

Special Thematic Issue for Vaccine Hesitancy: A Crucial Threat to World Public Health

Many countries and communities are dealing with groups and growing numbers of individuals who are delaying or refusing recommended vaccinations for themselves or their children. Vaccine hesitancy and anti-vaccine attitudes have been identified by the World Health Organization as one of the top 10 health threats facing the world in 2020. This has created a need for immunization programs to find approaches and strategies to address vaccine hesitancy.

Topic covered in special issue

Potential contributions to the special issue include but are not limited to:

- Prevalence of acceptance, hesitancy to accept a vaccine
- Associated factors and determinants of vaccine hesitancy
- Psychological aspect in relation to the uptake vaccination
- Public perception on vaccination policies
- Ethics of access to vaccines
- Influence of social media on vaccine uptake
- Impact of pandemic on other vaccination programs
- Critical issues, challenges, successes, and new ways of improving vaccine uptake across diverse populations

It is hoped that by understanding the factors contributing to vaccine hesitancy, headway can be made in overcoming it and promoting fact-based, effective public health strategies to encourage the maximum levels of vaccination.

Keywords: Vaccine hesitancy, Anti-vaccine, Behavior change, Vaccine acceptance/uptake, Vaccine confidence, Vaccination refusal, Vaccination barriers, Risk perception, Intervention and strategies, Vaccination coverage rates, Immunization programs, Vaccine knowledge, attitudes and practices.

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