EtR Framework:
Values, Acceptability and Feasibility Domains

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### Evidence to Recommendations (EtR) Framework

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Values

Criteria 1:
Does the target population feel that the desirable effects are large relative to undesirable effects?

- How does the target population view the balance of desirable versus undesirable effects?
- Would patients feel that the benefits outweigh the harms and burden?
- Does the population appreciate and value COVID-19 vaccine ‘X’?

○ No  ○ Probably no  ○ Probably yes  ○ Yes  ○ Varies  ○ Don't know
Values

Criteria 2:
Is there important uncertainty about, or variability in, how much people value the main outcomes?

- How much do individuals value each outcomes in relation to the other outcomes?
- Is there evidence to support those value judgments?
- Is there evidence that the variability is large enough to lead to different decisions?

○ Important uncertainty or variability
○ Probably important uncertainty or variability
○ Probably not important uncertainty or variability
○ No important uncertainty or variability
○ No known undesirable outcomes
Values:
Review of the available evidence

- **Review of scientific literature**
  - Databases: Medline, Embase, PsycINFO, Global Health Ovid, CINAHL, ProQuest Coronavirus Research, Scopus, WHO COVID-19
  - Search terms: SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 string; vaccine string; intent, confidence, hesitancy, attitude, belief, accept, choice, decision, refusal
  - Last search date: November 17, 2020

- **Inclusion criteria**
  - Data collection in 2020 related to COVID-19 vaccine beliefs, attitudes, and intentions

- **Review of scientific articles**: 272 results, 14 papers included

- **Review of news media and reports (Google)**: 10 sources included

- **Preliminary findings from CDC vaccine intent survey and focus group discussions**
Values:
Summary of the available evidence

- Overall acceptability of a COVID-19 vaccine was moderate\(^1\)
  - Proportion intending to receive vaccine ranged across surveys: 42-86%\(^\text{2}\)
  - Attitudes towards Pfizer vaccine with news reports of 90% efficacy: 71% believed effective, 68% safe\(^\text{1}\)

- Many reported anticipated benefits of vaccination\(^1\)
  - Protect self, family, and community
  - Prevent SARS-CoV-2 infection and severe illness
  - Return to normalcy

- Vaccination intentions varied by time, population, and vaccine characteristics\(^1\)
  - Large national survey found decline from 72% in May to 51% in September\(^2\)
  - Acceptance lowest among Black respondents, highest among Asian respondents
  - Acceptance greater with higher socioeconomic status
  - Acceptance greater with history of influenza vaccination and higher COVID-19 risk perception
  - Acceptance greater with higher vaccine efficacy and healthcare provider recommendation

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COVID-19 Vaccination Intentions Varied by Survey Month

*Positive vaccine intentions includes persons reporting definitely, probably, or somewhat likely to get vaccinated.
COVID-19 Vaccination Intentions Varied by Race/ethnicity

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Values:
Summary of the available evidence

- Common reasons for not intending to get vaccinated included\(^1\):
  - Concern for vaccine side effects
  - Uncertainty of vaccine efficacy
  - Low risk perception of COVID-19 or severe disease

- Vaccine efficacy (90% or 70%) associated with preferred choice of hypothetical vaccine\(^2\)

- Focus groups (49, n=239): most are open to vaccine, but many prefer not to be first\(^3\)

- Many reported concerns that COVID-19 vaccine approval process was too fast\(^1\)

- Limitations
  - Surveys conducted prior to vaccine available
  - Convenience samples may not be representative

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Values:
Summary of the available evidence

- Across national surveys, many adults reported intentions to receive COVID-19 vaccine.
  - Common desirable effects included protecting self, family, community from SARS-CoV-2 infection and severe illness and return to normalcy.
  - Common concerns included vaccine side effects, uncertainty of vaccine efficacy, and speed of vaccine approval process.

- Vaccination intentions varied substantially by race or ethnicity and socioeconomic status of respondents.
Strategies to consider for overcoming barriers to vaccine acceptance:

- **Engage trusted sources** (e.g., social workers, faith leaders, community leaders, advocacy groups, facility administrators, union representatives)
- **Develop communication materials** that are ADA-compliant and culturally, linguistically, and literacy appropriate
- **Ensure providers have information** on vaccine recommendations to counsel patients
- **Educate throughout jurisdiction** about vaccination recommendations and where to refer patients for free COVID-19 vaccination
- **Educate non-clinical facility administrators**
Values: Work Group Interpretation

Criteria 1:
Does the target population feel that the desirable effects are large relative to undesirable effects?

- No
- Probably no
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- Varies
- Don't know
## Values: Work Group Interpretation

### Criteria 2:
Is there important uncertainty about, or variability in, how much people value the main outcomes?

- Important uncertainty or variability
- Probably important uncertainty or variability
- Probably not important uncertainty or variability
- No important uncertainty or variability
- No known undesirable outcomes
EtR Domain: Acceptability
Acceptability

Is COVID-19 vaccine ‘X’ acceptable to key stakeholders?

- Are there key stakeholders that would not accept the distribution of benefits and harms?
- Are there key stakeholders that would not accept the undesirable effects in the short term for the desirable effects (benefits) in the future?

