

# **Vaccines**

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## Historical Perspective

- **“Ancient Times”, the Baluchi people**
  - Encouraged children with wounds on their hands to touch skin lesions of cow/ camelpox
- **“Centuries ago” Variolation in India, China?**
  - inoculation of fluid or scabs from smallpox lesions into skin or intranasally of susceptibles
  - usually mild illness, occasionally severe disease with spread to others
- **11th century/Iran**
  - applied dried liver/ rabid dog on wound of bitten person

## Historical Perspective

- **1721, Lady Mary Montague**
  - Observes variolation in Turkey & promotes its use in Europe
- **1774, Benjamin Jesty**
  - Inoculates wife & 2 children with cowpox during a smallpox epidemic
  - Children are protected 15 years later after deliberate inoculation with smallpox
- **1796, Jenner**
  - Milkmaids who had cowpox (vaccinia?) were immune to smallpox
  - Inoculated fluid from cowpox lesions into the skin of smallpox susceptible people (calf lymph-derived vaccinia virus)
  - “1st” use of a less virulent related species to protect against an exclusively human pathogen



“The Cow Pock: The Wonderful Effects of the New Inoculation!”  
James Gillray, 1802 vide the publication of the Anti Vaccine Society

## Historical Perspective

- **1885: Louis Pasteur vaccinates Joseph Meister with rabies vaccine**
  - **Air-dried infected rabbit spinal cord:**
    - started with avirulent virus, then proceeded with a series of more virulent strains
  - **Coins “vaccination” in honor of Jenner**
- **1955, Salk:**
  - **formalin-inactivated polio vaccine (IPV)**
- **1962, Sabin:**
  - **Live attenuated polio vaccine (OPV, TOPV)**

## Immunization Strategy

- Prevention of infection vs. symptoms
- Temporary vs. Long-lasting Immunity
  - **Passive protection: specific antibodies**
    - Immediate Protection, but  $t_{1/2} \approx 27$  days:
    - Antitoxins
      - Antibodies to Tetanus, Diphtheria, Botulinum toxins
    - Antisera to specific pathogens:
      - Hepatitis B, Varicella, Rabies, RSV
    - Pooled Human Immune Globulin: not specific
      - Immune Serum Globulin & Intravenous IG
  - **Active: vaccination (Lag time, but long-lasting)**
  - **Active - Passive (HBIG+Hep B vac.; RIG+Rabies vac.)**
- Preventative(Polio) vs. Post-exposure (Rabies)

## Target Populations for Immunization

- **High Risk Groups Only (Rabies, Varicella in some countries)**
  - No effect on disease burden in general population
  - Vaccine must be highly effective
  - Must be able to reach all members of group
  - Less expensive in the short term
- **Universal Immunization(Polio, Rubella, Varicella in USA)**
  - Diminishes disease burden in general population
  - Pre-emptive immunization/ eventual high risk groups
  - Decreases risk of exposure
  - Planned access to target population
  - More cost-effective in long term
  - Requires extremely safe vaccines

## Immunization of High Risk Groups

- **Travel**
  - Polio, Hepatitis A, Diphtheria, Japanese Encephalitis, Meningococcus, Yellow fever, Typhoid....
- **Occupation:**
  - Hepatitis B, Rabies, Anthrax, Plague, Rubella & Varicella
- **Age, illness, immunosuppression**
  - High risk for invasive pneumococcal disease:
    - Children < 6 years ( Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine)
    - Elderly, high risk kids  $\geq 6$  years (Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine)
  - Influenza: elderly, or cardiac or pulmonary disease
  - Severe varicella (live attenuated varicella vaccine):
    - leukemic children & HIV-infected kids with  $CD4 \geq 25\%$
  - HIV-infected children (Inactivated polio vaccine)

## Administration

- **Route**
  - Mimic route of natural infection: Oral polio vaccine, Live attenuated Intranasal Influenza vaccine
  - Parenteral (Intramuscular, subcutaneous)
- **Age at immunization**
  - Age distribution of natural infection:
    - In pre-vaccine era:  $\geq 60\%$  of invasive H.influenzae type b infections occurred at  $\leq 18$  months of age
  - Age-dependent immune response:
    - Polysaccharide antigens (HIB, Pneumo & Meningococcus) are poorly immunogenic at  $\leq 2$  years of age
  - Ability to access population to be immunized:
    - Hepatitis B & rubella vaccines in infants vs. adolescents

