

Luxembourg vaccination scheme

Lessons learnt from immunisation coverage data in toddlers

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➤ Core principles

- Immunisation recommendations: NITAG (experts)
- Decisions regarding the inclusion of vaccines in the schedule: MoH
- Vaccine supply fully funded by the MoH
- Vaccine visits reimbursed from the statutory health insurance fund

➤ Strong incentive for well-baby visits (vaccination opportunities)

- Post-natal allocation (580,03€) upon completion of 6 well-baby visits at a paediatrician's office between the age of 0-24 months
 1. first 48 hours
 2. 1-10 days
 3. 3-8 weeks
 4. 4-6 months
 5. 9-12 months
 6. 21-24 months

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➤ Luxembourg vaccination scheme 2015

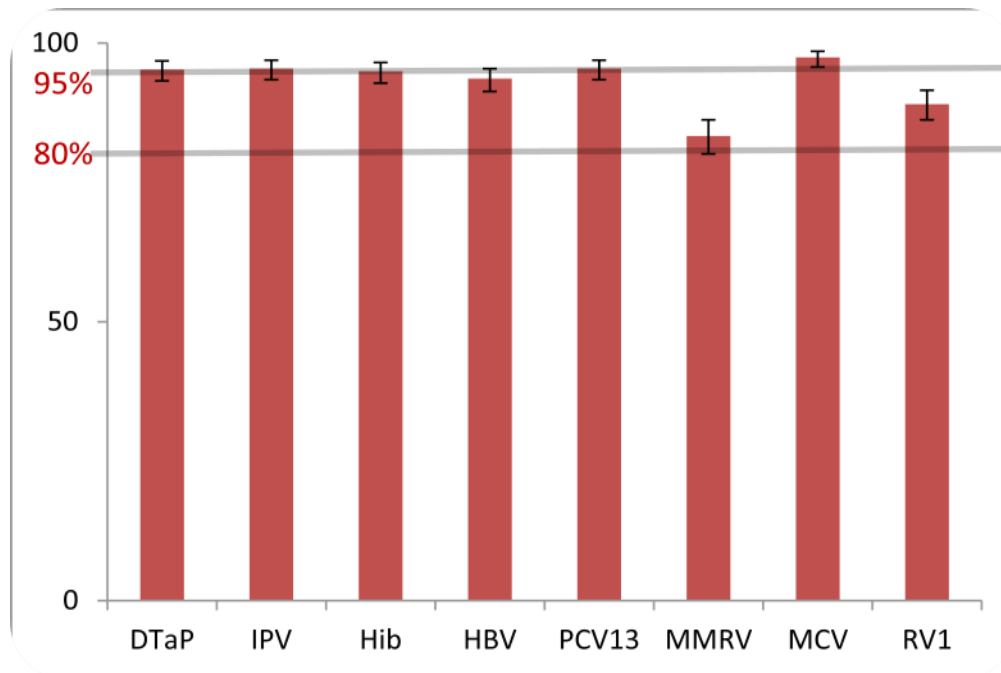
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➤ Material and methods

Inclusion criteria	Age 25-30 months Residency in Luxembourg
Study design	Stratified random sample - sample size 739 children Postal contact with parents, documents returned by post : • self-administrated paper questionnaire • request for a copy of the child's vaccination certificate Field work: Oct. 2012- Feb. 2013
Analysis:	Coverage for all recommended vaccines Compliance with recommended ages at vaccination Compliance with recommended between-dose intervals Follow-up of the 3 rd vaccination coverage survey (2007) ¹
Response	605 respondents, representative for residence area and nationality Response rate 81,9%

