

La vaccination universelle contre la grippe Allison McGeer, MSc, MD



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Myth #1

We shouldn't consider universal vaccination because:

• Influenza is not a severe disease

"Influenza is not by any means so severe or so rapidly fatal a disease as cholera, but the mortality which it has produced is greater, as it affects almost every person in society, while the ravages of cholera are comparatively limited."

Robert Graves, 1848

Influenza

Every year 5 million Canadians (1 in 6) will be infected 50,000 will be hospitalized (1:100 >65 yrs) 3,000 people will die 7% of 2-6 yr olds will have acute otitis media 1.5 million work-days will be lost

Excess rates of hospitalization due to influenza in children

	Age	Admissions per
	group	1000 children/ year
Neuzil et al.	0-1 yr	7.6
	1-4 yr	1.9
	5-15 yr	0.4
Izurieta et al	0-1 yr	2.1
	2-4 yr	0.44
	5-17 yr	0.07

Hospitalizations for acute respiratory illness in children



Illness in childhood

• HSC review of encephalitis

- 94/5 2 cases of influenza A associated disease (both with late deficits)
- 95-99 20 cases associated with influenza
- CHEO
 - 4 cases nosocomial influenza/yr, 95-99
 - 16% requiring ICU admission, median extension of LOS 5.5 days (range 2-16 days)

Myth #2

We shouldn't consider universal vaccination because:

- we're "guessing" every year about strains
- it prevents only a minority of influenza-like illness (ie. only that due to influenza)
- it doesn't prevent all influenza

Similarity of Laboratory Confirmed Influenza Infections with Vaccine Antigens, Canada



Solid line shows smoothed trend line for the overall percentage match between 1980/1 and 2001/2

 Does conjugate meningococcal vaccine protect against all meningitis? all meningococcal meningitis?

 Does pertussis vaccine protect against all prolonged cough illness?

Does this mean these vaccines aren't important or useful?

Myth #3

We shouldn't consider universal vaccination because:

• it isn't feasible to deliver annual vaccine to that many people

Recommendations for influenza vaccination

Population group	Size	Cumulative
		proportion
>=65 yrs of age	3,989,169	13%
chronic illness: 15-64	2,593,927	22%
2-15	464,700	
Household contacts high risk	3,058,627	32%
Health care workers	1,268,380	36%
50-65 yr olds	5,221,126	53%
6mo-2 yr olds	511,594	54%

Ontario program

Announced late July 2000
Implemented October 2000
Overall, 44% of Ontario population vaccinated in first year

Why universal vaccine?

Reasons

 Achieve vaccine targets in high risk groups

• Reduce illness in healthy adults and children

• Provide herd immunity

Influenza Vaccination Rates, Community



Influenza vaccination rates, by risk group, Toronto



Influenza vaccination rates, by risk group, Toronto



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Effectiveness of influenza vaccine in healthy adults

	Reductions associated with vaccine	
	Inactivated	Cold-passaged
Episodes URI	25%	24%
Days missed work	43%	29%
Provider visits	44%	41%
Antibiotic days	-	46%

Nichol et al. NEJM 1995;333: 889-93

During the Canadian Consensus conference on pertussis, participants agreed that the goal of pertussis control strategy is to decrease the morbidity and mortality of pertussis across the entire lifespan. It was further agreed that protection of adolescents and adults is a worthy goal for the benefit of these cohorts themselves and whatever the collateral benefit of protection to infants. These goals are fully endorsed by NACI. From the Canadian Consensus Conference Statement on Pertussis Vaccine, 2002

Morbidity in healthy adolescents/adults

Per 1000 persons/yr	Pertussis	Influenza
Incidence	3.4	60
Days missed work	17	100
Days symptomatic	142	210

Benefit/cost ratio, vaccination of healthy adults

Study	All benefit/cost	Medical care	
	ratio	benefit/cost rat	
Kumpulainen,1997	.07	.02	
Bridges, 2000	.55	.35	
Riddiough, 1983	.68	.35	
Nichol, 2001	1.8	.38	
Campbell, 1997	2.0	.72	
Burkel, 1999	2.5	.40	
Smith, 1979	2.7	-	
Levy, 1996	2.7	.15	
Yassi, 1991	2.9	-	
Nichol,1995	3.5	1.6	
Leighton, 1996	3.6	-	
Muennig, 2001	-	1.2	

Intranasal influenza vaccine in children (*Belshe, NEJM, 1998*)

	Placebo	Vaccine	Protective efficacy
Influenza	18%	1.3%	93%
Influenza with fever	15%	0.7%	>95%
Febrile otitis media	20%	14%	30%

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Haemophilus influenzae, type b, Ontario, 1980-1996



Haemophilus influenzae, type b, Ontario, 1980-1996



Effectiveness of vaccination of daycare children in reducing illness among household contacts

	Reduction in disease in:		
	Unvaccinated Vaccinat		
	contacts	contacts	
All respiratory	16%	22%	
disease	(P=.10)	(P=0.04)	
Febrile			
respiratory	47%	22%	
disease	(P=.04)	(P=.38)	

Hurwitz, JAMA, 2000:284;1677

Vaccination uptake and mortality among patients in long term care



Vaccination rate in staff

Carman et al. Lancet 2000;355:93

Relationship between LTCF staff vaccination rates and number of influenza outbreaks, Canada, 1998/9



Percentage of staff vaccinated against influenza

Why universal vaccine?

- It will increase protection in at risk persons by increasing vaccination rates
- It will reduce morbidity in healthy adults and children
- It is cost-saving for the former, and costeffective for the latter (without considering the impact on antibiotic use)
- There is likely a degree of herd immunity

No. viral isolates per 1000 population, by province and year

