

About the Pneumococcal Awareness Council of Experts

Pneumococcal disease is a leading infectious killer of children and adults worldwide — killing 1.6 million people, including more than 800,000 children under age five — every year. Despite its enormous impact, however, awareness of pneumococcal disease and its burden remains low.

Convened by the Sabin Vaccine Institute in December 2006, the Pneumococcal Awareness Council of Experts (PACE) is a working group of the world's leading experts in infectious diseases and vaccines. The Council's mission is to raise awareness of pneumococcal disease and advocate for its prevention through vaccination. The Council's 15 members represent the United States, Bangladesh, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, the Czech Republic, Israel, Kenya, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines and Sweden.

During the next two years, PACE will engage global networks to:

- **Elevate the issue of pneumococcal disease on the global health agenda.** PACE will build a coalition of professional societies to raise awareness of pneumococcal disease and make prevention a priority.
- **Inform policymakers about the global threat of pneumococcal disease.** Through participation in global health symposia, targeted advocacy among key health and financial decision makers worldwide and recognition of countries and policymakers who make pneumococcal disease prevention a priority, PACE will raise awareness about the tremendous impact of pneumococcal disease.
- **Advocate for the prevention of pneumococcal disease through widespread vaccination.** Pneumococcal disease is preventable and a safe and effective vaccine currently exists. With growing bacterial resistance to common antibiotics, the need to deliver pneumococcal vaccines has never been greater. With increased awareness and a resulting commitment to finance pneumococcal vaccines, PneumoADIP estimates that 5.4 million children's lives can be saved by 2030.
- **Secure commitments from countries to combat the disease.** With a \$1.5 billion Advance Market Commitment from five key donor countries and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and promising advances in pneumococcal vaccine from industry, countries have an unprecedented opportunity to protect children and adults from this deadly but preventable disease.

Together with support from government, science, foundations and industry, PACE brings its expertise and commitment to bear on the global effort to fight pneumococcal disease.

Awareness. Action. Prevention.

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