## Administration

- **Type of Antigen & Number of Doses needed:**
  - **Availability of Live vs. killed vaccine**
  - **Likelihood of Take vs. No Take with 1st dose**
  - **Waning immunity after 1st dose**
  - **T-cell dependent vs. -independent response**
  - **Safety concerns:**
    - ability of host to control replication of live attenuated vaccine strains

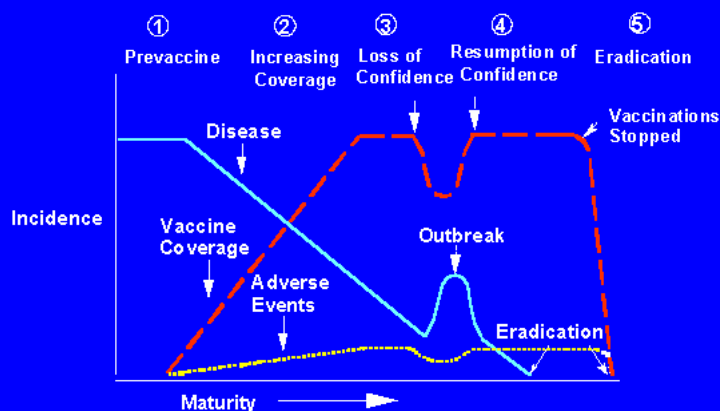
## Immune Response to Immunization

- **Protection vs. Sensitization**
- **Local vs. Systemic immunity:**
  - **Mucosal surfaces( gut, respiratory, genital-urinary tracts, eye) vs. intravascular space**
- **Antibody Response:**
  - **T-cell dependent( $T_{h2}$ ) & T-cell independent antigens stimulate naïve B cells to secrete epitope specific antibodies:**
    - Prevent attachment to receptors
    - Inactivate toxins
    - Neutralize live viruses
    - Opsonization
- **Cell-mediated Response:**
  - **$T_{h1}$  response → maturation of naïve to mature cytotoxic T cells → lyse infected host cells displaying pathogen-specific antigens on their surface in the context of MHC-I molecules**

# Immune Response to Immunization

- **Primary response**
  - 1st exposure to the antigen
  - 7-10 day lag time between exposure and production of antibody and cell-mediated responses
  - Initial antibody response is IgM, later switch to IgG
  - Establish populations of memory T & B cells
- **Secondary response**
  - Repeat exposure to the antigen (or to the pathogen)
  - Shortened lag time between exposure and production of antibody and cell-mediated responses
  - Antibody response is almost all IgG
  - Rapid expansion/ Memory T & B cell populations

## Evolution of Immunization Program and Prominence of Vaccine Safety



## Establishing Causal Link: Adverse Event and Vaccine

|             |     | Illness or Syndrome |    |
|-------------|-----|---------------------|----|
|             |     | Yes                 | No |
| Vaccination | Yes | a                   | b  |
|             | No  | c                   | d  |

Unique lab result  
 Unique clinical syndrome  
 Epidemiologic study  
 (VAERS = biased cell "a")

Rate in vaccinated =  $a/a+b$   
 Rate in unvaccinated =  $c/c+d$

**For rare events: consider case-control design study**

## Current Technology

- **Inactivated whole organism:**
  - Whole cell Pertussis, eIPV, Hepatitis A, Rabies, Influenza(disrupted), plasma-derived Hepatitis B (no longer available in US)
- **Live organism from a related or different species:**
  - Vaccinia, Bacille Calmette-Guerin (BCG, also attenuated by serial passage)
- **Live attenuated organism:**
  - Oral Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, Cold-adapted Influenza, Yellow fever
  - Attenuated by passage in tissue culture
- **Toxoids:** inactivated Diphtheria, Tetanus toxins
- **Combination Vaccines:**
  - DTP, MMRV, DTP-HIB, HIB-Hep.B, DTaP- Hep.B-IPV



