

A Review Article on Vaccine Delivery System

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ABSTRACT :

Immunization is a cornerstone of public health policy and is demonstrably highly cost-effective when used to protect child health. Until the 20th century, infectious diseases were the leading cause of death and disability worldwide, and this is still the case in much of the developing world. Immunization has played a central role in radically reducing the incidence of many dangerous diseases, and some diseases have been wiped out entirely (e.g. smallpox). This article presents the World Health Organization's (WHO) recommendations on the use of various vaccines. Vaccines prevent an estimated two-three million deaths worldwide every year. But, a further 2 million lives could be saved annually with better global vaccine coverage. Vaccines prevent an estimated two – three million deaths worldwide every year. But, a further 2 million lives could be saved annually with better global vaccine coverage. The purpose of vaccination is to produce immunity. Vaccines contain the same germs that cause disease. (For example, measles vaccine contains measles virus.) But they have been either killed or weakened. A vaccine provides a controlled exposure to a pathogen, training and encourage the immune system so it can fight that disease quickly and effectively in future. The national Vaccine Injury Compensation Program covers routine vaccines for children (against a total of 16 diseases). Vaccines are safe and effective. Because vaccines are given to millions of wholesome people. Vaccines have one of the greatest impacts on public good health. The prevention of disease has had an enormous impact on commercial development by limiting the costs of curative care and saving billions of dollars in countries where diseases have been well controlled or eliminated.

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I. INTRODUCTION :

Vaccines are the biological preparation that improves immunity to a particular disease. Vaccines are used to stimulate the body's immune response against diseases. Vaccines train your immune system to create antibodies. It is made from weakened or killed forms of the causative microbes or its toxin or one of its surface proteins. The recent outbreaks of various infectious diseases have emphasized the social need for the rapid development of vaccines. The continuous outbreaks of viruses such as severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2), Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV), Ebola, and Zika have put the world in peril against infectious disease. In 2020, the unprecedentedly severe pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) greatly impacted social activities and the global economy.



- WHAT ARE VACCINES ???
 - A vaccine is a biological preparation that improves immunity to a particular disease.
 - A vaccine typically contains an agent that resembles a disease-causing microorganism and is often made from weakened or killed

forms of the microbe, its toxins or one of its surface proteins.

- A vaccine contain agent that resemble a disease.
- The agent stimulate the body's immune system to recognize foreign agent, destroy it, and keep a record of it, so that the immune system can more easily recognize and destroy any of these microorganisms that it later encounters.
- Vaccines can be prophylactic (to prevent or ameliorate the effects of a future infection by any natural or wild pathogen), or therapeutic (vaccines against cancer).



➤ HISTORY OF VACCINES :

- The term VACCINE and VACCINATION are derived from a Latin word VARIOLAE VACCINAE.
- "The dairy workers would never have the often fatal disease smallpox because they already have the cowpox.
- First vaccine was developed in 1878 for small pox by Edward Jenner. His innovations begun with successful use of cowpox material to create immunity against smallpox.
- The second generation of vaccines was introduced in 1880s by Louis Pasteur who developed vaccines for chicken cholera and anthrax.
- Jenner took the pus from the hand of a milkmaid with cowpox, scratched it into the arm of an 8 year old boy and six weeks later inoculated (variolated) the boy with small pox, he observed that boy did not catch smallpox.

➤ HOW VACCINES WORK ???

- Vaccines contain a component or weakened form of a bacteria or virus. The component or weakened form of bacteria or virus in the vaccine does not cause disease.

- Vaccines teach your body's defence (immune) system how to protect you against a specific type of bacteria or virus.
- Different vaccines protect against different types of bacteria or viruses.
- To ensure you have full and lasting protection, you may need to get more than one dose of some vaccines.



➤ COMPOSITION OF VACCINE :

Ingredients provide immunity,

1. Antigen :

Very small amount of weak or dead germs that can cause diseases. They help our immune system and learn how to fight against infections faster and more effectively.

Example: flu virus

2. Adjuvants :

Helps our immune system to respond strongly to vaccine. This increases immunity against the disease.

Example: Aluminum, paraffin oil, squalene, calcium phosphate hydroxide, IL-1, IL-2, IL-12.

