

recommendations on immunization, vaccination schedules and safety; and cold chain and vaccine storage. The section on licensed vaccines provides details of all available vaccines including indications, contraindications, doses, route of administration, side effects, *etc.* This section is specifically useful for all clinicians providing vaccination.

The section on the vaccines under development provides detailed information on all vaccines in pipeline. The section on vaccination for special groups provides information on vaccination in immunocompromised hosts, adolescents and travelers. The section on vaccine policies, trial and regulatory issues provides details of national policies, status of doing clinical trials assessing efficacy of vaccines, ethical issues in immunization, prioritizing vaccination and introduction of new vaccines in the national immunization schedule.

More than 60 chapters providing in-depth evidence-based information on vaccinology have been compiled. The authors have tried to provide information using tables, line diagrams and also included an abstract for each chapter.

Since the field of vaccinology is rapidly growing and new information is added regularly, the book may need frequent revisions. This book will be useful for postgraduate students, practicing clinicians, paediatricians, public health persons and policy makers.

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This multi author book on vaccines by the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) on immunization gives comprehensive information on vaccines. The book is written by experts in the field and is divided into five sections namely, General Aspects of Vaccination; Licensed Vaccines; Vaccines in Development, New Vaccine Strategies and Vaccines in the Pipeline; Vaccination for Special Groups; and Vaccine Policies, Trials and Regulatory Issues.

The book provides details of historical aspects, basic sciences and applied aspects. The section on general aspects includes individual chapters on history, epidemiology and immunology of vaccination, general