



Statement from Umesh Parashar on new data from separate studies in Asia and Africa on the safety, efficacy, and potential lifesaving impact of rotavirus vaccines

“With the introduction of vaccines, we’ve seen major reductions in severe rotavirus cases, hospitalizations, and deaths in both developed and developing settings” said Umesh Parashar, epidemiologist at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In the US, according to Parashar, “widespread use of rotavirus vaccines since 2006 has dramatically reduced circulating infections, and we are continuing to see examples of potential herd immunity—with fewer severe cases also occurring among children in the general population who have not been vaccinated.” Parashar stressed that “Rotavirus is a major killer of children in the developing world, and regardless of where they live, all children deserve vaccines that can protect them.”

For more information, please visit: <http://www.path.org/news/pr100805-rotavirus-vaccines-Asia.php>

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