Ingredients keep vaccines safe and long lasting

a) Preservatives: Protect the vaccine from outside bacterial or fungus.

Example

a) Phenol - Typhoid, Pneumococcal.

b) BenzthoniumCl-Anthrax

c) 2-phenoxy ethanol - Inactive Polio

d) Thimerosal - Influenza

e) Monosodium glutamate - acts as preservative and stabilizer

3. Stabilizers :

Stabilizer helps the active ingredients in vaccines to continue their work while vaccine is made, stored and moved. They keep the active ingredients from changing.

Example: sugar, gelatin

Ingredients used during production of vaccines.

1. Cell culture material : To help the growth of vaccine antigen

Example: eggs

2. Inactivating ingredients (Germ killing) : To weaken or kill viruses, bacteria from growing in the vaccine.

Example: Formaldehyde

3. Antibiotics: It is used to help keep outside germs and bacteria from growing in the vaccine

Example: Neomycin

➤ TYPES OF VACCINES :

1. Whole organism vaccine :

Vaccine currently in use consists of inactivated (killed) or live but attenuated (avirulent) bacterial cells or viral particles.

A. Live attenuated vaccine :

They mimic an actual infection as the pathogen reproduces within host cell. The immunity is induced lifelong immunity is achieved without booster immunization. this long-term effectiveness occurs because attenuated viruses replicate in the body.

e.g. TB, BCG, yellow fever, rotavirus, measles

B. Inactivated killed vaccine :

Use microbes that have been killed by formalin or phenol. They are used against rabies, influenza, polio. They required booster dose.

E.g. whole-cell pertussis, inactivated poliovirus

2. Purified macromolecules as vaccine :

A. Toxoids :

It is defined as they modified toxins, detoxified by the use of moderate heat and chemical treatment so that their antigenic properties are retained. Toxoids are toxins whose toxicity has been removed. The toxin invades the bloodstream and is largely responsible for the symptoms of the disease. The toxin is used in vaccine production and used as the antigen in the vaccine to elicit immunity. To increase the immune response, the toxoid is absorbed to aluminum salts, which serves as adjuvants.

e.g. tetanus toxoid, staphylococcus toxoid.

B. Conjugated vaccine :

They deal with the poor immune response of children to vaccines based on capsular polysaccharides.

e.g. Hemophilus influenza type B.

3. Multivalent subunit vaccine :

Microbes are producing desired antigenic action called as recombination vaccine.

e.g. hepatitis B, Hemophilus influenza type B, pneumonia

4. DNA vaccine :

Basics of DNA vaccine is first reported by Ulmer et al in 1993. The injection of DNA into animal does not generate an immune response but that DNA is expressed to yield a protein that can stimulate an immune response. They are composed of bacterial plasmid.

DNA is they introduced in to the tissue cells and that host responds to the antigenic materials the introduced DNA is lost from the recipient cells and antigen releases.

e.g. influenza and herpes, measles. HIV, Ebola etc.

5. Recombinant Vaccine :

The recombinant vaccine is developed through the DNA technology. These vaccines are produced by the insertion of genetic material which encoding the antigen that stimulates an immune response. Plasmid DNA is used as vaccine which is propagated in bacteria like E. coli and they get isolated and purified into the vaccine.

This method is used to prepare highly pure component vaccine (subunit vaccine). E.g. hepatitis B surface antigen from hepatitis B virus is isolated, sequenced, done by using yeast cell. First recombinant vaccine was developed in India by Shantha Biotech Pvt.Ltd. Hyderabad in 1997. In recombinant vaccine genetic manipulation of the antigen itself is possible.

E.g. hepatitis

6. Miscellaneous vaccine :

A. Veterinary vaccine :

These are living or dead preparation of micro-organism used to stimulate active immunity in animals. Vaccine recommended on the basis of kind of exposure, diseases, stress, species and strain of animals. They are classified as killed, live and subunit vaccine.

e.g. anthrax vaccine, foot, Newcastle and mouth disease.

