

Pneumococcal Awareness Council of Experts

Pneumococcal disease is a leading infectious killer of children and adults worldwide — killing 1.6 million people, including more than 800,000 children under age five — every year. Despite its enormous impact, however, awareness of pneumococcal disease and its burden remains low.

The Pneumococcal Awareness Council of Experts (PACE), a project of the Sabin Vaccine Institute, is comprised of leading global experts in infectious diseases and vaccines. The Council raises awareness among policy makers and aims to secure global commitments to prevent pneumococcal disease, a leading infectious killer of children and adults worldwide. The Council works through collaboration and partnership with countries, NGOs, academia and industry to achieve its goals.

PACE is engaging global networks to:

- **Elevate the issue of pneumococcal disease on the global health agenda.** PACE is building a coalition of professional societies to raise awareness of pneumococcal disease and make prevention a priority.
- **Inform policy makers about the global threat of pneumococcal disease.** Through participation in global health symposia, targeted advocacy among key health and financial decision makers, and recognition of countries and policy makers who make pneumococcal disease prevention a priority, PACE is raising awareness about the tremendous impact of pneumococcal disease.
- **Advocate for the prevention of pneumococcal disease through widespread vaccination.** Pneumococcal disease is preventable, and vaccines are available now to safely and effectively protect children and adults against most pneumococcal infections. With increased awareness and a resulting commitment to finance pneumococcal vaccines, estimates indicate that more than 7 million lives can be saved by 2030.
- **Secure commitments from countries to combat the disease.** With a \$1.5 billion Advance Market Commitment from five key donor countries and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and promising advances in pneumococcal vaccines from industry, countries have an unprecedented opportunity to protect children and adults from this deadly but preventable disease.

Together with support from government, science, foundations and industry, PACE brings its expertise and commitment to bear on the global effort to fight pneumococcal disease.

Awareness. Action. Prevention.

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