcare institutions

15:45-16:00

Break

16:00-16:30

Calculating vaccine volume & storage capacity (PHC)

16:30-17:15

Vaccine wastage at storage and calculating vaccine volume & storage capacity (PHC)

17:15-17:45

Hands on Experience for arranging the vaccines in the facility: Best practices

17:45-18:00

The Way Forward and Closing Remarks



Saturday 9 May 2026

Main Conference - Day 1

POLICY, CONFIDENCE, AND INNOVATION IN IMMUNIZATION

07:30-08:30 Registration and Networking

08:30-08:45 Forum Opening Remarks

Dr. Majid Alshamrani

Session 1: Regional and Global Priorities in Life Course Immunization

Moderators: Dr. Ali Albararak, Prof. Jaffar A. Al-Tawfiq

08:45-09:10 Resurgence of Pertussis at Global Level and in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region

Dr. Ezzeddine Mohsni

09:10-09:35 WHO/EMRO Regional Immunization Research Gaps

Prof. Ziad Memish

09:35-10:00 Immunization Within the Framework of Patient Safety

Dr. Abdulelah Alhawsawi

10:00-10:15 *Panel discussion*

Session 2: The Saudi International Vaccine Award: Recognizing Breakthroughs

10:15-10:45 Award Ceremony and Recognition

Award Facilitators

Dr. Pasi Penttinen, Dr. Abdullah Algwizani

Award Objectives and Categories

Prof. Fayssal Farahat

Session 3: Specialized Scientific Symposium (I)

Moderators: Dr. Mona Aldabbagh, Dr. Sahar Aldossary

10:45-11:10 Herpes Zoster Vaccination in Adults: A Paradigm Shift

Dr. Reem Alameer

11:10-11:35 New Generation of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines

Dr. Mohammed Alsaeed

11:35-12:00 Toward HPV Elimination: Why Males and Females Should be Vaccinated

Dr. Ali Alsaeed

12:00-12:15 **BREAK**

Saturday 9 May 2026

Main Conference - Day 1

POLICY, CONFIDENCE, AND INNOVATION IN IMMUNIZATION

Session 4: Immunization in the Modern Era: Surveillance, Vaccine Mandates, and Innovation

Moderators: Prof. Fahad Alrabiah, Prof. Ibrahim Bin Hussain

- 12:15-12:35 Vaccine Mandate Policies and Public Health Ethics
Prof. Jaffar A. Al-Tawfiq
- 12:35-12:55 Global and Regional Influenza Surveillance
Dr. Amal Barakat
- 12:55-13:15 Accelerating New Era in Influenza Prevention with Intranasal Flu Vaccine
Dr. Mona Aldabbagh

13:15-13:30 *Panel Discussion*

13:30-14:30 **Networking Lunch Break**

Session 5: Vaccination in High-Risk Patients: Clinical Challenges and Practical Guidance

Moderators: Dr. Abdullellah Almohaya, Dr. Asim Alsaedi

- 14:30-14:50 Understanding Immune Response in Immunocompromised Patients
Dr. Reem Alameer
- 14:50-15:10 Protecting the Most Vulnerable: Safety and Innovation in RSV Vaccination
Dr. Thamir Alshammari
- 15:10-15:30 Immunization in Patients with the Sickle Cell Disease
Dr. Hatem Alhani

15:30-15:45 *Panel discussion*

Saturday 9 May 2026

Main Conference - Day 1

POLICY, CONFIDENCE, AND INNOVATION IN IMMUNIZATION

Session 6: Advances in Immunology and Emerging Vaccine Strategies

Moderators: Prof. Anwar Hashem, Dr. Mohammed Bosaeed

15:45-16:05	Vaccination and the Human Microbiome: Implications for Immune Response and Effectiveness Dr. Laila Alawdah
16:05-16:25	Immunization Preparedness for Emerging and High-Consequence Pathogens Dr. Wafa Alnassir
16:25-16:45	Vaccines for Vector-Borne Diseases: Scientific Advances and Global Health Implications Dr. Muhammad Bashir Bello
16:45-17:00	<i>Panel discussion</i>
17:00-18:00	Poster session