B. Peptide vaccine :

The first identification of peptide had vaccine potential was demonstrated in 1963 with a plant virus. Tobacco mosaic virus. (Ander 1963). In this study, a chemically isolated hexapeptide fragment from the virus coat proteins was coupled

to bovine serum albumin and used to elicit rabbit antibodies which

neutralizes infection. This peptide vaccine is now widely used against rabies virus, polio virus, measles virus, influenza virus. Peptides are poor immunogens and this require carrier coupling to enhance immunogenicity. The free peptides are also effective when they are delivered in small, unilamellar liposomes. Peptide vaccines are based in vitro synthesized peptides of 20-30 amino acids.

7. Viral vaccine :

These are suspension of viruses or preparation obtained from tissues or blood of animal or from cultures in fertile eggs, cells, tissue culture. They may be live, inactivated/ killed and may be freeze dried.

- A) Poliomyelitis vaccine
- B) Rabies vaccine
- C) Small pox vaccine

➤ MECHANISM OF ACTION :

To initiate an adaptive immune response a number of signals are required by T Cells. Signal one is the vaccine derived, peptide antigen (Ag) bound to major histocompatibility class-II (MHC) and class-L is displayed on surface of antigen presenting cells (APC's). Signal two is also known as costimulation and together with signal one, induces immune response. Signal two involves cross linking of CD28 and other receptors on T cells by costimulatory molecules such as B7-1 (CD80), B7-2 (CD86) and other ligands are expressed by APC. Signal 3 is provided by cytokines and is delivered from the APC to the T cell which determines differentiation into an effector cell. Both signal 2 and 3 are provided to T cell by activated cells (DC's). Mature DC's are able to induce T cells clonal expansion and prime immune response.

➤ UPTAKE OF ANTIGENS :

Antigens generated by endogenous and exogenous antigen processing activate different effector functions.

• STAGES OF EXOGENOUS ANTIGEN UPTAKE :

UPTAKE

Access of native pathogens to intracellular pathways of degradation

DEGRADATION

Limited proteolysis of antigens to peptides

ANTIGEN-MHC COMPLEX FORMATION

Loading of peptides on MHC molecules

ANTIGEN PRESENTATION

Transport and expression of peptide-MHC complexes on the surfaces of cells for reorganization by T-Cells

• STAGES OF ENDOGENOUS ANTIGEN UPTAKE :

UPTAKE

Antigens/pathogens already present in the cells

DEGRADATION

Antigens synthesized in cytoplasm undergo limited proteolytic degradation in the cytoplasm

ANTIGEN-MHC COMPLEX FORMATION

Loading of peptide antigens onto MHC Class 1 Molecules is different to the loading on MHC Class-2 Molecules

PRESENTATION

Transport and expression of antigen-MHC Complex on the surface of cells for reorganization by T-cells

➤ EVALUATION TESTS FOR VACCINE :

1. Sterility Test :

Incubate the media for not less than 14 days at 30° to 37° in the test for detecting bacteria and at 20° to 25° in the test for detecting fungi. However, for live bacterial vaccines growth of the organism from which the vaccine was prepared is permitted.

2. Safety Test :

Inject at least 2 healthy, susceptible animals. The quantity to be injected in each animal is twice the appropriate vaccinating dose. Observe the animals for not less than 7 days. No animal exhibits an abnormal reaction.

3. Abnormal Toxicity :

Inject 0.5 ml subcutaneously into each of five mice and 2 ml intraperitoneally into each of two guinea pigs. If the vaccine being examined contains an adjuvant, inject 2 ml of the vaccine subcutaneously into each guinea pig. Observe the animals for 7 days. None of the animals shows significant local or systemic reaction. If one animal dies or shows signs of ill-health during the observation period repeat the test. None of the animals of the second group dies or shows signs of

ill health. This test may be omitted if a safety test is carried out on animals of the species for which the vaccine is intended.

4. Identification Test :

The identities of bacterial vaccines can be checked by precipitation and agglutination reactions. Inactivated viral vaccines are tested by observation of the specific antibody responses in vaccinated animals and live viral vaccines by neutralization of their cytopathic effects by specific antisera.

5. Phenol Concentration :

Phenol is used as a preservative in different types of vaccines. Its concentration must not 0.5% w/v.