○ No  ○ Probably no  ○ Probably yes  ○ Yes  ○ Varies  ○ Don't know
Acceptability:
Review of the available evidence

- Review of scientific literature

- Preliminary findings from CDC evaluations of COVID-19 vaccine attitudes
  - Survey with State Health Officers (n=34)
  - Focus group discussions with nurses (7 focus groups)
  - National online survey: sub-group analysis for healthcare providers (n=216)

- Review of news media, professional society and workers’ unions websites
  - AAFP, AFT, AFSCME, AGS, ANA, AMA, IDSA, SEIU
  - American Nurses Foundation (ANF) survey (n=12,939)

- Consideration of programmatic, financial, and ethical aspects
  - State/jurisdiction and partner planning for vaccine implementation
  - Anticipated out-of-pocket costs
Acceptability: Summary of the available evidence

- No published provider knowledge, attitudes, and practices surveys
- CDC evaluations
  - State health officers, Oct: concerns with rollout included vaccine hesitancy (53%), vaccine safety (32%), and communications (26%)¹
  - Focus groups with nurses (n=7), Jun-Aug: most supported prioritizing nurses, some reluctant to get vaccinated, and many do not want to get it right away²
  - Vaccine intent survey, Sep-Oct: **63%** healthcare providers would get COVID-19 vaccine³
- ANF nurses survey, Oct: moderate acceptability of COVID-19 vaccine⁴
  - **63%** somewhat or very confident vaccine will be safe and effective
  - **34%** would voluntarily receive COVID-19 vaccine
  - **57%** comfortable discussing COVID-19 vaccines with patients
Acceptability:
Summary of the available evidence

- All jurisdictions have submitted COVID-19 vaccine implementation plans
- Large and small pharmacy chains have committed to participate in COVID-19 vaccination program
- In a CDC survey of 34 state health officers in October, common concerns about vaccine administration included vaccine hesitancy, vaccine safety, and communications
- A survey of nurses, most were confident the vaccine will be safe and effective, while less would voluntarily receive COVID-19 vaccine if not required
Acceptability: Work Group Interpretation

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EtR Domain: Feasibility
Feasibility

Is COVID-19 vaccine ‘X’ feasible to implement?

- Is the COVID-19 vaccine ‘X’ program sustainable?
- Are there barriers that are likely to limit the feasibility of implementing COVID-19 vaccine ‘X’ or require consideration when implementing it?
- Is access to COVID-19 vaccine ‘X’ an important concern?

○ No  ○ Probably no  ○ Probably yes  ○ Yes  ○ Varies  ○ Don't know
Feasibility:
Summary of the available evidence

- Barriers to implementation may include:
  1) Financial barriers
  2) Complexity of recommendations
  3) Access to healthcare or vaccine providers
  4) Vaccine storage and handling requirements
Feasibility:
Summary of the available evidence

1) Financial barriers

- All COVID-19 vaccines will be provided to U.S. population free of charge
- Health systems or health departments could incur costs for vaccine implementation, clinics
Feasibility: Summary of the available evidence

2) Complexity of recommendations

- Multiple vaccines under an EUA could make overall COVID-19 vaccine recommendations more complex

- Individual vaccine recommendations may also contribute to complexity
  - Variations in number of doses, schedule
Feasibility:
Summary of the available evidence

3) Access to healthcare or vaccine providers

- Population access to healthcare could be limited in rural or other hard-to-reach areas

- Range of providers providing vaccine could be impacted by:
  - Cold storage requirements
  - Population(s) with proven safety/efficacy
  - Population(s) recommended to receive vaccine
Feasibility: Summary of the available evidence

4) Vaccine storage and handling requirements

- Vaccine with **ultra-cold** requirements unable to be integrated into providers’ practices
  - Vaccines with refrigerator (2-8°C) temperature requirements easier to integrate

- Minimum size of orders

- Requirements for two-dose series for some vaccines
Feasibility:
Summary of the available evidence

- **Innovative** solutions to overcome barriers:
  - Expanded funding opportunities
  - Pharmacy partnerships
  - Technology, including second dose reminders
  - Unique packing containers to maintain ultra-cold temperatures without freezer
  - Detailed state micro-planning
Feasibility:

Work Group Interpretation

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*Judgment differed by COVID-19 vaccine
Proposed Clinical Considerations:

- Pregnancy/Breastfeeding:
  - Pregnancy/breastfeeding is not a contraindication to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine
  - For those recommended to receive vaccine in an early allocation phase

- Prior SARS-CoV-2 infection:
  - Vaccination is recommended regardless of prior infection
  - Testing for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies is not recommended prior to vaccination
  - While vaccine supplies are constrained, vaccination of persons with recent prior infection may be delayed. However, duration of protection after infection is unknown.

- Other topics for future presentations to ACIP:
  - Coadministration with other vaccines
  - Vaccine dosing schedules, intervals
  - Impact of vaccine reactogenicity for healthcare providers
Questions for ACIP:

- **Values:**
  - What does ACIP think about the values of the target population?
  - Any additional information that ACIP needs to see before a vote?
Questions for ACIP:

- **Acceptability:**
  - What does ACIP think about the acceptability of COVID-19 vaccines from stakeholders (providers, health departments, health systems)?
  - Can ACIP members, liaison organizations provide additional insight into acceptability of stakeholders?
Questions for ACIP:

- **Feasibility:**
  - What does ACIP think about the feasibility of implementation?
  - Any additional information that ACIP needs to see before a vote?
Thank you

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