



APPLIED RESEARCH FOR EFFECTIVE HEALTH POLICIES

CDC's National Immunization Program (NIP) provides technical expertise in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of polio eradication and measles vaccination activities to individual countries (such as Romania and Turkey) and to the WHO European Regional Office. Related to this effort were several recently completed research studies – such as a study in Romania to identify risk factors for late measles vaccinations and a study in Sweden on pertussis vaccination – particularly the need for a fourth dose of pertussis vaccine in children and whether booster doses are needed for adolescents and adults.

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND LESSONS LEARNED

For a variety of reasons, national health and safety organizations sometimes devote a great deal of effort to developing national standards, only to find that parallel efforts have been underway elsewhere and have reached different conclusions. To share scientific information early in the process and to avoid any one nation's scientists having to “reinvent the wheel,” CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) initiated discussions with international and national health and safety organizations regarding sharing mutually useful assessments of occupational hazards. Letters of agreement among the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists and their counterpart organizations in the Netherlands, Sweden, and a group of Nordic countries have led to an efficient sharing of information about establishing occupational exposure limits in accordance with each organization's policies.



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