

‘Prevention of pneumococcal disease in Belgium’
with international expert Professor Philippe De Wals (CA)



Monday, September 26, 2022 at 13:45
KU Leuven, Campus Gasthuisberg

Pneumococcal disease is still one of the most important infectious diseases worldwide. The introduction of the pneumococcal conjugate vaccines (PCVs) in the childhood immunization programmes resulted in a significant decrease in pneumococcal disease caused by the serotypes included in the vaccines, but challenges still remain.

During this seminar we will focus on the **impact of the use of PCVs on the pneumococcal epidemiology last 10-15 years** and will discuss the **strategies for the introduction of the new generation PCVs in immunization programmes** with our invited expert Philippe De Wals, Professor at Laval University, Quebec City, Canada and Awardee of the University of Antwerpen-International Collen-Francqui Professorship.

Programme:

12:30-13:45	Lunch
13:45-13:50	Welcome words
13:50-14:15	Epidemiology of invasive pneumococcal disease in Belgium – Stefanie Desmet (UZ Leuven/KU Leuven)
14:15-14:45	Impact of introduction of PCVs in children (results from the PSERENADE project) - Maria Garcia Quesada (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA)
14:45-15:30	New generation of pneumococcal conjugate vaccines – representatives of Pfizer, GSK and MSD
15:30-16:00	Coffee break
16:30-16:45	Belgian NITAG advice for adult pneumococcal immunization - Johan Flamaing (UZ Leuven/KU Leuven)
16:45-17:30	Possible strategies for the introduction of new-generation PCV vaccines for children and adults programs – Philippe De Wals (Laval University, Canada)
17:30-18:00	General discussion
18:00-18:05	Conclusion

Location:

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Participation is free but registration is mandatory before September 12th: [link](#)