

# Principles of vaccination

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# Aims

- To outline the underlying principles of vaccination

# Objectives

- What vaccines are available?
- What diseases do they prevent?
- How do they work?
- How do we assess if they work?
- What's new?

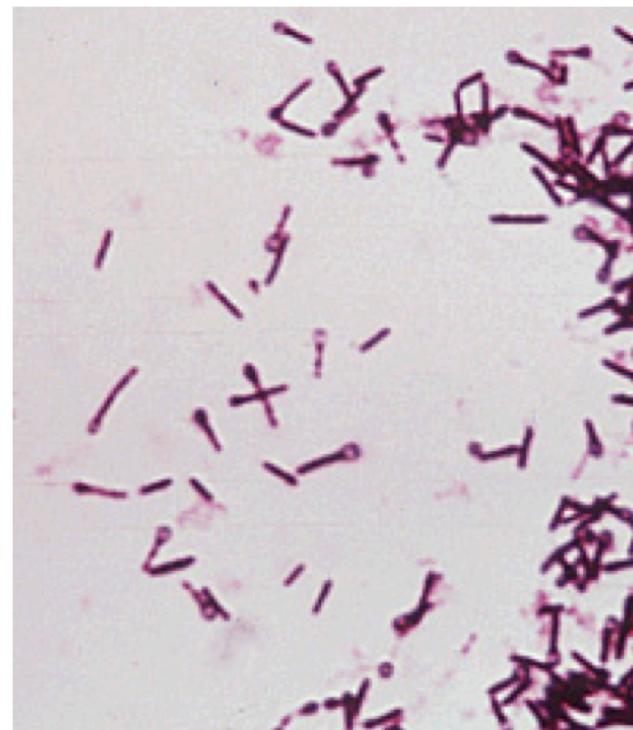
- So what is available.....?

Bacterial			Viral		
Live	Not live	Both	Live	Not live	Both
BCG*	Tetanus*	Typhoid+	Measles*	Hep B +	Polio*
	Diphtheria*		Mumps +	HPV+	Flu+
	Pertussis*		Rubella+	Hep A+	
	Hib*		Rotavirus+	TBE+	
	Mening+		VZV+	Rabies	
	Pneumo+		YF+		
	Cholera+		Small pox		
	Anthrax				

\* In most national schedules

+ In some national schedules

# Tetanus – the organism



Clostridium tetani

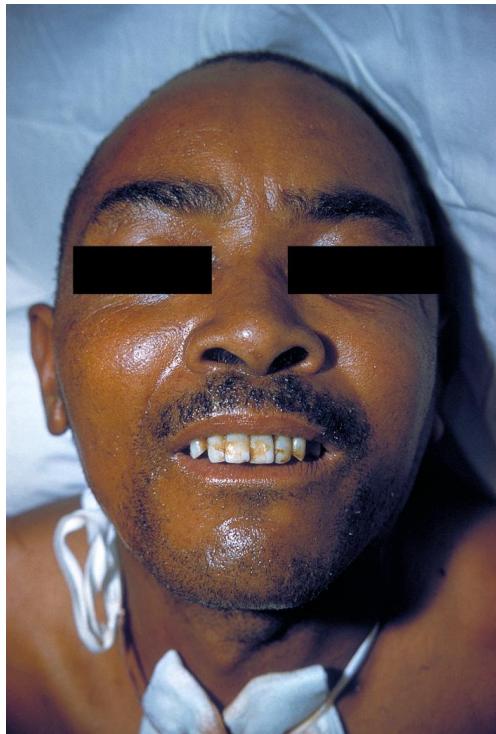
# Tetanus – the disease



- Ubiquitous organism
- Toxin mediated
- High risk injuries



# Tetanus – the disease



Adult tetanus

Infant tetanus



# Tetanus - risk

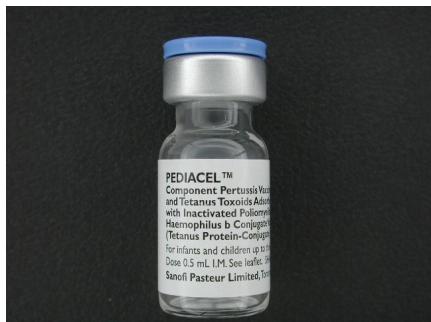


High risk birthing practices...

