

Review of: "Lessons from vaccine-related poliovirus in Israel, UK and USA"

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Dr. Jacob John, a well known polio expert, and his associate Dr. Dharmapalan, have published a strong argument for a change in the strategy of polio eradication. Attempts to eradicate polio have been going on for the last 30 years using attenuated strains given orally (OPV), with success in eliminating types 2 and 3. However, type 1 wild polio still exists and type 2 vaccine virus is circulating and causing large numbers of cases. The obvious strategy needed is to extend vaccination with inactivated virus (IPV). This article lays out the reasons for changing the approach to eradication, following the medical maxim of "do no harm".