➤ UNIVERSAL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME (UIP) :

Experience with Smallpox Eradication Programme, it was experienced that immunization is the most powerful and cost-effective weapon for the prevention and control and even eradication of a disease. In 1974, WHO officially launched a global immunization programme, known as Expanded Programme of Immunization (EPI) for the prevention and control of six killer diseases of children, namely; tuberculosis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis and measles, all over the world. Expanded meant adding more disease controlling antigens of vaccination schedules, extending coverage to all corners of a country and spreading services to reach the less privileged sectors of the society. The primary healthcare concept as expressed in the 1978, Alma-Ata Declaration included immunization as one of the strategies for reaching the goal of "Health For All" by the year 2000. (The Government of India launched EPI in 1978, with objective of reducing mortality and morbidity resulting from vaccine-preventable diseases of childhood and to achieve self-sufficiency in the production of vaccines.

• Significant Achievements have been made in India :

At the beginning of the programme, vaccine coverage ranged between 29 per cent for BCG and 41 per cent for DPT in 1985-1986. By the end of 2014, coverage levels had gone up significantly to about:

- 87 per cent for tetanus toxoid for pregnant women.
- About 91 per cent for BCG. for neo nart

- 83 per cent for DPT three doses. for children
- 83 per cent for measles. for kids
- 82 per cent for OPV three doses. for children
- 70 per cent for HepB3.
- 20 per cent for Hib3.

Government of India has planned the State Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) part C to strengthen routine immunization,

It consists of:

- Support for alternate, vaccine delivery from PHC to sub-centre and outreach sessions.
- Arranging retired manpower to carry out immunization activities in urban slums and underserved areas, where services are deficient.
- Mobility support for district immunization officer as per state plan for monitoring and supportive supervision.
- Every six months, a review meeting at the state level with the districts.
- Training of ANM, cold chain handlers, mid-level managers, refrigerator mechanics etc.
- Support with ASHA, women self-help groups etc. for the mobilization of children to immunization session sites.
- Printing of immunization cards, monitoring sheet, cold chain cart, vaccine inventory charts, etc.

In addition, central government is supporting in supplies of auto-disposable syringes, downsizing the BCG vial from 20 doses to 10 doses to ensure and that BCG is available in all immunization session sites, strengthening and maintenance of the cold chain system in the states and supply of vaccines and vaccine van.

• OBJECTIVES :

- To rapidly increase immunization coverage.
- To improve the quality of services.
- To establish reliable cold chain system to the health facility level.
- To introduce a district-wise system for monitoring of performance.
- To achieve self-sufficiency in vaccine production.

UIP was given the status of a one of the five 'National Technology Missions' in 1986. Subsequently in 1992, UIP became a part of Child Survival and Safe Motherhood (CSSM) programme and then of Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) programme in 1997. A specific

Immunization Strengthening Project (SP) was designed to run from 2000-2003, which included three main components (polio eradication, strengthening routine immunization and strategic framework for development).

- **Guideline Principles of UIP :**

The services provided through the UIP shall be guided by the following principles.

1. **Universal Immunization Coverage:** Sustaining demand and ensuring that all pregnant mothers, children and adolescents are immunized as per national schedule in line with the principles of universal health coverage.

2. **Equitable Access:** Ensuring that, the immunizations services reach out to the underserved, needy and most vulnerable populations while addressing regional inequalities across states.

3. **High Quality Services and Innovation:** Maintaining highest possible quality in vaccine procurement, storage, distribution and delivery services in an innovative and safe manner.

4. **Sustainability and Partnerships:** Committing resources financial, human and technical, that sustain immunization benefits to the people at all times and promoting partnerships across different sectors and organizations build synergies and expand the overall coverage of the programme.

5. **Governance :** Decentralized planning through a bottom up approach to improve operational efficiency.

6. **Management Excellence and Accountability :** Implementation, oversight and accountability of interventions that optimize efficient use of resources.