# Tetanus – the vaccine



- Toxoid vaccine
- Available as combination
- Globally availability



# Tetanus - prevention

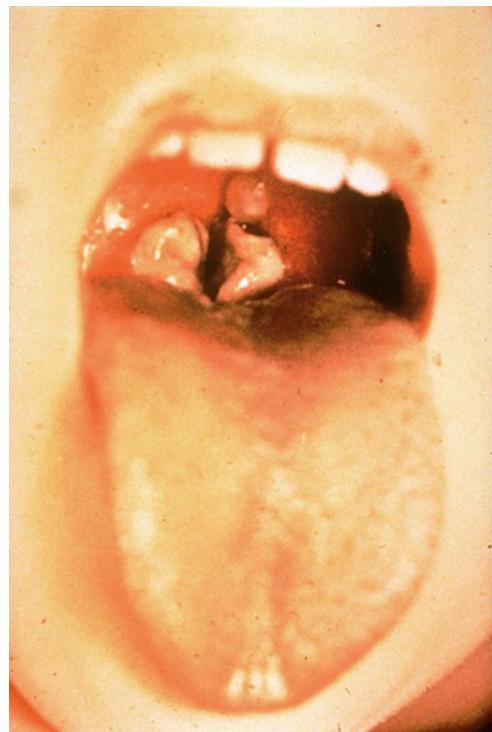


# Diphtheria – the organism



*Corynebacterium diphtheriae*

# Diphtheria – the disease



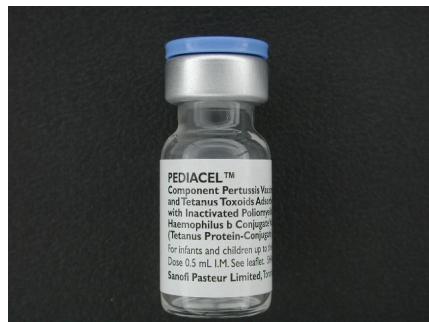
Cutaneous form

Pharyngeal involvement

# Diphtheria – the vaccine



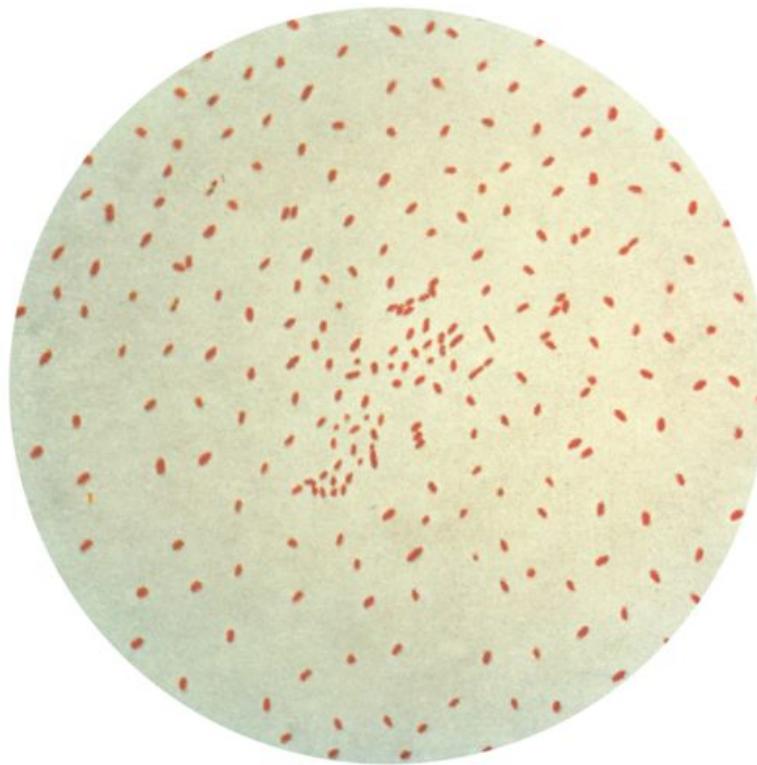
- Toxoid vaccine
- Available in combination
- Global availability



