



Measles-Mumps-Rubella-Varicella Vaccination

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Dear Colleagues,

According to the Global Vaccine Action Plan, measles and rubella are targeted for elimination in five WHO Regions by 2020. This goal, established in 2015, has been postponed and probably will be delayed, according to the actual world epidemiological scenario.

Global measles deaths have declined from 550,100 deaths in 2000 to 89,780 deaths in 2016. Furthermore, we noted a very important resurgence of this disease; WHO statistics showed over 112,000 confirmed measles cases globally in the first 4 months of 2019. Europe has also seen a 300% increase in measles infection, with Italy and the German state of Brandenburg ordering mandatory vaccinations.

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