## Current Technology

- **Specific subunit/antigen(s), extracted and purified:**
  - **Acellular Pertussis Vaccines:**
    - PT (Pertussis toxoid), FHA (filamentous hemagglutinin), Pertactin, Agglutinogens
  - **Polysaccharides (T-cell independent antigens):**
    - Hæmophilus (no longer available), Meningococcus, Pneumococcus
  - **Influenza surface glycoproteins (HA, NA)**
- **Conjugated antigens (T-cell dependent):**
  - HiB: PRP-D, PRP-T, PRP-OMP, HBoC(*crm197*)
  - Pneumococcal Conjugate
    - CRM 197- 4, 6B, 9V, 14, 19F, 23F, 18C
  - Meningococcus A, C, W-135 & Y conjugated to diphtheria toxoid

## Current Technology

- **Recombinant antigens: HBsAg/ yeast**
- **Virus-like particles:**
  - Major capsid proteins of human papillomavirus serotypes 6, 11, 16 & 18 expressed in eucaryotic cells
  - **Quadrivalent Vaccine efficacy:**
    - 99-100% vs HPV 16/18 related Cervical Intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN) 2/3 in uninfected women
    - 27% efficacy in women who are recently infected
    - No efficacy in those with established infection
    - To be licensed for use in females 9-26 years in 2006
      - Males and a bivalent 16/18 vaccine later on
      - Younger age groups to follow

# Adjuvants

- **Non-pathogen related additives that improve immunogenicity**
- **Aluminum salts are most common**
  - Hepatitis b vaccine, tetanus and diphtheria toxoids
- **Mechanisms of action?**
  - **Formation of an antigen depot at the inoculation site**
    - Water/oil emulsions & alum
  - **Mobilization of Th cell response:**
    - Protein carriers, polyA/polyU
  - **Up-regulation of Ig receptors on B cells:**
    - B-cell mitogens, antigen polymerizing agents
  - **Increased uptake by Antigen-presenting cells:**
    - MDP (muramyl dipeptide ) derivatives, LPS, Lipid A
  - **Cytokine induction & secretion**

## Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule UNITED STATES • 2005

| Vaccine   | Age | Birth   | 1 month | 2 months | 4 months           | 6 months  | 12 months | 15 months | 18 months | 24 months          | 4-6 years   | 11-12 years | 13-18 years |
|---|-----|---------|---------|----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Hepatitis B <sup>1</sup>                          |     | HepB #1 | HepB #2 |          |                    | HepB #3   |           |           |           |                    | HepB Series |             |             |
| Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis <sup>1</sup>       |     |         | DTaP    | DTaP     | DTaP               |           | DTaP      |           |           | DTaP               | Td          | Td          |             |
| <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b <sup>3</sup> |     |         | Hib     | Hib      | Hib                | Hib       |           |           |           |                    |             |             |             |
| Inactivated Poliovirus                            |     |         | IPV     | IPV      | IPV                |           |           |           |           | IPV                |             |             |             |
| Measles, Mumps, Rubella <sup>4</sup>              |     |         |         |          |                    | MMR #1    |           |           |           | MMR #2             |             | MMR #2      |             |
| Varicella <sup>5</sup>                            |     |         |         |          |                    | Varicella |           |           |           | Varicella          |             |             |             |
| Pneumococcal Conjugate <sup>6</sup>               |     |         | PCV     | PCV      | PCV                | PCV       |           |           |           | PCV                | PPV         |             |             |
| Influenza <sup>7</sup>                            |     |         |         |          | Influenza (Yearly) |           |           |           |           | Influenza (Yearly) |             |             |             |
| Hepatitis A <sup>8</sup>                          |     |         |         |          |                    |           |           |           |           | Hepatitis A Series |             |             |             |

• Vaccines below red line are for selected populations

## Routine Adult Immunizations

- Diphtheria & Tetanus boosters every 10 years
  - Pertussis may be added to the adolescent & adult schedule
- Influenza A/B
  - Yearly if > 55 years or high risk
  - Eventually: all adults regardless of age
- Pneumococcal polysaccharide (23-valent)
  - High risk adults
  - $\geq 65$  years
  - Future use of an “adult” conjugate vaccine???
- Hepatitis B: if high risk
- If not immune:
  - Varicella, Rubella
  - Measles & Mumps: if born after 1956