# Diphtheria - prevention



# Pertussis – the organism



Bordatella pertussis

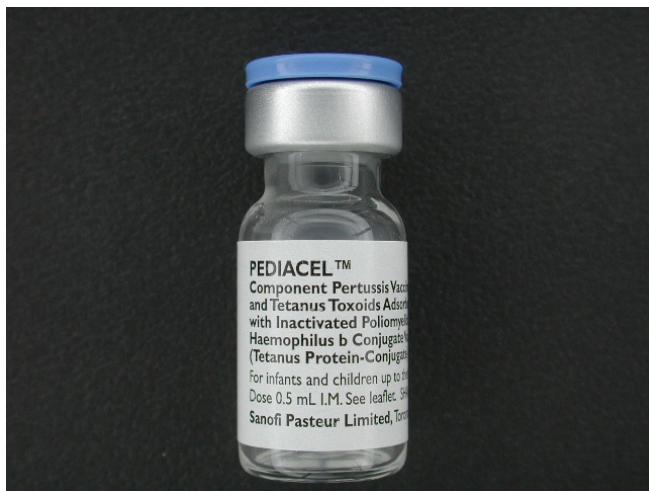
# Pertussis – the disease



- Characteristic clinical features
- Whooping cough
- “100 day cough”
- High risk in neonatal period and early infancy



# Pertussis – the vaccine

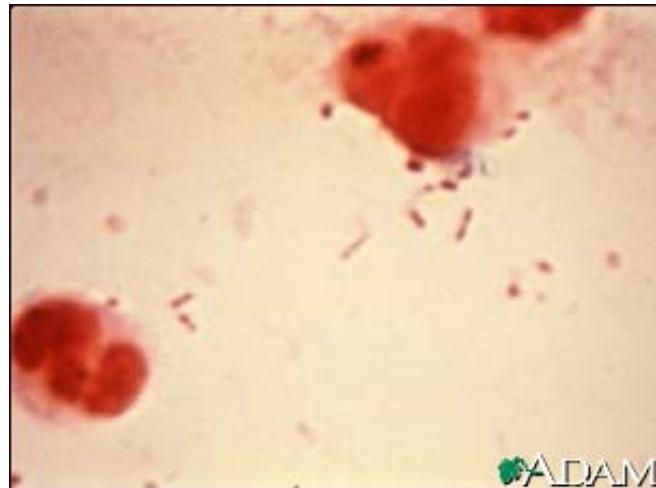


- Whole cell
- Acellular
- Available in combination

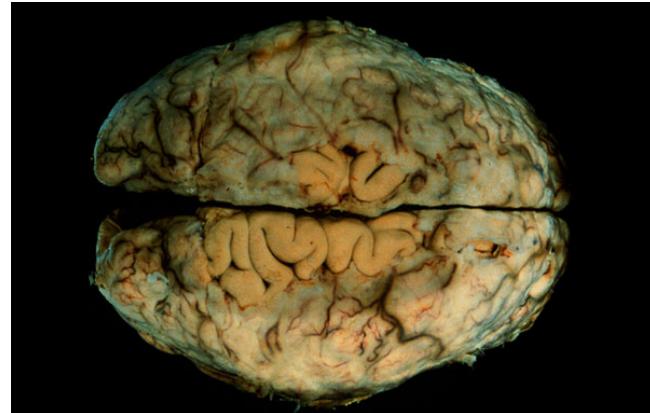
# Pertussis - prevention



# *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) - the organism



# Hib – the disease



Meningitis



Pneumonia



Epiglottitis



Periorbital cellulitis

# Hib – the vaccine



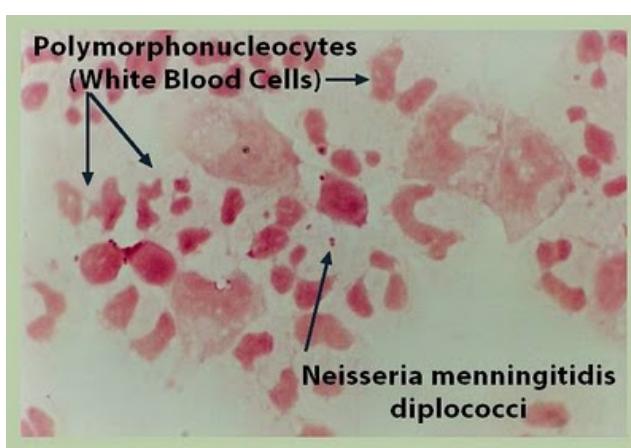
- Protein polysaccharide conjugate vaccine
- Available as combination

