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To,  
President/ Secretary General of Indian Academy of Pediatrics

Dear Sir,

Herewith submitting my application from for IAP advisory committee on vaccines and immunization practices (ACVIP)

This subject has been very close to my heart and I have worked in different fields related to this subject such as Teaching, Training, Research, Publications, Public Awareness and being a technical expert for policy makers in Government (Central & State), NGOs, Rotary Club, Radcross etc, for past four decades and more .

Given an opportunity, I which to serve IAP through this activity further more.

I am submitting my brief note on activities related to immunizations prepared in hurry to meet the deadline of date for the application.

If required I can send all the details systematically.

Kindly acknowledge and oblige

Thanking you, with best regards

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**Application form for Nomination on "Advisory Committee for vaccinations and Immunization Practices" of Indian Academy of Pediatrics**

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1. Training in the field of Immunization and Vaccines : taken from GOI WHO sponsored training program at National Institute of Communicable Diseases, New Delhi for full 15 days and subsequently through WHO Fellowship for senior teachers in MCH from India and other countries of SE Asia during special programs at Sri Lanka , Thailand, Nepal, India, UK and several other IAP programs. For more than three decdes trainer for participants of ICDS, CSSM, RCH and other national child health programs as senior consultant and trainer.
2. Conflict of Interest : none
3. Will abide by the ' Code of Conduct' laid by IAP
4. Shall respect and be guided by the 'Terms of Reference' of the committee

**General information :**

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Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics including Neonatology, Pramukh Swami Medical College, Gujarat
3. Educational Background and Past Professional Experience:  
M.D., D. Ped.  
Total 46 years of Academic and Professional experience including teaching, training and research

**B. Immunization related Information**

- Special interest in promotion of Immunizations from the beginning of the career ( from 1967 onwards when National Programs had not started)  
Training for UG/PG students in Pediatrics and Neonatology and community pediatrics , nurses, health workers in the community, medical officers in the Govt. Services through National Child Health programs like ICDS, CSSM, RCH, IMNCI and others, Private practitioners including pediatricians and general practitioners and many other groups.
- One of the organizing committee members of the IAP National Workshop on Immunity and Immunizations conducted By Prof. A.B.Desai under the chairmanship of Prof. P.M.Udani and prepared the report and submitted to IAP in 1972.
- Won the James Flett Gold Medal for the work on Immunizations training and community promotion activities in IAP conference at Delhi conducted along with the International Conference of Pediatrics at Delhi 1977. Subsequently several awards and prizes for the research papers on immunizations at state level and national conferences.
- Participated in feasibility studies of Measles vaccination in India , Vero OPV program in India , WHO studies on KAP and Surveillance studies under Prof. Inder Bhargava and Inclen studies on Polio vaccination programs and many national studies.
- Active member in EPI / UIP surveillance program of UNICEF and WHO and won recognition.
- Invited for consultative meetings at national level during planning of pulse polio program for India

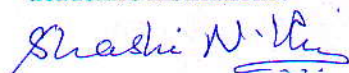


- By Dr. Jothna Sokhey and others from WHO.
- Started the full fledged Immunization clinic in the department under the guidance of Prof. A.B.Desai and subsequently even in the near by PHCs of Surkhej , Odhav , Bavla and others before the Govt programs had started through EPI/UIP through community participation.
- Conducted more than 500 camps in the remote rural/tribal areas as a part of training the PG/ UG and Interns and creating public awareness programs all over Gujarat and in remote Himalayan villages.
- Through Rotary club of Ahmedabad and Red cross Society conducted many important activities related to promotion of vaccinations in general public including procuring supplies, establishing cold chain, training community volunteers and increasing coverage in children before EPI and subsequently starting vaccination centers in community pooling up the Govt. Resources.
- Served on committee for EPI Surveillance of Vaccine Preventable diseases and leader of team for the investigations for Adverse Reactions for Vaccines for many years in the state of Gujarat.
- Organised the first pulse polio program for the whole city of Ahmedabad before PPI started at National level and created a model which was subsequently adopted by GOI. Our program was planned during the same time when Delhi also planned for their city. But due to suspected outbreak of Plague in Surat, it had to be postponed for a few weeks. The work received special awards at Rotary Club meeting of Dist. 3050 and Special Achievement Award.
- Subsequently an office bearer of PPI committee of Rotary club of Ahmedabad at State and District level and also served IAP Committee of PPI for two years.
- Guided several theses and scientific presentations on subjects related to Immunizations and Vaccines. Two have been published in IJP.
- In all more than 35 publications and Chapters in IAP Textbooks of Pediatrics of IAP and Suraj Gupte including assignments of being Chapter editor of Community Pediatrics
- Chairperson of IAP Chapter of Community Pediatrics and organised several workshops and symposia on the topics related to immunization and vaccines
- Write ups related to Immunizations in lay press, TV / Radio shows and several other activities  
I can send the detailed list of publications and various research papers if required.

I have been very much involved in the Immunization related activities of our country through academic, research and public awareness program and also through Govt. IAP, Rotary Clubs and UNICEF programs .

**I wish to continue with following purposes:**

- Still we find coverage of vaccinations is not adequate at National level. I wish to explore the possibility whether through IAP we can help for the same.
- After the success of Pulse Polio Programme can we do some more efforts for Measles minus program? Tuberculosis control program in children, Typhoid vaccination promotion etc.
- Can we further improve Surveillance program .
- Is there any further scope of rationalizing the vaccinations program in the private practice of our country?
- Is there any scope of undertaking any further research in this field with the help of ICMR and academic institutions?



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