



**Statement from Dr. Mickey Chopra on new data from separate studies in Mexico and Africa on the effectiveness of rotavirus vaccine**

"It is not widely known that pneumonia and diarrhoea are the two biggest child-killers globally or that we now have new vaccines against the leading causes of both of these diseases," said Dr. Mickey Chopra, chief of health and associate director of programmes at UNICEF. "These studies show the value of rotavirus vaccine and the challenge now is to help the countries with the highest mortality from diarrhoea introduce the new vaccine as part of a coordinated effort to address child survival, which will include other critical interventions against diarrhoea such as delivering safe drinking water, proper sanitation and treatments like oral rehydration and zinc supplements."

For more information, please visit: <http://www.path.org/news/pr100127-nejm-english.php>

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