# Hib - prevention



# *Neisseria meningitidis*

## - the organism

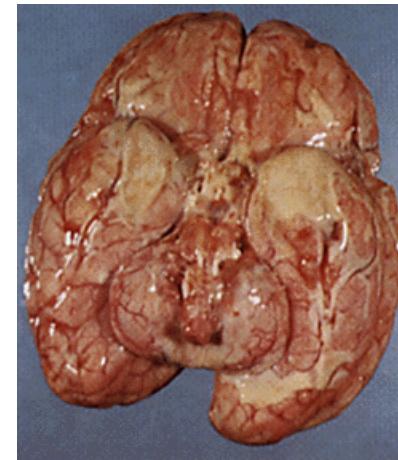


# *Neisseria meningitidis*

## - the disease



Meningococcal sepsis



Meningitis



# *Neisseria meningitidis* – the vaccine



- Conjugate vaccine
- Polysaccharide vaccine
- MenC
- Men A/C/Y/W135

# *Neisseria meningitidis*

## - prevention



# *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (Sp) – the organism



# Sp – the disease

Otitis media



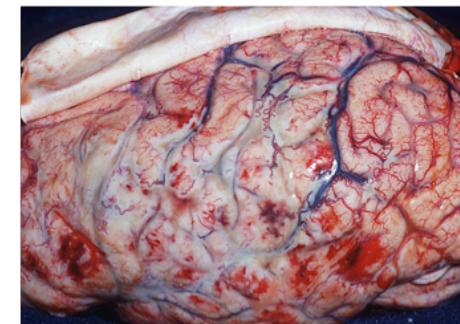
Pneumonia

Joint and bone infection



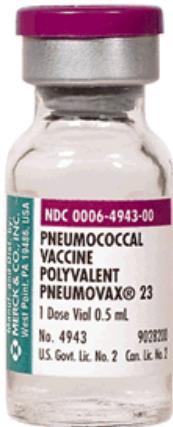
Fulminant sepsis

Meningitis



Sinus infection

# Sp – the vaccine



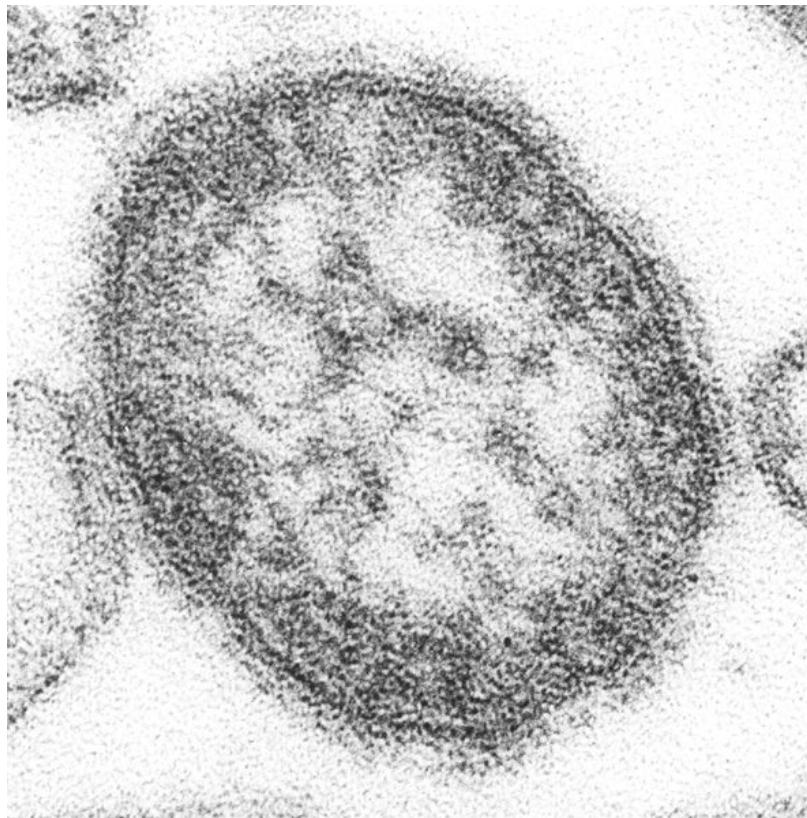
- Conjugate vaccine
- Polysaccharide vaccine
  - Debated efficacy
  - Used in at risk groups



