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Rare Neurological Disorder Linked to Zika

A public health investigation supported by The Task Force for Global Health's TEPHINET program has found a "causal relationship" between Zika infection and a rare, potentially life-threatening neurological disorder called Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS).

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Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Programs Key to Pandemic Preparedness

This year's flu season has been severe in the United States and serves as a reminder of our vulnerability to a pandemic. Flu pandemics have occurred four times over the last century. Read more.

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Expanded Drug Commitment Could Accelerate Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis

In response to new treatment guidelines from the World Health Organization (WHO), Merck & Co., Inc. has announced that it will expand the Mectizan® Donation Program (MDP) to reach up to an additional 100 million people per year. Read more.

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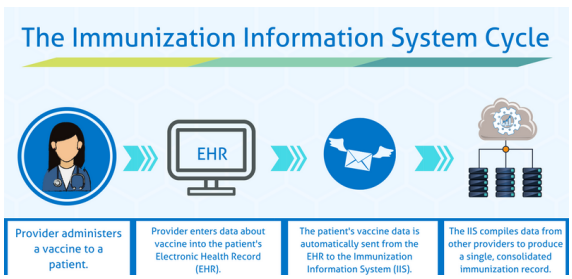
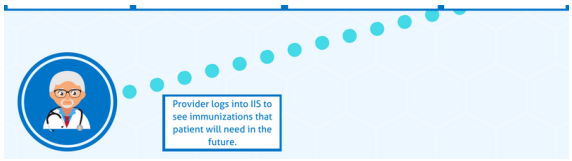


New Hampshire's Electronic System for Tracking Immunization Records Nears Completion

In 2013, New Hampshire health officials were alarmed to learn about a



whooping cough outbreak in neighboring Vermont. This highly contagious respiratory infection can make breathing difficult and, in rare cases, even cause death. Read more.

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