III-3. Countries recommending vaccination pregnant women

The WHO recommends

The WHO recommends that national programs consider the vaccination of pregnant women with one dose of Tdap (in the second or third trimester, preferably at least 15 days before the end of pregnancy) as an additional strategy when infant morbidity or mortality from pertussis is high or increasing.

Comprehensive systematic review published recently by I. Vojtek et al. shows distribution of recommendations for maternal immunisation, including pertussis worldwide.

Topic conclusions

Pertussis immunisation in pregnancy is recommended by international and national health organisations. Number of countries introducing pertussis immunisation in pregnancy is growing.