Societal vaccinology

The Netherlands public sector vaccine development, production and technology transfer in the context of global health

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1. Vaccinology is a science and technology field that next to research and development includes manufacturing, licensing and programmatic implementation in vaccination programmes


2. The dominating market-oriented government policies which led to the privatisation of critical vaccinology infrastructure in the Netherlands has gone accompanied with a loss of global public health value creation

3. There is no evidence that the pneumococcal Advanced Market Commitment has speeded innovation of pneumococcal vaccines or has contributed to production capacity expansion among emerging vaccine manufacturers

   Plahte, J. (2012), Vaccine, 30(14): 2426-6

4. China will be a main supply source of affordable children vaccines for developing countries in the very near future

5. The creation of sustainable regional quality vaccine manufacturing capacity in Africa should become a global development priority

6. A fair vaccine price is not equal to what a buyer is willing to pay

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7. Timely mass application of generic statins and angiotensin receptor blockers during the 2014 Ebola epidemic in West Africa would have saved lives


8. Quadrivalent inactivated seasonal influenza vaccines offer little additional public health value over trivalent inactivated seasonal influenza vaccines in developing countries while they are significantly more expensive and carry more risk as regards timely availability and safety hazards

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9. The possibility of a causal relationship between a secondment to an international organisation and personal health risks needs to be thoroughly explored

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