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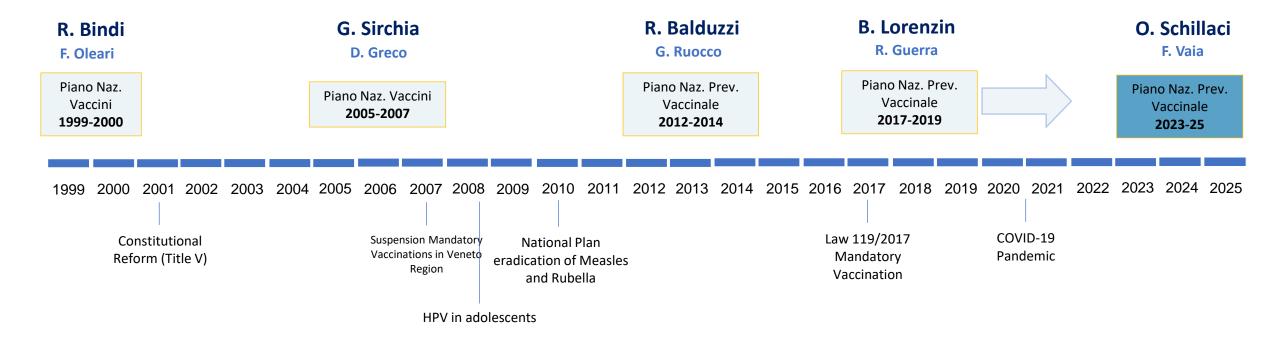
### National Immunization Plan 2023-2025 and annual updates of immunization schedule

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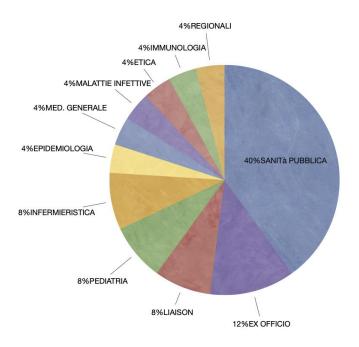
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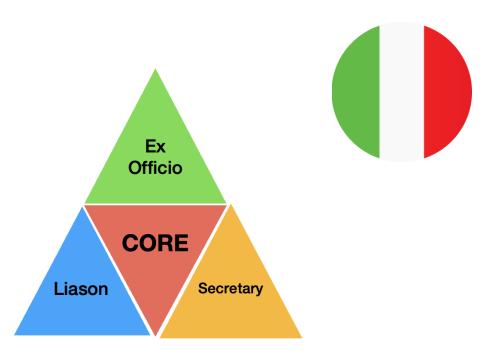
New contents:

- The immunization schedule can be updated annually
- Possible introduction of monoclonal antibodies for preventive purposes
- Key role of Departments of Prevention (NHS) for planning and co-ordination of immunization campaigns
- Use of pandemic experience in routine vaccinations (extension of immunization sites)

# NITAGs in Italy

- 2017-18 NITAG 1 (R Guerra+21)
- 2018-21 NITAG 2 (V De Micheli+13)
- 2021- NITAG 3 (C Signorelli+29)





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The new Italian National Immunization Technical Advisory Group (NITAG) and its commitment to endorse a new efficient National Immunization Plan in COVID-19 times

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# NITAG activity (2021-23)

 Advisory for National Vaccination Plan (2021-23)

- Advisory for Ministerial acts (Circolari) on immunization strategies (Flu, Monkeypox, COVID-19)
- Proposal of new National Immunization Schedule (2024)
- Hearings of stakeholders (Companies, professional associations, boards)

## Critical issues of previous National Plan (2017-2019)





Vaccination coverage targets failure (adolescents and adults)



**Regional differences** in coverage rates

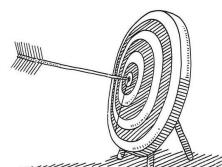


**Organizational differences** (active call, IT systems)

# New (old\*) goals of the National Plan

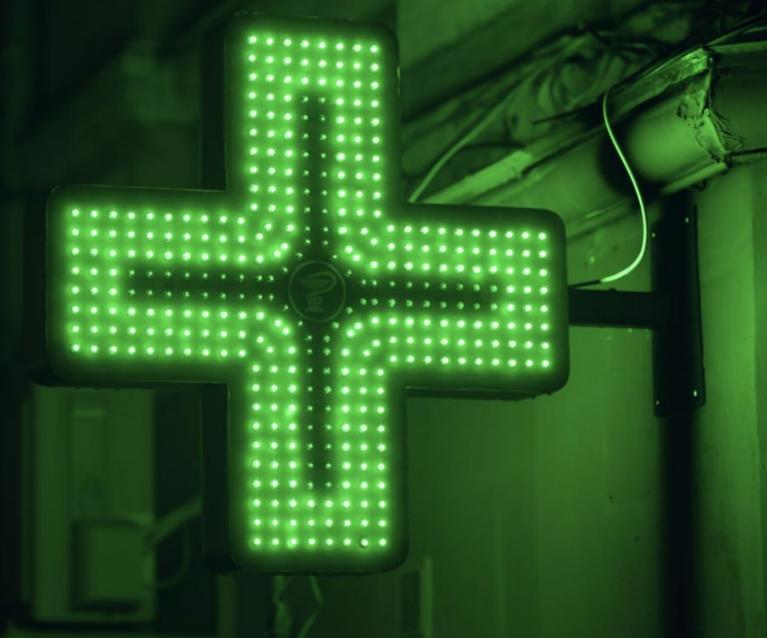
- 1) Mantain polio-free status\*
- 2) Elimination of measles and rubella\*
- 3) Reduction of HPV-related diseases
- 4) Vaccination coverage targets\*, using pandemic settings in vaccination campaigns
- 5) Vaccination of high-risk gropus (chronic diseases)

