



21st OVG Immunisation Seminar

Thursday 12th March 2026
University Suite, Leonardo Royal Hotel Oxford,
Godstow Rd, Wolvercote, Oxford OX2 8AL



Time	Topic	Speaker
08.30 - 09.00	Hot drinks & registration	
09.00	Welcome	Karen Ford Immunisation specialist and Senior Research Nurse, Oxford Vaccine Group
09.05	The importance of vaccines	Professor Sir Andrew J Pollard Ashall Professor of Infection and Immunity; Director of the Oxford Vaccine Group
Session 1 Session Chair:		
09.30	Vaccine development from discovery to phase 4 vaccine trials	Dr Robert Shaw Honorary Consultant in Infectious Diseases & Microbiology and Principal Investigator, Oxford Vaccine Group
09:50	Chikungunya, endemic disease and travel vaccines	Professor George Warimwe Professor of Vaccinology, Centre for Tropical Medicine & Global Health, University of Oxford
10.10	Vaccines against Salmonella	Professor Malick Gibani Clinical Associate Professor of Bacterial Vaccinology, Imperial College London
10.30	Determinants of future health	Dr James Gilchrist Wellcome Career Development Fellow, Oxford Vaccine Group & Honorary Consultant in Paediatric Infectious Diseases & Immunology
10.50	Session Q&A	
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break	
Session 2 Session Chair:		
11.30	Communicating the importance of maternal vaccination programmes	Professor Chrissie Jones Professor of Paediatric Infection and Immunity, University of Southampton

11.50	Impact of the RSV Programme; adult, maternal and selective neonatal	Professor Simon Drysdale Consultant in Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Principal Investigator, Oxford Vaccine Group
12.10	Chickenpox and Shingles vaccination	Dr Gayatri Amirthalingam Immunisation and Vaccine Preventable Diseases, UK Health Security Agency
12.30	Vaccination to protect against Gonococcus	Dr Kat Pollock, Clinician Scientist in Vaccinology, Oxford Vaccine Group
12.50	Session Q&A	
13.00-14.00	Lunch	
14.00	<i>Ask the panel</i>	Professor Sir Andrew Pollard (Chair), plus speakers
Session 3 <i>Session Chair</i>		
14.30	What factors contribute to the acceptance of changes to childhood Immunisation schedules among parents and vaccine recipients?	Charlie Firth Communication and Global Engagement Lead/DPhil Candidate, Oxford Vaccine Group
14.50	Societal influences to the success of vaccines	TBC
15.10	Advantages and disadvantages of higher valent pneumococcal vaccines	Professor Stefan Flasche Einstein-BUA Strategic Professor of Infectious Disease Dynamics and Global Health, CharitéCenter for Global Health, Berlin
15:30	How vaccines maintain health and protect from diseases	Professor Dominic Kelly BRC Consultant in Paediatrics & Vaccinology, Oxford Vaccine Group
15:50	Session Q&A	
16.00	Closing remarks	Karen Ford