



# WSPID WORKSHOP

Navigate conversations about dengue  
fever vaccination in pediatric patients



# Summary

The post-workshop booklet provides essential materials shared during the engaging and interactive live virtual workshop on dengue fever vaccination in pediatric patients. These materials include resources for initiating meaningful discussions when addressing parental concerns. Participants will find valuable insights and tools to further empower them in navigating conversations about dengue fever vaccination effectively.



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# Identifying Parental Concerns The 3 Major Categories

## 1. Medical Safety & Efficacy:

This is the foundation of trust. Parents want to know:

- Is the vaccine safe? What are the potential side effects?
- How effective is it? Will it truly protect my child?
- Are there alternatives? What are their pros and cons?



## 2. Individual Needs & Circumstances:

Every child is unique! Concerns in this category may include:

- My child's health history: Does the vaccine pose any risks due to pre-existing conditions?
- Accessibility and affordability: Can I get the vaccine easily and affordably?
- Religious or cultural beliefs: Do any restrictions apply?



## 3. Broader Societal Factors:

Parents navigate a complex world. Concerns might arise from:

- Media reports or rumors: Are there negative stories circulating?
- Community experiences: Did others have positive or negative experiences with the vaccine?
- Social norms and peer pressure: What do others think about vaccination?



# What is Motivational Interviewing?

**Evidence-based and culturally sensitive:** Tailored to individual needs and respects diverse perspectives.

**Goal:** Help parents manage mixed feelings and move towards informed vaccination decisions.

**Focus:** Collaboration and shared decision-making, not persuasion.



# Applying Motivational Interviewing in Dengue Vaccination Discussions



## Step 1: Build Trust and Collaboration

1. Embrace empathy and collaboration: Listen actively and acknowledge concerns without judgment
2. Ensure permission to discuss vaccines: Ask for the parent's willingness to talk about vaccination options.
3. Responding to Parents' Statements
  - When hesitant: Acknowledge their hesitations and explore the reasons behind them.
  - When unsure: Offer information and address specific concerns in a clear and concise manner.
  - When curious: Encourage questions and provide evidence-based answers tailored to their specific needs.

## Step 2: Utilize Open-Ended Questions and Reflective Listening:

- Start with open-ended questions: "What are your thoughts on the dengue vaccine?" "What concerns do you have about vaccination?"
- Use reflective listening: Briefly summarize what you hear and validate their feelings.

## Step 3: Responding to Questions:

- Provide evidence-based answers: Share factual information about dengue vaccine safety and efficacy.
- If unsure or outside your expertise: Acknowledge the limit of your knowledge and offer to help them find reliable resources

# Open-ended questions to initiate conversations

- "Tell me, as a parent, what concerns or questions do you have about Dengue Fever vaccination for your child?"
- "What do you know about the benefits of Dengue Fever vaccination, and how do you feel it could help your child?"
- "Can you share any past experiences or concerns you've had with vaccinations, so I can better understand your perspective?"
- "In your opinion, what are the most important factors to consider when deciding on vaccinations for your child?"
- "What do you hope to achieve or learn during our discussion about Dengue Fever vaccination today?"
- "Can you describe your child's health and medical history to help us make the best decision regarding vaccination?"
- "What would make you feel more comfortable or confident in your decision to have your child vaccinated against Dengue Fever?"
- "What are your long-term goals for your child's health and well-being, and how does vaccination fit into those goals?"





# Key Takeaways

- There are many parental concerns particularly in vaccine safety & individual concerns.
- Health Care Practitioners should keep an open mind in addressing these concerns and actively practice their communication skills & stay informed about the latest dengue vaccine updates.
- Become an advocate. Share best practices with your colleagues because vaccines are still the most effective prevention method.





**For more educational content on Dengue Vaccination visit the WSPID Global elearning Portal.**

**Relevant Content to Explore:**

- Self Paced Course: Optimal Management of Pediatric Dengue.
- Virtual Case Study: Dengue fever in an Adolescent Girl.
- Virtual Case Study: Acute Febrile Illness in a Schoolboy.

**Coming Soon:**

- Virtual Workshop: Pediatric Dengue Dialogues.



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