➤ Results

Coverage (in %) of all recommended vaccine doses in children aged 25-30 months



95% coverage for DTaP, IPV, Hib, HBV, PCV13 and MCV

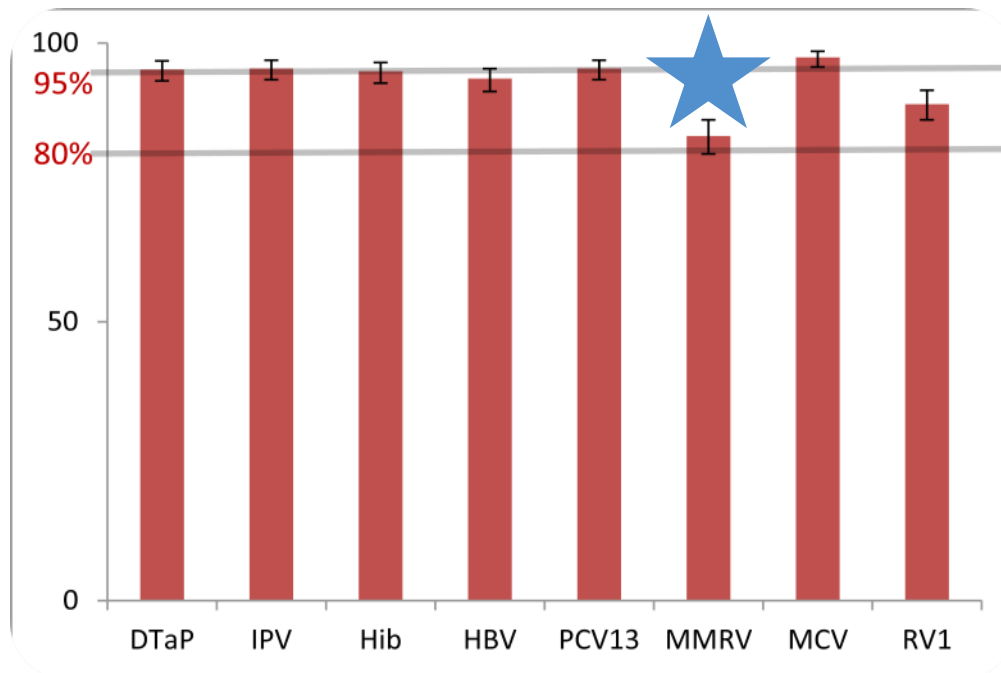
Herd immunity thresholds are attained.

No major differences in coverage by nationality.

Lower vaccination coverage in foreign-born children.

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94.9% coverage for MMRV1 (99.0% coverage for MMR1)

83.3% coverage for MMRV2

Herd immunity threshold (>90%) is not attained for MMRV.²

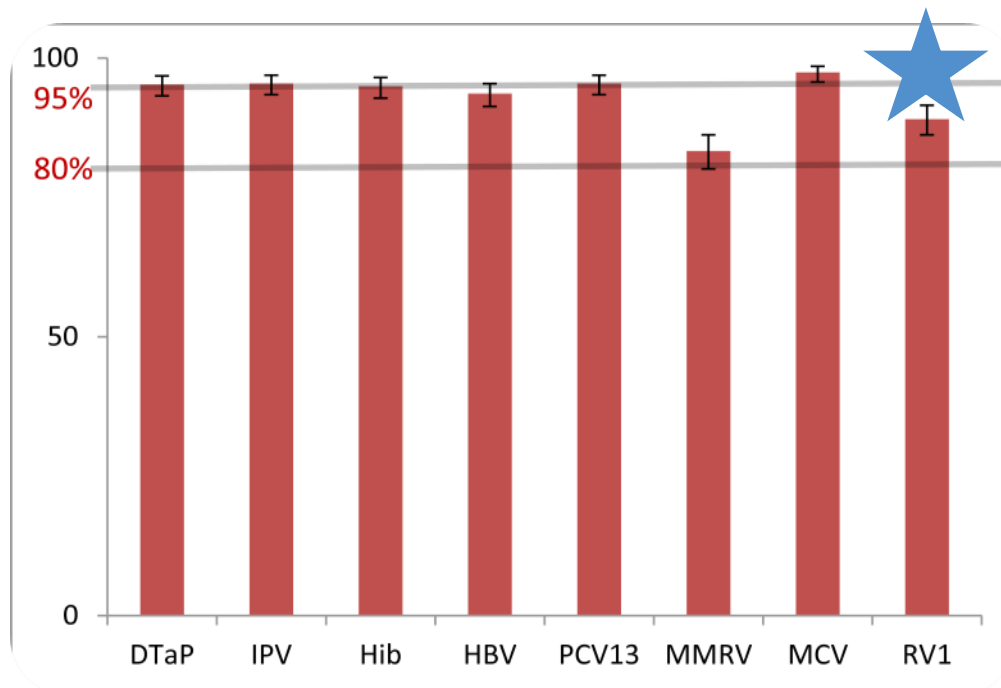
Changes in 2009 :

- universal varicella vaccination introduced (MMR replaced by MMRV)
- age for MMR booster dose lowered from 5-6 years to 15-23 months (MMRV2).