Sunday, 10 May 2026

Main Conference - Day 2

LIFE-COURSE VACCINATION AND HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING

08:00-08:45 Registration, Networking, and Welcome Coffee

Session 7: Strategies for Life-Course Immunization and Disease Elimination

Moderators: Dr. Rasha Alfawaz, Prof. Sami AlHajjar

- 09:00-09:20 WHO/EMRO Meningitis Elimination Targets and Actions
Dr. Osama Mere
- 09:20-09:45 Protecting the HCWs workforce: Unveiling the Power of immunization
Dr. Salah Al Awaidy
- 09:45-10:05 RSV Protection During Pregnancy and Infancy: An Experience from Kuwait
Dr. Hamad Bastaki

10:05-10:15 *Panel discussion*

Session 8: Specialized Scientific Symposium (II)

Moderators: Prof. Atef Shebl, Dr. Musallam Abu Hassan

- 10:15-10:40 Closing the Gap in IMD Prevention: Addressing Risk and Burden in Saudi Arabia
Dr. Majid Althaqafy
- 10:40-11:05 Risk of Invasive Meningococcal Meningitis in Umrah: Impact of MenACWY Vaccination
Dr. Alp Dogu

11:15-11:30 *Break*

Session 9: Travel and Mass Gathering Vaccination

Moderators: Prof. Abdulhakeem Althaqafi, Mr. Salman Alhajri

- 11:30-11:50 Hajj & Umrah Vaccination Policy: Requirements and Implementation Strategies
Dr. Omar Khoja
- 11:50-12:10 The International Society of Travel Medicine: Global Impact and Regional Collaboration
Prof. Anne McCarthy
- 12:10-12:30 Dengue Vaccination Strategies: From Epidemiology to Prevention Impact
Dr. Syed Nazeer

12:30-12:45 *Panel Discussion*

Sunday, 10 May 2026

Main Conference - Day 2

LIFE-COURSE VACCINATION AND HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING

Session 10: Societies as Partners in Community Based Immunization (Panel)

Moderators: **Dr. Hebah Dada, Prof. Rajaa Alraddadi**

12:45-13:30

The Saudi Pediatric Infectious Disease Society (SPIDS)
Dr. Rana Al Maghrabi

The Saudi Society of Family and Community Medicine
Dr. Ashraf Amir

Rofaida Women's Health Organization
Dr. Fatma Al Hamlan

Waey Association for Community Health
Prof. Mahmoud Abdulrahman

13:30-14:30

Networking Lunch Break

Session 11: Closing Immunization Gaps: Strengthening Prevention and Vaccine Safety Systems

Moderators: **Dr. Abdulrahman Algeer, Dr. Abdulrahman Alsaedy**

14:30-14:50

Eliminating Hepatitis B Related Liver Cancer: Closing Prevention Gaps
Dr. Saleh Alessy

14:50-15:10

Preventable Vaccination Errors: A Case Study of Accidental Repeat BCG Administration
Dr. Musaed Alharbi

15:10-15:30

Vaccine Safety in Clinical Practice: Post-Licensure Surveillance and Pharmacovigilance
Prof. Abdullah Almohaizeie

15:30-15:45

Panel discussion

Session 12: Health System Enablers for High- Performance Immunization Programs

Moderators: **Dr. Abdulrahman Alodayani, Prof. Tarik Alazraqi**

15:45-16:05

Nursing Leadership and Workforce Optimization in Immunization Delivery
Prof. Tagwa Omer

16:05-16:25

Digital Health and Artificial Intelligence in Immunization Programs
Dr. Ibrahim Fayyad

16:25-16:45

Transforming Immunization Services: The MNGHA Experience
Prof. Fayssal Farahat

16:45-17:00

Panel discussion

17:00-17:15

Closing Ceremony

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