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The 6th Annual Saudi International Vaccination Forum Ã¢â?¬â?? Pioneering Global Health through Immunization

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Under the esteemed patronage of the Ministry of National Guard Health Affairs, represented by the Infection Prevention and Control Program, the 6th Annual Saudi International Vaccination Forum (SIVF2024), with its theme Life Course Immunization: Vaccines for All Life Stages, is set to convene in Riyadh from the 28th to the 30th of May at the Crowne Plaza RDC Hotel, Riyadh, KSA. This paramount gathering stands as the Middle East's leading initiative in leveraging the power of collaboration and innovation among policy makers, health experts, and professionals to reinforce and elevate vaccination practices and strategies.
The event is supported by Gulf Association of Family Medicine, Saudi Epidemiology Society, Saudi Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (SPIDS), Saudi Society for Infection Prevention and Control (SSIPC), Saudi Society of Family and Community Medicine, and Waey Association for Community Health.

Emphasizing the critical importance of effective vaccine implementation in our region and beyond, the forum promises an enriching scientific program covering vital aspects such as vaccine policy, recent advancements in vaccination, regulations, and the key role of immunization in public health.

A distinguished feature of SIVF2024 is the pre-forum workshop, titled Vaccine Hesitancy and Confidence Evidence-Based Strategies and Approaches. The workshop is tailored to provide attendees with hands- on experience and in-depth knowledge on contemporary challenges and developments in the vaccination domain. This preliminary session is designed to augment the practical skills and proficiency of health care professionals, paving the way for improved immunization outcomes.

Dr. Majid Al Shamrani, Chairman of SIVF2024 and Executive Director, Infection Prevention and Control Program, King Abdulaziz Medical City, Ministry of National Guard Health Affairs, Riyadh, KSA, has emphasized the significance of the forum.

He stated: “The 6th Annual Saudi International Vaccination Forum marks a pivotal step towards enriching the medical field not only within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia but also on a global scale. The Kingdom is taking some serious and commendable steps in advancing the realms of healthcare, and immunization plays a crucial role in this journey towards excellence and innovation.”

At the Ministry of National Guard Health Affairs, we are dedicated to infection prevention and control as a fundamental pillar of healthcare excellence. With an unwavering commitment to primary prevention, we strive to protect our communities through robust measures, promote education on disease prevention strategies, and raise awareness at every level. By fostering a culture of prevention and empowering our communities, we can build a resilient defense against vaccine-preventable diseases and ensure the well-being of all, Al Shamrani added.

The 6th Annual Saudi International Vaccination Forum is gearing up to present an outstanding program, meticulously designed to cater to the contemporary interests and challenges in the field of vaccination. This year's forum boasts an unparalleled assembly of expertise, with over 45 regional and international speakers poised to deliver insights across an array of pertinent topics within the sphere of vaccines. The agenda is comprehensive, comprising engaging keynote and panel sessions, industry symposiums, research abstract presentations, and a total of 14 thoughtfully curated sessions alongside 42 medical presentations that promise to dive deep into the latest research, strategies, and outcomes in vaccination such as Life-Course Immunization: Toward an Effective Implementation; Immunization Practice Guidelines and Updates; The Roadmap Toward Cervical Cancer Elimination; Vaccines for the Elderly Population to name a few.

Life course immunization is not merely a series of isolated events, but a comprehensive approach that safeguards health at every stage. The Saudi International Vaccination Forum brings together experts, researchers, and stakeholders to delve into the crucial areas of research in vaccination, tackle vaccine hesitancy, and pave the way for a healthier future. By prioritizing immunization across the lifespan, we ensure optimal protection and foster a culture of wellness that encompasses everyone. Together, let us advance the science, confront challenges, and champion the transformative potential of vaccines for a brighter tomorrow, Dr. Fayssal Farahat, Director, Community and Public Health, Infection Prevention and Control Program, King Abdulaziz Medical City, Ministry of National Guard Health Affairs, Riyadh, KSA.

In a significant highlight, the forum will also host the prestigious Saudi Vaccination Award, recognizing exceptional contributions and achievements in the field. The key topics to be discussed at the forum include strategies to combat Vaccine Hesitancy and Confidence, the impact of Climate Change on Communicable Diseases and vaccine-preventable diseases, advancements in Disease Prevention through Monoclonal Antibodies, and strategies towards the Elimination of Cervical Cancer. Additionally, special focus will be laid on Vaccination for Mass Gatherings, Life-Course Immunization, and up-to-date Immunization Practice Guidelines. Cost-effectiveness, digital solutions, and addressing high-risk populations are at the forefront of our mission to optimize vaccinations. Through innovative strategies, we aim to maximize the impact of immunization programs, ensuring efficient resource allocation and reaching those most vulnerable.

Embracing technology and digital solutions, we unlock new avenues for accessibility, monitoring, and personalized care. Together, let us harness the power of data, technology, and targeted interventions to create a future where every individual receives the lifesaving benefits of vaccination, Dr. Mohammed Al Zunitan, Deputy Executive Director, Infection Prevention and Control Program, King Abdulaziz Medical City, Ministry of National Guard Health Affairs, Riyadh, KSA.

SIVF2024 extends an invitation to an array of health care professionals including General Practitioners, Pediatricians, Family Medicine Practitioners, Microbiologists, Bacteriologists, Internal Medicine Practitioners, Virologists, Pathologists, Public Health Professionals, Pharmacists, Nurses, Researchers, Quality and patient safety specialists and more.

This forum provides an unmatched opportunity for experts and interested health care professionals to delve into the latest insights and practices in immunization. The 6th Annual Saudi International Vaccination Forum is more than a convention; it is a collaborative initiative to fostering a healthier future for all. Let us unite in Riyadh to share knowledge, inspire breakthroughs, and drive forward the global immunization agenda. As seats are limited, interested healthcare professionals are encouraged to secure their participation by registering early for the SIVF2023.

For more information and to register for the event, please visit: www.saudivaccinationforum.com

About SIVF2024:
The Saudi International Vaccination Forum is an annual event that aims to highlight the importance of vaccination, showcase recent advancements, and discuss challenges and opportunities in the field of immunization. Bringing together healthcare professionals from across the globe, the forum seeks to foster collaboration and exchange knowledge to

enhance vaccination strategies and practices.

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