# Sp - prevention



# Measles – the organism

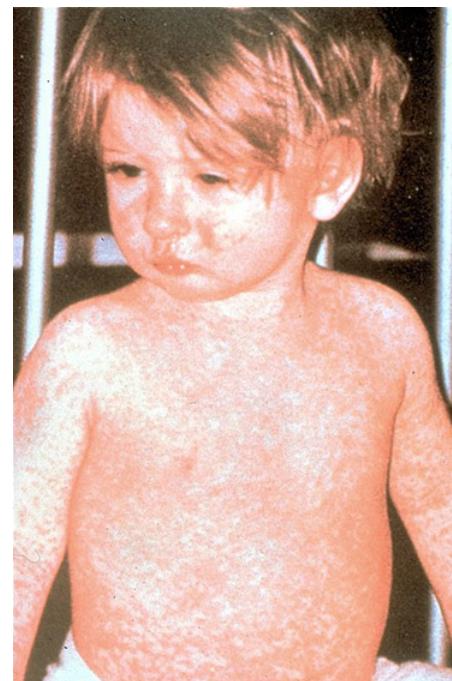


Pleiomorphic paramyxovirus - morbillivirus

# Measles - the disease

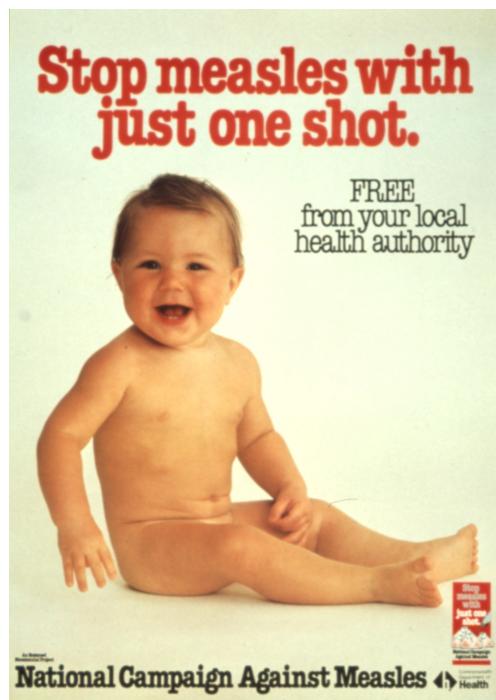


Koplik spots



“Morbilliform” rash

# Measles – the vaccine

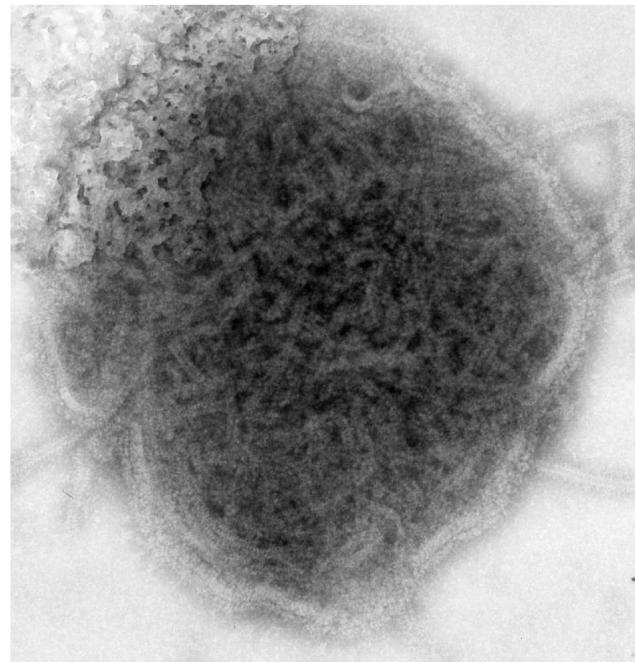


- Live attenuated vaccine
- Available singularly or in combination
- Side effects
- Safety debate....

