

IAPCOI Subcommittee on Evidence based Recommendations (EBR): 2011-13

(can also be referred as “ Working Group”)

Terms of reference:

- 1-The sub-committee shall be known as “IAPCOI Subcommittee on Evidence based Recommendations (EBR)”
- 2-The sub-committee shall submit its detailed recommendations to the office-bearers of COI within a stipulated time frame.
- 3-The committee shall function as a sub-committee of parent body, the IAPCOI. The recommendations of the sub-committee will be under purview of parent body.
- 4-The tenure of the committee would be two years.

Aims & Objectives:

- 1-To develop a uniform approach to making explicit the evidence base for IAPCOI recommendations;
- 2-To develop, evaluate and apply a system to make evidence based recommendations (both existing and future) for the IAP Committee on Immunization;

Activities & Guiding Principles:

- 1-The main focus should be on scientific evidence and transparency so that the system can be reproducible and reviewed by other experts;
- 2-Every attempt should be made to avoid bias creeping anywhere;
- 3-The recommendations should entirely be based on available scientific evidences and where no evidence can be found, it should be mentioned clearly in the text. Extrapolations should ideally be avoided as far as possible. If extrapolation is made to gather evidence, it should be clearly mentioned in the text why this was done.
- 4-While framing/grading recommendations, no consideration should be given to any other attribute like practicability, feasibility, affordability, etc.

5-While grading recommendations, grade them for the both, individual and community health.

6-The sub-committee shall review the following

- i– Review existing evidence from the country
- ii– Review guidelines of various agencies (GoI, ACIP, AAP, EMEA etc)
- iii– Review existing recommendations of IAP COI
- iv– Revise EBR on each vaccine (newer vaccines should be prioritized)

7- Key Elements for consideration should be:

- i. Safety & Efficacy of the available vaccines,
- ii. Burden of Illnesses

Cost-effectiveness and economic studies should not be graded.

8- Proposed format of EBRs:

Devise '**categories**' of recommendations and '**grade**' level of evidence available

Time frame/Roadmap:

The subcommittee shall submit its recommendations to the office-bearers of the committee as per the following suggested time frame:

- i-Assignment of task: August 2011
- ii- Pilot meeting: October 2011
- iii- Finalization of recommendations: June 2012

The Committee:

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