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Statement from Désirée Witte on new data from separate studies in Mexico and Africa on the effectiveness of rotavirus vaccine

“The rotavirus vaccine clinical studies in Malawi and South Africa clearly demonstrate that vaccines provide the best hope for preventing the severe consequences of rotavirus infection, especially in impoverished, high mortality regions,” said Désirée Witte, University of Malawi College of Medicine and the Division of Medical Microbiology at the University of Liverpool. “The data from these unprecedented studies indicate that rotavirus vaccines significantly reduced severe incidences of rotavirus diarrhea during African children’s first year of life. If fully utilized, rotavirus vaccines stand to have a profound, lifesaving impact on developing countries throughout the world.”

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

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