# Measles - prevention



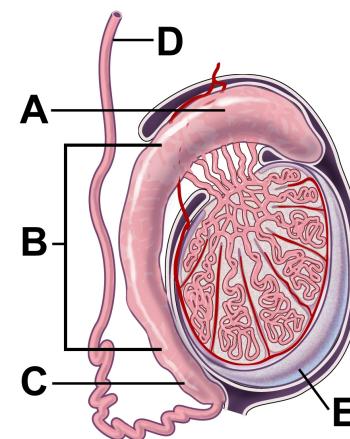
# Mumps



Paramyxovirus - rubulavirus

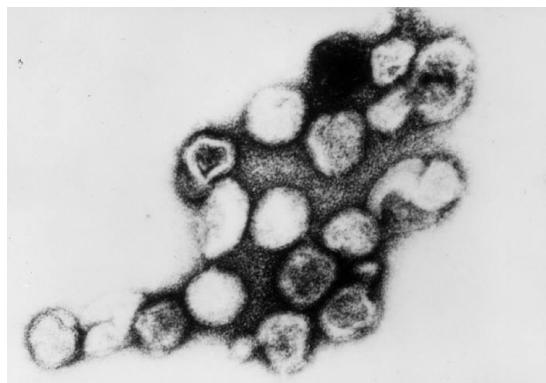


Glandular involvement



Orchitis

# Rubella



Togaviris - rubivirus

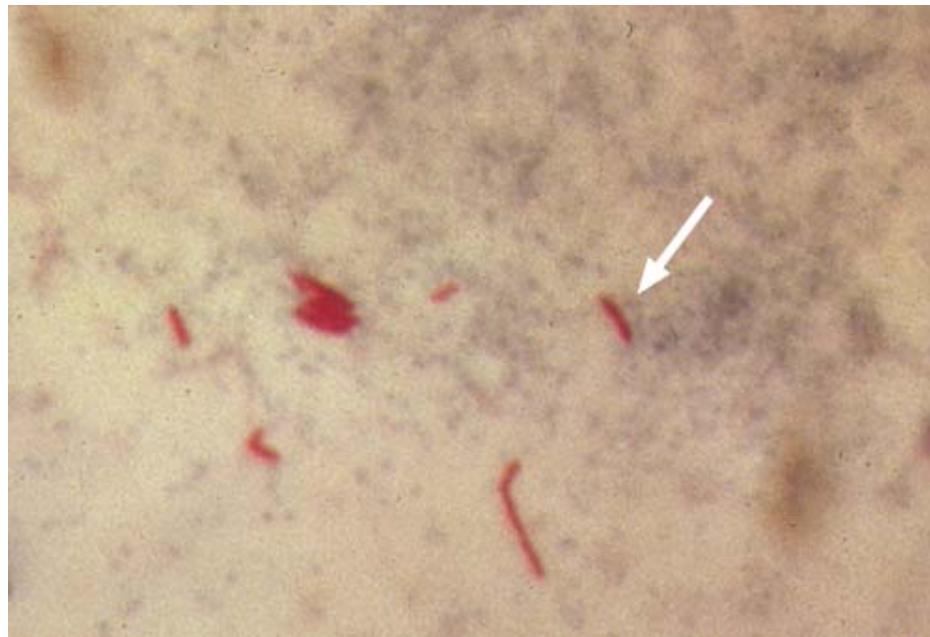


“German measles”