- Key Roles of UIP :
 - Routine immunization
 - Campaigns (polio, measles and Japanese encephalitis)
 - Monitoring adverse events following immunization ADR
 - Vaccine and cold storage logistics.
 - Strategic communication
 - Immunization trainings

- Vaccines under UIP - Under UIP :

Following vaccines are provided:

1. BCG (Bacillus Calmette Guerin)
2. DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus Toxoid)
3. OPV (Oral Polio Vaccine)
4. Measles

5. Hepatitis B

6. TT (Tetanus Toxoid)

7. JE vaccination (in selected high disease burden districts)

8. Hib containing Pentavalent vaccine (DPT + Hep B + Hib) (In selected States).

➤ **PULSE POLIO IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME :**

Pulse Polio Immunization Programme was launched in the country in the year 1995.

- In this programme, children under five years of age are given additional oral polio drops in December and January every year on fixed days.
- From 1999-2000, house to house vaccination of missed children was also introduced.
- The NIDs rounds cover approximately 172 million children and SNIDs rounds cover that 40-80 million children. In addition, large scale multi-district mop-ups have been conducted.
- As result, only one case of polio was reported in 2011 in the month of January conducted.
- As on 25th Feb 2012, India was removed from the list of polio endemic countries and on 27th March 2014, India was certified as polio-free country.

- Introduction to Vaccines :

1. Introduction of Hepatitis-B Vaccine:

- In 2010-2011, Government of India universalized hepatitis vaccination to all States/UTs in the country.
- Monovalent hepatitis B vaccine jS given as intramuscular injection to the infant at 6th, 10th and 14th week along with primary series of DPT and Polio vaccines.
- In addition, one dose of hepatitis B is given at birth for institutional deliveries within 24 hours of birth.

2. Introduction of Japanese Encephalitis (JE) Vaccine:

- The programme was introduced in 2006 to cover 104 endemic districts in phased manner, using SA 14-14-2 vaccine, imported from China.
- Single dose of JE vaccine was given to all children between 1 to 15 years of age through campaigns.
- The JE vaccine is being integrated into routine immunization in the districts where campaign had already been conducted to immunize the

new cohort of children by vaccinating with two doses at 9-12 months and 16-24 months.

3. Introduction of Measles Vaccine Second Opportunity:

- In order to accelerate the reduction of measles related morbidity and mortality, second opportunity for measles vaccination is being implemented.
- The National Technical Advisory Group on immunization recommended introduction of 2nd dose of measles vaccine to children between 9 months and 10 years of age through supplementary immunization activity (SIA) for states where evaluated coverage of first dose of measles vaccination is less than 80 per cent.
- In states, with coverage of measles vaccination more than 80 per cent, the second dose of vaccine was given through routine immunization at 16-24 months.

4. Introduction of Pentavalent Vaccine (DPT + Hep-B + Hib):

- India introduced pentavalent vaccine containing DPT, hepatitis B and Hib vaccines in two states viz. Kerala and Tamil Nadu under routine immunization programme from December 2011.
- DPT and hepatitis B vaccination require 6 injections to deliver primary doses.
- With the introduction of pentavalent vaccine, a new antigen, i.e., Hib has been added which protects against haemophilus influenzae type (associated with pneumonia and meningitis) and the number of injections are reduced to 3.
- The vaccine has been expanded to 6 more states, i.e., Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Gujarat, Karnataka, Goa and Puducherry in 2012-2013. Now pentavalent vaccine is being given in all states.
- Mission Indradhanush:
 - The Government of India launched Mission Indradhanush on 25th December 2014, to cover children who are either unvaccinated or partially vaccinated against seven vaccine preventable diseases, i.e., diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, measles, and hepatitis B.
 - The goal is to vaccinate all under-fives by the year 2020.

