

# Review of: "[Viewpoint] World Immunization Week: Immunization of Healthcare Workers – A reminder"

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Ashish Trivedi distills important immunization guidelines for front line health workers and summarizes key scientific findings on the efficacy of vaccination for this work group. As Trivedi cogently argues front line workers have highest exposure to infectious disease but their health needs are not seen as primary concern to health policy planners. This article contributes to raising the visibility of these essential workers and their health promotion needs. Three areas would further strengthen this article's contribution.

1. Trivedi acknowledges that immunization is but one aspect of successful infection prevention and control for health workers. Perhaps the author might consider citing sources that outline the global health guidelines for wider infection control strategies -giving readers an accessible way to understand the comprehensive services needed to be in place for front line health workers.
2. Social and cultural barriers exist among health workers that undermine infection prevention efforts including comprehensive immunization. Perhaps the author might devote a section to discussing ways in which these barriers manifest and current guidelines or case examples of ways in which health planners have innovated to overcome these barriers.
3. Should health workers refuse vaccination what are their rights and obligations with respect to their employers and patients? Understandably this article has a focused remit but perhaps you might cite articles that offer readers insights into this important domain.

Thank you for this opportunity to review this really important viewpoint.