Congenital infection

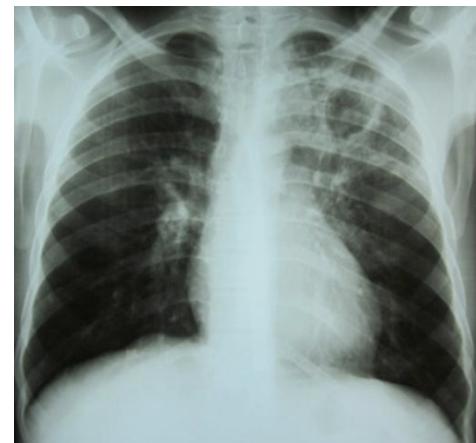
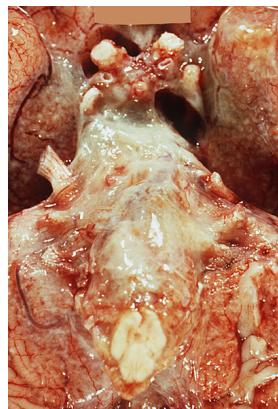
# Tuberculosis – the organism



Mycobacterium tuberculosis

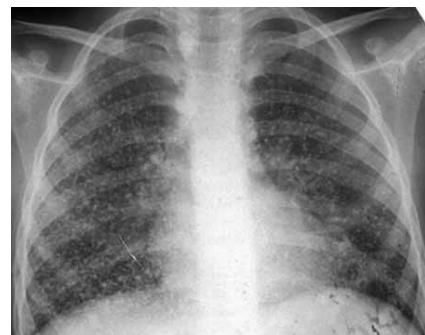
# Tuberculosis – the disease

TBM



Post primary  
cavitory disease

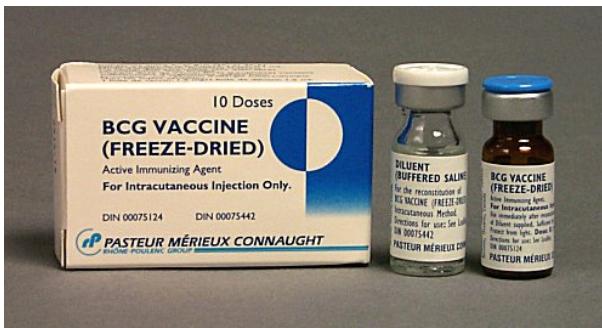
Disseminated TB



LTBI

# Bacillus Calmette-Guérin (BCG)

## - the vaccine

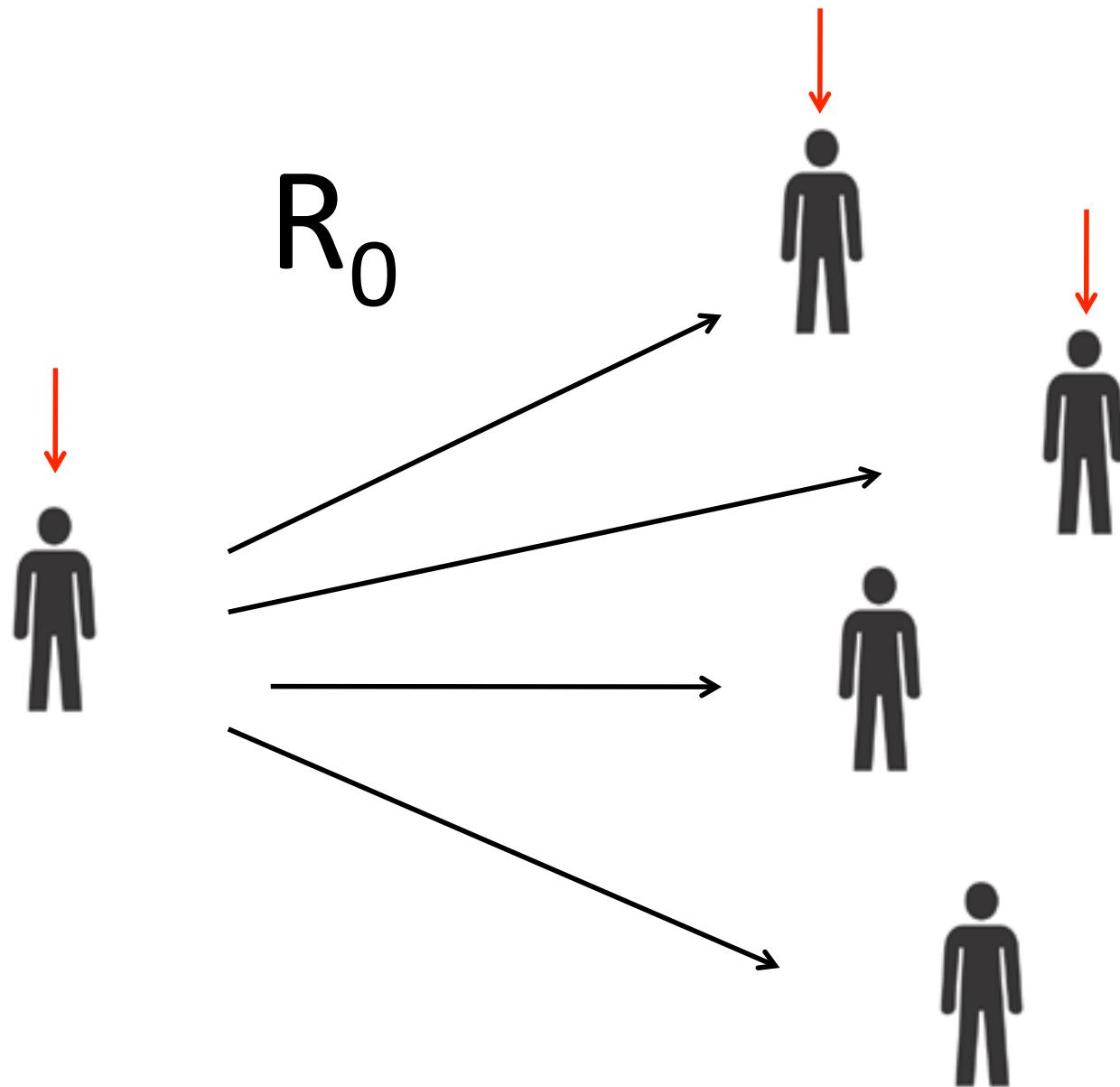


- Live attenuated
- Variable efficacy
- Mainly severe disease in young children
- Side effects...

How do they work on a  
population level?

# Herd immunity

- The persistence of infectious disease within a population requires the density of susceptible individuals to exceed a critical value such that on average each primary case of infection gives rise to at least one secondary case
- Not necessary to vaccinate everyone...just enough to reduce the susceptible fraction below a critical point
- Multiple factors impact on the relative impact of herd immunity



# Basic reproductive number

- $R_0$  – the average number of secondary cases produced by one primary case in a wholly susceptible population
- $R_0 > 1$  for sustained infection in a community
- The value of  $R_0$  is community dependent
  - Social and behavioural factors
  - Biology of disease and host
  - Demography of the community
- Vaccination needs to reduce  $R_0$  to  $< 1$