- 201 high focus districts were covered in the first phase. Of these, 82 districts are from National Health Programme Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. These 201 districts have nearly
- 50 per cent of all unvaccinated children of the country. The drive was through "Catch-up" campaign mode. The mission was technically supported by WHO UNICEF, Rotary International and other donor partners.
- Government of India introduced "Intensified Mission Indradhanush IMI" in selected districts and urban areas of the country to achieve the target of more than 90% coverage.
- IMI focus on children up to 2 years of age and pregnant women who have missed out on routine immunization. However, vaccination on demand to children up to 5 years of age will be provided during IMI rounds.
- Intensified Mission Indradhanush Immunization drive will be spread over 7 working days starting from 7th of every month. These 7 days do not include; holidays, Sundays and the routine immunization days planned in that week.
- New Vaccines:
 - In April 2016, India introduced the use of fractional dose IPV (fIPV) into the routine immunization programme in eight states (Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Maharashtra).
 - Since March 2017 has been scaled up nationwide in all 36 states. Two fractional doses of IPV 0.1 ml, are being given intradermally at 6 and 14 weeks.
 - On 5 February 2017, The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched Measles Rubella (MR) vaccination campaign in the country, following the campaign, Measles-Rubella vaccine will be introduced in routine immunization, replacing the currently given two doses of measles vaccine, at 9-12 months and 16-24 months of age in five States/UTs (Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Goa and Lakshadweep).
 - In March 2016, the Rotavirus vaccine was first introduced in four states namely; Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. On 18 Feb 2017, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare announced the expansion of the Rotavirus vaccine under its

UIP in five additional states of Assam, Tripura, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.

On 13 May 2017, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, announced the introduction of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) in the UIP. Currently, the vaccine is being

rolled out to approximately 21 lakhs children in Himachal Pradesh and parts of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh in the first phase. This will be followed by introduction in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan next year and eventually be expanded to the country in phased manner.



- IMMUNIZATION CHART :
- For Pregnant Women :

Vaccine	When to give	Dose	Route	Site
Td-1	Early pregnancy	0.5ml	Intramuscular	Upper arm
Td-2	4 weeks after 1 st dose	0.5ml	Intramuscular	Upper arm
Td Booster	If received 2 Td doses in a pregnancy within the last 3 years.	0.5ml	Intramuscular	Upper arm

- For Infants :

Vaccine	When to give	Dose	Route	Site
BCG	At birth or as early as possible till 1 year of age	0.1ml	Intradermal	Left upper arm
Hepatitis B-Birth dose	At birth or as early as possible within 24 hours	0.5ml	Intramuscular	Antero-lateral side of mid thigh
OPV-0	At birth or as early as possible within first 15 days	2drops	Oral	Oral
OPV-1,2,3	6 weeks, 10 weeks & 14 weeks	2drops	Oral	Oral
fIPV 1 & 2	6 weeks & 14 weeks	0.1ml	Intradermal	Upper arm
Pentavalent vaccine-1,2&3	6 weeks, 10 weeks & 14 weeks	0.5ml	Intramuscular	Antero-lateral side of mid thigh
RVV 1,2&3	At 6 weeks, 10 weeks & 14 weeks	5drops	Oral	Oral
PCV 1,2&Booster	At 6 weeks, 14 weeks & 9 months	0.5ml	Intramuscular	Antero-lateral side of mid thigh

MCV1/MR1	9completed months-to 12months.Give up to 5 years if not received at 9-12 months of age	0.5ml	Subcutaneous	Right upper arm
Vitamina	At 9completed months	1ml	Oral	Oral
Japanese Encephalitis	At 9completed months-12months	0.5ml	Subcutaneous	Left upper arm

- For Children and Adolescents :

Vaccine	When to give	Dose	Route	Site
DPT booster 1	16-24months	0.5ml	Intramuscular	Antero-lateral side of midhigh
MCV 2/MR 2	16-24months	0.5ml	Subcutaneous	Right upper arm
OPV booster	16-24months	2drops	Oral	Oral
Japanese Encephalitis	16-24months	0.5ml	Subcutaneous	Left upper arm
Vitamin A	18months.Then, one dose every 6months up to age of 5years	2ml	Oral	Oral
DPT booster	5-6years	0.5ml	Intramuscular	Upper arm
Td	10 and 16 years	0.5ml	Intramuscular	Upper arm

- NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE :

Year	Programme
1974	Expanded Programme of Immunization(EPI)
1985	Universal Immunization Programme(UIP)
1986	Technology Mission on Immunization
1992	Child Survival and Safe Motherhood(CSSM)
1997	Reproductive Child Health(RCH 1)
2005	National Rural Health Mission(NRHM)
2012	Year of Intensification of Routine Immunization
2013	Measles elimination and rubella/congenital rubella syndrome(CRS)control by 2020
2014	Polio Free Country

- SINGLE SHOT VACCINES :

- Single dose vaccine are given at a single contact point for preventing 4-6 diseases.
- To provide effective patient protection, many traditional vaccines requires multiple injections, which results in a costly and inconvenient regimen.
 - These disadvantages have spurred the development of single-shot vaccines that can provide protection against infection with only one injection.
 - They will replace the need for a prime boost regimen, consequently eliminating the replaced visits to doctors.

