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Minutes of the meeting of the IAP Advisory Committee on Vaccines & Immunization Practices (ACVIP) of Indian Academy of Pediatrics held on December 22nd 2015 at IAP House, Nerul, Navi Mumbai 11.00 AM onwards.

The following IAP ACVIP members were present at the meeting:

Dr. Pramod Jog, Chair

Dr Sachidanand Kamath, Co-chair

Dr Vipin M. Vashishtha, Co-chair

Dr. Jaydeep Chowdhary, Convener

Dr Jeeson C. Unni, Member

Dr Sangeeta Yadav, Member

Dr S. Sanjay, Member

Dr Bakul Parekh, Hon. Secretary General, IAP

Special guests:

Dr A. Parthasarthy,

Dr Vijay N. Yewale

Following member/s requested leave of absence:

Dr Baldev Prajapati, Member

Proceeding & recommendations:

Dr. Pramod Jog (PJ), Chairman, ACVIP welcomed the participants. He presented his views on future activities of the committee. He promised to accord vaccination related matter a high priority in his

upcoming IAP Action Plan for 2016. Dr Jaydeep Chowdhary (JC), Convener, ACVIP stressed the need of urgently finalizing the IAP Immunization timetable for the year 2015. He also pointed out that the ACVIP's key publication, IAP Guidebook of Immunization, should be revised early next year. Dr Sachidanand Kamath (SK), Co-chair ACVIP, wanted discussion on various issues related to misinformation against vaccines in media with 'real time' response from the committee members. He also expressed the need of having at least two-day meeting of the committee so that adequate time is devoted to discuss various issues pertaining to immunization practices of members. He favored timely dissemination of information on any new development in the field of VPDs and vaccines to the members through the Academy's mass communication utilities. Dr Vipin M. Vashishtha (VMV), Co-chair stressed the need of revising and updating the existing TOR for the committee. He also highlighted the critical significance of 'conflicts of interest (CoI)' issues to maintain sanctity of the committees' recommendations. He urged the chair to appoint a 3-member sub-committee to supervise CoI issues. The committee authorized VMV to continue to maintain and update its website, www.acvip.org.

In the ensuing scientific session, VMV made a presentation on the issues pertaining to nationwide IPV launch and tOPV to bOPV switch. The committee after detailed deliberations concluded that since the objectives of the government's move and IAP's recommendations were different, there was no reason to revise its recommendations. Dr Jeason C Unni, member, ACVIP delivered a comprehensive presentation on MMR vaccination schedule. After detailed discussion, it was decided that another dose of MMR should be restored at just before the school entry, i.e. at 4-6 years of age. The discussion on PedaTyph-TM, another conjugate typhoid vaccine was led by Dr S. Sanjay, member, ACVIP. The committee concluded that it needed more clarification on certain aspects related to the vaccine's recent trial before any recommendation could be offered. It was decided to ask the company to request one of its investigators to remain physically present during the next meeting of the committee to reply some of the queries of the committee. Dr Sangeeta Yadav, member, ACVIP presented an update on pneumococcal vaccines, particularly in context with recent NTAGI's decision to introduce PCV in universal immunization program in a shortened 2+1 schedule. The committee

unanimously decided that for individual protection the existing 3+1 schedule would be most appropriate.

In the end, the convener, Dr Jaydeep Chowdhary thanked all the participants for their active participation in the meeting.

-Report prepared by Vipin M. Vashishtha with the inputs from all the participants.