- 6) Reduce inequalities in vaccinations offer\*
- 7) Implement the national digital vaccination registry\*
- 8) Improve surveillance of vaccine preventable infections\*
- 9) Improve communication on vaccines
- 10) Promote vaccine education in health care workers\*



\*Goals also present in previous Plan 2017-2019

# Vaccinations in pharmacies





#### The role of Community Pharmacists in vaccination

Pharmacists can vaccinate in their pharmacies for COVID-19/Influenza in **15** European Countries

Vaccination in pharmacies COVID-19/Influenza (15 countries)

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#### **CAMPAGNA VACCINALE 2023/2024**

**Regione Lombardia** 

VACCINO ANTI-COVID19					
Somministrazioni al	20/11/2023	=	245.176		
Confronto somministrazioni* al	20/11/2022	=	483.117	Confronto:	-237.941
* somministrazioni	effettuate con vaccini a	ggiomati BA	4-5 a partire dal .	29/09/2022	
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CATEGORIE	SOMM.	%
Età ≥ 60	159.366	65%
Soggetto vulnerabile per patologia	29.623	12%
Operatore Sanitario	21.270	9%
Età < 60 anni	15.331	6%
Ospite in struttura sanitaria e socio-sanitaria residenziale e semi-residenziale	14.231	6%
Operatore scolastico	2.363	1%
Convivente di soggetto ad alto rischio	2.226	1%
Altra attività lavorativa a rischio	766	0%
Totale	245.176	100%



CATEGORIA CENTRO	SOMM.	%
FARMACIA	109.976	45%
ASST	71.616	29%
MMG/PLS	40.733	17%
UDO SS	14.660	6%
OSPEDALE	4.673	2%
IRCCS	3.325	1%
ALTRO	193	0%

FASCIA DI ETÀ	SOMM.	%
0-11	449	0%
12-15	217	0%
16-19	338	0%
20-29	3.759	2%
30-39	7.482	3%
40-49	9.663	4%
50-59	18.531	8%
60-69	55.756	23%
70-79	73.408	30%
80-89	59.364	24%
90-99	15.781	6%
100+	428	0%

PROVINCIA	SOMM.
MI	84.936
BG	22.362
BS	35.377
CO	14.186
CR	9.360
LC	8.524
LO	4.826
MN	7.986
MB	19.822
PV	11.578
SO	4.034
VA	22.185



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## TWO BEST PRACTICES IN VACCINATION OFFER

COVID e Flu vaccines

Pharmacies (1,000/3,000 available)

Alternative to GPs delivery

Regional agreement with Pharmacies

≈25% of total shots in 2023 campaign



Anti-zoster vaccine



Departments of Prevention (NHS)

Active and direct call

A goal for Directors of LHA

>50% coverage in 65 y/o choort

# Immunization schedule update

NITAG is updating the **2024 immunization schedule** 

- Three working groups:
  - Immunization schedule update
  - Vaccines in high-risk population
  - Vaccines in workers and travellers
- Issues under discussion:
  - > anti COVID-19 vaccine in the National schedule
  - > Anti-meningococcus B vaccinations in adolescents
  - anti RSV immunization in adults and children



# International approaches on anti RSV immunization campaign 2023-24

Haute Autorité de Sante	Ministerio de Sanidad	Advisory Committee on Immunization
FRANCE: HAS (French Health	SPAIN: NITAG recommendation (late	<b>Practices US: Recommendation ACIP</b> :
authorities) – Reimbursement: First RSV season: All infants (in	July) and immunisation schedule of the Spanish Society of Pediatry:	First RSV season: All infants aged < 8 months
accordance with product authorization)	First RSV season: All infants aged < 6 months	Second RSV season: Infants (aged 8-19 months) at high-risk of RSV
	Second RSV season: high-risk infants aged < 24 months	<ul> <li>Inclusion in Vaccines for Childern program (VFC)</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Recomandation American Academy of Pediatrics</li> </ul>

Luxembourg NITAG: recommendation and reimbursement for all infants in first RSV season



Austrian NITAG e Ministry of Health: recommendation for all infants in first RSV season

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## **Registered products for RSV prophylaxis in adults**



#### **Preventive monoclonal antibodies**

- Beyfortus (Nirsevimab) Sanofi
- Synagis (Palivizumab) Abbvie





All infants

Infants with gestational age ≤ 35w. and aged < 6 months

#### Vaccines

- Arexvy GSK
- Abrysvo Pfizer





Adults 60+

Adults 60+ and pregnant women (for passive immunization newborn 6 months)

# Thanks for your attention

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