- The cost for single shot vaccines are higher as compared to normal vaccines.

Defination :

The single shot vaccine is a combination product of a Prime Component Antigen with an Microsphere Components and appropriate Adjuvants and an encapsulated antigen which will provide the booster immunizations by delayed release of the antigen.

- In order to increase the therapeutic activity of single shot vaccines vaccine adjuvant are used.
- Microsphere component that encapsulates antigen and provides the booster immunizations by delayed release of the antigen.
- The microsphere component uses OctoVAX microsphere technology which is based on cross-linked modified dextran polymers.
- Dextran are ideal polymers to form biocompatible hydrogels, Two major advantages of dextran microspheres as protein delivery systems, that the particles are prepared in the absence of organic solvents, and that degradation of the microspheres does not result in a pH drop.
- Several different dextran have been developed for hydrogel formation. One of these dextran-based polymers is derivatized with hydroxy-ethyl methacrylate (Dex-HEMA).
- Which introduces hydrolytically sensitive carbonate ester groups that ensure biodegradation under physiological conditions.

➤ FORMULATION AND MANUFACTURING OF SINGLE SHOT VACCINE :-

✚ VACCINE ADJUVANTS :-

Adjuvants are the substances added to vaccines to help them work better. Adding an adjuvant triggers the immune system to become more sensitive to the vaccine.

✚ NEED FOR ADJUVANTS :-

- To increase the therapeutic efficiency.
- They form depot of antigen at the site of inoculation with slow release of antigens.
- It can improve the performance of vaccines by targeting the antigen to APC.

• Types of Adjuvants :-

- Gel types :

eg. :- aluminum hydroxide, calcium phosphate.

- Oil emulsion and emulsifier Particulate based type :

eg:- liposomes , biodegradable microspheres.

• Adverse effect of Single Shot Vaccine :

- Fever
- Pain around injection site
- Muscle aches

• Advantages of Single Shot Vaccine :

- Economic.
- With one Injection 4 to 6 Infections can be prevented.
- Patient compliance is Improved because, they would replace the need for a prime boost regimen, consequently eliminating the repeated visits to the doctor for mother and their children.

• Disadvantages of Single Shot Vaccine :

- The primary risk associated with vaccines, especially vaccines that utilize live organisms, so that the vaccine itself causes illness.
- The vaccine may behave as a super antigen and over stimulate the immune system.
- Some are not as effective as Multi-dose vaccines, because infection can occur due to micro organisms.

➤ MUCOSAL VACCINE DELIVERY SYSTEM :

- Mucosal surfaces are the major portal entry for many human pathogens.
- The adult human mucosa lines the surfaces of the digestive, respiratory and genitourinary tracts, covering an immense surface area (m²) that is -200 times greater than that of the skin.
- It is estimated that 70% of infectious agents enter the host by mucosal routes
- The mucosal immune system consists of integrated network of tissues, lymphoid and nonlymphoid cells, and effector molecules such as antibodies, chemokines, cytokines.
- Mucosal surfaces are typically categorized as type I or type II mucosae.

Type of Mucosae	Location
Type I	Lung and gut
Type II	Mouth, Esophagus and cornea
Both Type I and Type II	Female genital tract, type I (endocervix, uterus) and type II (vagina, ectocervix)

- It is well associated with lymphatic system hence it is known as mucosa associated lymphatic tissue (MALT)
- Its a wider term and it consists of many subdivisions namely gut associated lymphatic tissue (GALT), bronchus associated lymphatic tissue (BALT), nasal associated lymphatic tissue (NALT).

