working together to counter the wave

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Alliance of Christian Sickness funds
working together: role of healthcare mutuals

1. Sensitization – information
2. Digital coach
3. Vaccin promoting legislation
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5. International coordination
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1. Sensitization – information

• Mutuals trusted by the population,
• ‘independent’: no products to sell or income from consultations etc,
• Healthcare mutuals very good coverage among population
• Broad network close to there members: regular publications, websites, offices, lectures, somethimes volunteers or social worker at home
• Health promotion, prevention, health literacy is a mission of most healthcare mutuals
Vaccines Are a Unique Type of Medical Intervention

- Individual health benefits
  - Decreased hospitalizations

- "Altruistic" benefits of herd immunity
  - Decreased outpatient costs
  - Decreased long-term disabilities

- Cost Saving
  - Maintain economic productivity
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2. Digital coach

• In Belgium:

• Personalized information and reminders of vaccination status will be possible: sickness funds can play a role

• Belgium: healthcare mutuals build the ‘my health viewer’ for their members
Becomes history...
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3. Vaccin promoting legislation

• Recent survey Belgian independant sickness funds: population is in favour of more legal commitment for vaccins
• Individual versus community advantage: do it for the immunodepressed, young children: whooping cough, pertussis, measles
• Also fe for health care providers, staf of children creches, catering industry (hepatitis A)
• Pressure from healthcare mutuals towards health authorities to take their responsability
4. Access through correct price/programmes

- Co-payment can be a problem if price is too high: as much for free
- Pro official programmes in prescolair consultation, school medicine, labour medicine, elderly homes,...
- Pregnant women: better coverage, low threshold
- HPV: 9 combinant: 130 euro versus 20 euro in programmes
- Reimbursement in complementary insurance: waiting room for obligatory insurance: fe meningococces, HPV
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5. International coordination

• On different items: information, digitization, legislation, price,…
• European week vaccination: february