

IMSN Covid-19 Vaccine Safety Interest Group Charter

As the Covid-19 vaccines are being rolled out across the globe, all medication safety and patient safety organizations are concerned about some of the safety issues relating to the operation and the process of vaccination including storage, preparation, administration and patient monitoring of the vaccine. At the global level, acting in real time for sharing and learning from each other will help to maximize the chance of immunization success.

The IMSN executive committee has proposed that IMSN takes initiative to develop the **IMSN Covid-19 Vaccine Safety Interest Group** to address these potential issues and stimulate global implementation of safer Covid-19 immunization practices.

Mandates

The two primary objectives of the **IMSN Covid-19 Vaccine Safety Interest Group** are:

1. to address Covid-19 vaccines safety issues and to share the experience and learning from member countries on issues being encountered when challenging the vaccine rollout, therefore offering also to members the opportunity to show what they have done in their own country/organization
2. to make appropriate recommendations for global implementation in order to facilitate implementation of recommendations that are developed by other member countries. The Group may be able to develop a guidance (guiding document) that may be helpful to members and non-members to implement some of the recommendations/actions.

The findings and recommendations will be made publicly available in a specific section of the IMSN website.

Members

The Chair of the **IMSN Covid-19 Vaccine Safety Interest Group** is Christina Michalek, also member COVID-19 team for ECRI and ISMP. The members in this Group will consist of IMSN members on a voluntary basis. The IMSN Chair and the General Secretary will provide input and suggestions as needed.

It is expected both membership from patient safety as well as regulatory agency will participate. Other key stakeholders including WHO, UMC, ISoP and others will be invited to be members of the Group.

Organization & arrangements

Communication and additional information to be shared between the members of the **IMSN Covid-19 Vaccine Safety Interest Group** will be carried out in a specific blog in the IMSN website:

<https://www.intmedsafe.net/forums/topic/covid-19-vaccine/>

The meeting format will be on-line (Zoom or conference call).

Expected timeline: the duration of 2021