• Mucosal Types :

1. Sublingual mucosa
2. Intranasal mucosa
3. Oral mucosa
4. Vaginal mucosa
5. Rectal mucosa
6. Ocular mucosa
7. Respiratory tract mucosa
8. Gastrointestinal mucosa

• Mucosal Delivery of vaccines :

- Most licensed vaccines are administered via parenteral route and are unable to elicit protective mucosal immunity.
- Therefore mucosal immunization may be more favourable in providing protective immunity against mucosal pathogens.
- Among different approaches for effective mucosal vaccination, particulate delivery systems can be employed.
- Particulate delivery systems protects the immunogenic material during the delivery.
- Facilitates specific target oriented delivery
- Allows incorporation of several adjuvant materials.
- Efficient delivery of vaccine antigens assists in uptake by APCs to generate protective mucosal immunity.

➤ TRANSDERMAL VACCINE DELIVERY SYSTEM :

- The skin is the largest and most accessible organ of the body.
- Vaccine administration on the skin offers many advantages including ease of access, a potential for generation of both systemic and mucosal immune response.

- Formulations approaches such as liposomes, physical penetration enhancers such as electroporation, and technologies that create micron-sized pores in the skin, such as microneedles.

- The World Health Organization estimates that,
 - ✓ 32% of Hepatitis B Virus infections
 - ✓ 40% of Hepatitis C Virus infections
 - ✓ 5% of Human Immunodeficiency Virus infections

in developing countries are attributable to unsafe injection practices

- The development of needle free immunization methods has thus become an important goal in global health care.

- Dermal vaccination or transcutaneous immunization is a needle free method of vaccine delivery which has the potential,
 - ✓ To reduce the risk of needle-borne diseases
 - ✓ To improve access to vaccination by simplifying procedures
 - ✓ Trained personnel and use of sterile equipment not required
 - ✓ To assist in the implementation of multiple boosting and regimens.

• SKIN AS A SITE OF VACCINE DELIVERY :

- The skin has multiple barrier properties to minimize water loss from the body and prevent the permeation of environmental contaminants into the body.

- These barriers can be considered as
 - Physical barriers
 - Enzymatic barriers.
 - Immunological barriers.

• DESIGN AND STRATEGY FOR TRANSDERMAL VACCINE DELIVERY :

- I. Liquid jet injections
- II. Energy based approaches
- III. Epidermal power immunization
- IV. Colloidal carriers

➤ IDEAL PROPERTIES OF VACCINE :

1. Vaccines gives life long immunity
2. Vaccine should be stable
3. It should effective in all subjects

4. Rapid induce immunity
5. It should be cheap
6. It should be safe
7. Broadly protective against disease
8. It should be chemically inert

➤ PROS OF VACCINE :

1. Prevents an infected person from spreading disease.
2. Provide immunity to fight against harmful disease.
3. Protect drug against degradation.
4. Virosomes are biodegradable, bio compatible and non-toxic.
5. Enable drug delivery into cytoplasm of target cell.
6. Prevent epidemic and pandemics
7. Prevent the potential greater cost treating the infected patient.
8. Promote fusion activity in the endolysosomal pathway.
9. No auto immunogenic.
10. No disease transmission risk

➤ CONS OF VACCINE :

1. Shelf life is too short.
2. Vaccine can cause serious and sometime fetal side effect.
3. Booster injection can be inconvenient.
4. Can be unpleasant or painful.
5. Not guaranteed to work or provide 100% protection
6. Only humoral immunity can be induced.
7. Inactivation may after antigenicity.

➤ SIDE EFFECTS OF VACCINES:

- 1) Tiredness
- 2) Headache
- 3) Fever
- 4) Shivering
- 5) Swelling at injection site
- 6) Dizziness
- 7) Body rash
- 8) Chills
- 9) Pain
- 10) Irritability

II. CONCLUSION :

It is clear from this article that, from the past few years the whole field of vaccine research has been changed significantly. Immunochemist plays vital role to form more defined and efficacious products. Immunization policy needs to be national in scope. Implementation of

Immunization policy must be flexible at the state and local levels. The importance of vaccination to young generation can have long lasting beneficial effects in the population. The childhood Immunization schedule may become more complex over time as scientific progress are made and new vaccines are developed. Because of the benefits and number of effects vaccination, the vaccines become more popular now a days. Vaccines proves that it is much comfortable for patients as we are taken it via different delivery routes such as needle free vaccine delivery system.

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