



## ***HBIGS Lecture***

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### **„ Vaccines in Novartis: why and how “**

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***Start of Lecture: 17:00 s.t.***

***Venue: INF 501 (HBIGS Center)***

#### ***Abstract:***

The history of vaccination can be regarded as one of the most outstanding successes in the history of medicine.

Vaccination procedures have saved more lives than any other health measure and have led to the eradication/reduction of devastating diseases.

As a result, in some areas of the world, diseases previously regarded among the most dangerous (diphtheria, polio, mumps, pertussis etc) have practically disappeared.

The results are also outstanding from a socioeconomic point of view. The cost of vaccination is largely inferior to the cumulative costs that the vaccine preventable diseases would generate.

Despite all these results the value of vaccination is still underestimated. The presentation will focus on the value of vaccination as a preventative health measure and on how new vaccines are developed.

***After the lecture, all HBIGS members are invited to join an early evening Get-together at the HBIGS Center (INF 501)***