



Minutes of the meeting of the IAP Advisory Committee on Vaccines & Immunization Practices (ACVIP) of Indian Academy of Pediatrics held on May 6, 2016 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, Chair

Dr Anupam Sachdev, Chair

Dr Bakul Parekh, IAP Coordinator & Hon. Secretary General, IAP

Dr Vipin M. Vashishtha, Convener

Dr. Jaydeep Chowdhary, Convener

Dr Jeeson C. Unni, Member

Dr Sangeeta Yadav, Member

Dr S. Sanjay, Member

Dr Baldev Prajapati, Member

Following member/s requested leave of absence:

Dr Ajay Gambhir, Nodal Person

Proceeding & recommendations:

Dr. Pramod Jog (PJ), Chairman, ACVIP welcomed the participants and called the meeting to order. He outlined the key issues faced by the committee in his address. The minutes of previous meeting were discussed and approved. Dr PJ pointed out that it was decided in previous meeting to nominate

Chairperson of Infectious Disease (ID) chapter as an ex-officio member of the committee. Hence, the chair of ID Chapter should have also invited for the meeting.

Dr Vipin M. Vashishtha (VMV) discussed various 'housekeeping issues' pertaining to ACVIP. They included issues related to Terms of Reference (TOR), conflicts of interest (CoI), recommendations process, publications, website, and funding.

Issues related to 'Terms of Reference' (TOR)

It was decided to define the exact roles of different members of the committee. The need to revise existing TOR was also expressed particularly in light of certain new initiative taken by the Academy regarding streamlining all its committees. Dr Anupam Sachdev (AS), Chairman, ACVIP informed the house that the tenure of this committee was 12 month from January to December. He also suggested that the process of formation of the new committee should be started well in advance. However, Dr Jeason Unni, (JU), and Dr Sangeeta Yadav (SY), both members of the present committee strongly objected to this. They were of the view that since the committee had started functioning late, it should be given full two years to complete its tenure. Other members had also opined that for a meaningful contribution, the tenure of the committee should be at least two years which was also mentioned in the existing TOR.

Conflicts of Interest issues

Regarding self-declaration on CoI issues, it was decided to reduce the declaration period from the existing 4 years to 2 years. It was also decided that all participants should submit their duly filled CoI self-declaration forms well in advance, i.e. 2 weeks before the scheduled meeting. The committee urged all its members to refrain from serving in the Advisory Board of any vaccine firm. They should not receive any honorarium from vaccine company to deliver any lecture/participate in any CME/conference. In case any member (including OBs) has any CoI issue pertaining to a vaccine/vaccination-related discussion, he/she MUST recuse himself/herself from taking part in the discussion on the same. They should also refrain themselves during voting on a key recommendation

pertaining to that particular vaccine/ vaccination-related issue. The need of constituting a 3-member sub-committee to analyze/scrutinize CoI declarations of the members was again reiterated.

Publications & recommendations process

It was decided that both IAP Guidebook on Immunization and IAP Textbook of Vaccines and Immunization practices shall be revised before the year end. Dr Jaydeep Choudhary (JC), convener, ACVIP stressed the need to assign tasks to each member in this regard. He suggested that by November this year, TOC of the book with contributors should be ready. Dr AS informed the house about certain irregularities noted in the royalties submitted by publisher, M/S Jaypee Bros with some other publications of IAP. He alerted the committee to be careful while making any MoU with the publishers and be vigilant as far as royalty of any publication is concerned. He also suggested that remuneration should be paid to the chief editor of the book.

VMV apprised the house about the recent publications of the committee. It was also decided that new position papers on pneumococcal vaccines, typhoid vaccines and rotavirus vaccines would also be published this year.

Regarding the need of getting full-text online articles of reputed journals, it was suggested that the demand for the same should be placed through institutional subscription rather than to vaccine manufacturers. Dr AS offered his institution's services for the needful. The need to update existing IAP Immunization apps for android & iOS platforms was also expressed.

Funding

It was decided that the funding for all the activities of the committee shall be borne by the parent organization, i.e. by the Academy. The Academy will also fund the publication of IAP Guidebook on immunization.

Other issues

Dr Sachidanand Kamath (SK), Chairman, ACVIP had once again stressed the need to have a two-day meeting of the committee. He also suggested August Sat-Sun, August 27th & 28th as the dates for next meeting of the committee. Dr PJ agreed to the suggestion that a two-day meeting would be more productive than a single-day deliberation.

Scientific proceedings

In the ensuing scientific session, VMV presented data on Pedatyph-TM and Typbar-TCV-TM conjugate typhoid vaccines. The representatives of M/S BioMed gave scientific replies to the queries raised by the committee. Dr JC enumerated the issues related to varicella vaccines. Dr S. Sanjay (SS), Member, ACVIP presented detailed information on the available brands of varicella vaccine in the Indian market. Dr Jeeson Unni, member, ACVIP made a presentation on the 'Global scenario of MMRV vaccine and on the need of creating a separate slot for the combo vaccine in immunization schedule. A representative of M/s GSK provided the detailed information regarding the trials, availability, and launch date of their MMRV vaccine, Priorix-Tetra-TM. In the session of Dengue vaccines, a representative of M/s Sanofi Pasteur shared phase III data of their product, Dengvaxia-TM. It was told that the dengue vaccine would be first launched in India only for the adult population.

The recommendations for the IAP Immunization Timetable 2016 were framed after a detailed discussion among all the participants. The new schedule will have only one major change in form of another dose (i.e. the 3rd) of MMR vaccine at 4-6 years of age. The footnotes of several vaccines were revised and IAP recommendation on Pedatyph-TM, a typhoid conjugate vaccine was added. The detailed recommendations of the committee on IM and ID administration of IPV in national immunization schedule, UIP have already been published in Indian Pediatrics.

In the end, the convener, Dr JC thanked all the participants for their active participation in the meeting and declared the meeting as over. Dr Sangeeta Yadav, member, ACVIP kept the minutes of the meeting in capacity of rapporteur and helped immensely in preparing this draft of the minutes

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