



**21<sup>st</sup> OVG Immunisation Seminar**  
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Time	Topic	Speaker
08.30 - 09.00	Hot drinks & registration	
	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
<b>Session 1</b> <i>Session Chair: Sarah Kelly Clinical Programme Director (Global), OVG</i>		
09.30	Vaccine development: From discovery to licensure and beyond	Dr Naina McCann DPhil Student and Adult Research Fellow, 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	Infection as a determinant 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	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>Session 2</b> <i>Session Chair: Karen Ford, Immunisation specialist and Senior Research Nurse, OVG</i>		
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	Update on the Chickenpox and Shingles Vaccination Programmes in the UK	Dr Gayatri Amirthalingam Deputy Director, Consultant Medical Epidemiologist, Immunisation and Vaccine Preventable Diseases Division, Immunisation and Vaccine Preventable Diseases, UK Health Security Agency
12.30	HPV vaccination - Post-licensure real-world vaccine safety	Professor Nick Andrews Head of Vaccines Analysis, Immunisation and Vaccine Preventable Diseases, UK Health Security Agency
12.50	Session Q&A	
13.00-14.00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14.00	<i>Ask the panel</i>	Professor Sir Andrew Pollard (Chair), plus speakers
<b>Session 3</b> <i>Session Chair: Rachel White, Senior Research Nurse, OVG</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 on Vaccine Uptake	Dr Sally Frampton Humanities and Healthcare Fellow, TORCH: The Oxford Research Centre for the Humanities, Faculty of History, University of Oxford
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	<b>Closing remarks</b>	Karen Ford