- Allows estimation through mathematical modeling of the proportion needed to be vaccinated to control/eliminate a given infectious disease in a given population

# Further reading

- Anderson RM, Nokes DJ. Mathematical models in disease study. *Epidem. Inf.* 1988;101:1-20

# How do we assess if a vaccine works?

- Animal studies
- Immunogenicity
- Efficacy
- Effectiveness

$$VE = \frac{I_{unv} - I_{vac}}{I_{unv}} \times 100$$

**Alternatively represented as:**

$$VE = \left(1 - \frac{I_{vac}}{I_{unv}}\right) \times 100 = (1 - RR) \times 100$$

Key: VE = vaccine efficacy;  $I_{vac}$  = the vaccinated;  
 $I_{unv}$  = the unvaccinated; RR = relative risk (of disease)

- Phase I studies
  - involve small numbers of adult subjects and give preliminary data on safety and immunogenicity
- Phase II studies
  - involve larger numbers and are used to investigate optimal dosing and formulation, and to give further information on immunogenicity and safety
- Phase III studies
  - involve even larger numbers and usually include efficacy trials, which will determine licensing decisions by the regulatory bodies
- Phase IV studies
  - are large-scale epidemiological studies to assess post-licensing effectiveness and safety

# What's new?

- Recent vaccine developments
  - Rotavirus
  - Malaria
  - MenB
- Novel routes of administration
  - Inranasal
  - Transdermal
  - Novel adjuvant technology
- New immunological strategies
  - Prime boost (DNA/RNA vaccines)
  - Adolescent/adult boosting

# Summary

Time for a break....  
(Questions?)