2. Plans-Rubio, P. Evaluation of herd immunity in the population by means of serological surveys and vaccination coverage. Human Vaccines and Immunotherapeutics. February 2012;8(2):184-88

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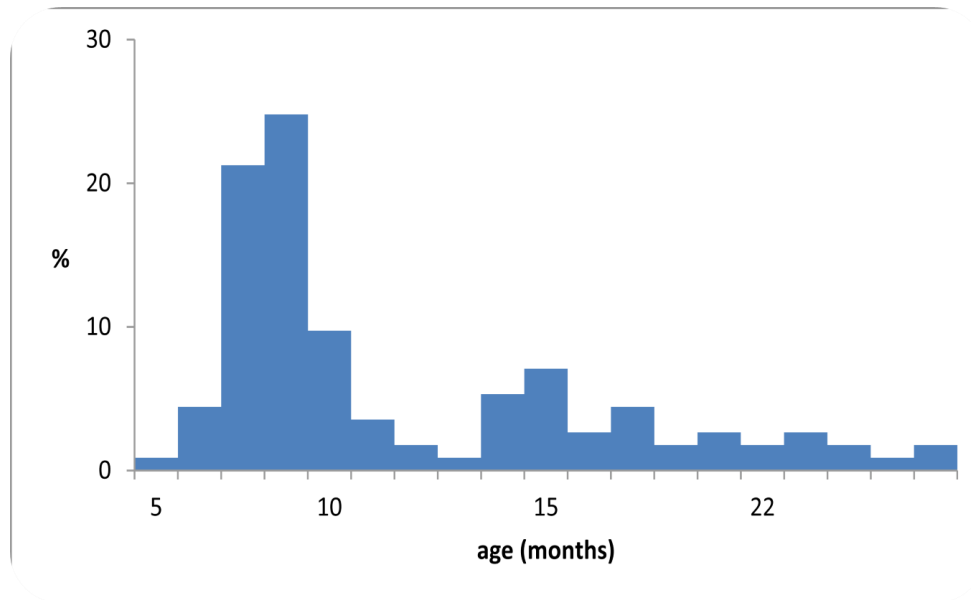
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89% coverage for RV2
94.8% in children born in
Luxembourg.

➤ Age at vaccination

Frequency distribution of age at PCV13 booster dose in children vaccinated following the newly introduced 2+1 scheme in Luxembourg (n=113)



Two different vaccination schemes for PCV13 have been used:

- 3+1 scheme (75% of the children)
- 2+1 scheme (introduced in February 2011, 25% of the children).

Median age at vaccination for the 2+1 scheme booster dose, recommended at age 12 months, was 5,8 months. Only 35% of booster doses in the 2+1 scheme were administrated at age 12 months or later.

➤ Vaccine schedule in Luxembourg

- Comprehensive universal vaccination programme, free of charge
- High acceptance in babies and toddlers
- Link with incentive for well-baby visits

➤ Lessons learnt

- Sustained pediatric immunisation coverage, herd immunity levels mostly reached
- Good rate of adoption of recently introduced vaccines (PCV13, Varicella) but implementation of scheme changes could be improved.
- Communication about vaccine recommendations and scheme changes to vaccinators should be improved.

Thanks for your attention

More information on national immunisation technical advisory group (*Conseil supérieur des maladies infectieuses*):

<http://www.sante.public.lu/fr/systeme-sante/acteurs/ministere-sante/conseil-maladies-infectieuses/index.html>

More information on the recommended immunisation schedule:

<http://www.sante.public.lu/fr/recommandations/conseil-maladies-infectieuses/index.html>