

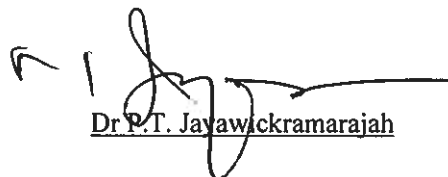
MEMORANDUM

From: WR Thailand **To:** RD SEARO **Date:** 22 October 2007
Our Ref. : I-8 **Attention:** DPM (for IVD)
Your Ref. : - **Subject:** National Committee for Immunization Practices (NCIP)
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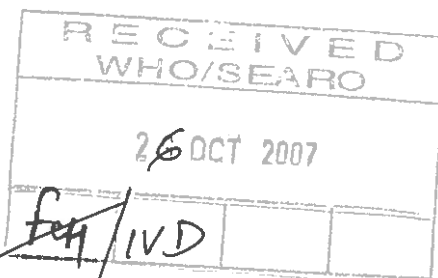
Please refer to your memorandum dated 29 August 2007.

We are please to send you herewith the detail information of Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) in Thailand. This information is received from Ministry of Public Health, Thailand.

With best regards,


Dr P.T. Jayawickramarajah

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Dear Sir,

Subject: National Committee for Immunization Practices (NCIP)

Refer to your letter I-8 on 7 September 2007, subject: National Committee for Immunization Practices (NCIP), attached herewith is the detail information of ACIP in Thailand.

Thank you for your consultation and hope that we provide you with adequate information

Sincerely Yours,

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Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

Background

Ministry of Public Health, Thailand, has used immunization as an important measure to prevent and control the vaccine preventable diseases. Since 1970, MOPH has a committee which had authority to make appropriate standards and policy on immunization. The name and composition of the committee had been changed from time to time. In 1997, The Vaccine and Immunization Committee had 2 sub-committees, one is Immunization Sub-committee which provides technical guidance to the committee/MOPH on immunization policies and practices, another is Vaccine Development and Procurement Sub-committee.

In 2001, the Cabinet had ordered the establishment of the National Vaccine Committee which has authority to provide national vaccine policy and immunization. The former Vaccine and Immunization Committee and its 2 sub-committees had been transformed since then. The National Vaccine Committee has 4 sub-committees as follow

1. Sub-committee on Immunization Practices
2. Sub-committee on Promotion of Vaccine Research and Development
3. Sub-committee on Promotion of Vaccine Manufacturing in Country
4. Sub-committee on Vaccine Quality Control and Quality Assurance system

Function of Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)*

1. The ACIP shall provide advice and guidance on vaccines and immunization to the National Vaccine Committee.
2. In order to achieve the highest benefit of the target population, the committee shall provide recommendations on the appropriate immunization schedule and disease prevention measures as well as vaccine administration.
3. The committee shall suggest areas of research and possible research fund on vaccine and epidemiology of vaccine preventable diseases.

4. The committee shall propose alternative immunization policy to the National Vaccine Committee.

5. The committee has authority to appoint working groups and assign their responsibilities as appropriate.

* ACIP in Thailand is a sub-committee of the National Vaccine Committee, called Subcommittee on Immunization Practices.

Plan of Action

The action plan of ACIP in 2008 is 2-3 meetings that have an agenda to review immunization schedule, inform recent advances in the development of new vaccines with future potential for inclusion in the national immunization programme and provide technical advice to help MOPH/DDC make decisions and develop policy on immunization and practices.

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7. Representative of The Royal College of Pediatricians of Thailand
8. Representative of The Royal College of Physician of Thailand
9. Representative of The Royal Thai College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
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