Vaccine acceptance

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Policy position recommendation

1. High risk to vaccination rates are an indication of vaccine hesitancy. Public health programs need to comprehensively address barriers and foster the use of vaccines.
2. In many parts of the world, there is evidence that higher vaccine acceptance is associated with higher vaccination rates. It is therefore important for organizations to provide accurate and evidence-based information about vaccine safety and efficacy.
3. The level of education and knowledge about vaccination strategies may be influenced by the dissemination of information on vaccine safety and efficacy. For this reason, it is recommended that vaccines be promoted through community-based programs and mass media campaigns.
4. Health care providers should be educated about the importance of vaccinating all individuals, including those with comorbidities, and the benefits of vaccination.

Implementation

In order to implement the recommendations, it is recommended that:

- Health care providers be trained in the latest evidence-based guidelines on vaccination.
- Community-based programs be developed to promote vaccine acceptance.
- Mass media campaigns be used to educate the public on the importance of vaccination.

Conclusion

Vaccine acceptance is a critical component of public health. It is important for organizations to comprehensively address barriers and foster the use of vaccines.