### Comparison of Maximum and Current Reported Morbidity, Vaccine-Preventable Diseases and Vaccine Adverse Events, United States

| Disease                     | Pre-Vaccine Era <sup>a</sup> | Year     | 1997 <sup>**</sup> | Percentage Change |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Diphtheria                  | 206,939                      | (1921)   | 5                  | -99.99            |
| Measles                     | 894,134                      | (1941)   | 135                | -99.98            |
| Mumps                       | 152,209                      | (1968)   | 612                | -99.60            |
| Pertussis                   | 265,269                      | (1934)   | 5,519              | -97.92            |
| Polio (wild)                | 21,269                       | (1952)   | 0                  | -100.00           |
| Rubella                     | 57,686                       | (1969)   | 161                | -99.72            |
| Cong. Rubella Synd.         | 20,000 <sup>+</sup>          | (1964-5) | 4                  | -99.98            |
| Tetanus                     | 1,560 <sup>+</sup>           | (1948)   | 43                 | -97.24            |
| Invasive <i>Hib</i> Disease | 20,000 <sup>+</sup>          | (1984)   | 165                | -99.18            |

|              |                  |  |              |               |
|--------------|------------------|--|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,639,066</b> |  | <b>6,644</b> | <b>-99.59</b> |
|--------------|------------------|--|--------------|---------------|

|                               |          |  |               |            |
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| <b>Vaccine Adverse Events</b> | <b>0</b> |  | <b>11,365</b> | <b>+++</b> |
|-------------------------------|----------|--|---------------|------------|

<sup>a</sup> Maximum cases reported in pre-vaccine era and year  
<sup>+</sup> Estimate because no national reporting existed in the pre-vaccine era  
<sup>\*\*</sup> Provisional

## Most Pressing Future Needs

- **HIV**
- **Malaria**
- **Tuberculosis:**
  - **Improved BCG vaccine: rBCG30**
    - Contains an extra copy of the major secretory protein (Ag85b) → improved immunogenicity & protection in animal models
    - Phase I clinical trials in humans completed
  - **Prime-Boost strategy:**
    - Prime with BCG
    - Boost with MVA(Modified Vaccinia Ankara) vector containing the gene for TB antigen 85A
    - More robust CD4 response than either vaccine alone

## Malaria, still on the horizon ?

- **Unique Challenge for Immunization:**
  - **Multiple species:**
    - *P. falciparum* most important
    - also *P. vivax*, *ovale*, *malariae*
  - **Multiple life cycle stages:**
    - Sporozoites, (liver-stage schizonts), merozoites, blood stages, gametocytes
  - **Antigens are polymorphic and/ or undergo clonal variation**
  - **Constant exposure to the pathogen:**
    - “natural immunity” = chronic low-grade infection with constant exposure to changing antigens

## **Malaria, still on the horizon ?**

- **Approaches to vaccine development**
  - **Irradiated sporozoite vaccine = “gold standard”**
  - **Stage specific recombinant antigens:**
    - **Circumsporozoite proteins (CSP):**
      - **RTS,S: segment of tandem-repeat region of CSP + flanking T cell epitopes + hepatitis b surface antigen expressed in yeast + 3-component adjuvant**
    - **Merozoite surface protein 1 (MSP1<sub>19</sub>)**
    - **RBC schizont antigen (SERA)**
    - **Gametocyte antigens (Pfs25)**
  - **Multiple Antigen Peptides (MAPs)**
  - **Strong adjuvants**

## **Malaria, still on the horizon ?**

- **Inadequate Long-term protection:**
  - **Failure to induce adequate memory T-cell responses?**
  - **Will prime-boost strategies work better?**
- **Additional references:**
  - **Targett, Trends in Parasitology, 2005**
  - **Okie, NEJM, 2005**
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## Additional Background Slides

### Historical Perspective

- **1886, Salmon/ Smith:** killed hog cholera “virus” vaccine (salmonella)
  - led to killed vaccines for typhoid, cholera & plague
- **1909, Smith:** inactivated diphtheria toxin (toxoid) protects guinea pigs
  - led to diphtheria & tetanus toxoid vaccines for humans
- **1927, Calmette & Guerin:** BCG
  - attenuated by passage in beef bile over 13 years of *Mycobacterium bovis*
- **1931, Goodpasture:** chorioallantoic membrane/hen’s egg
  - safe, reliable method for growing viruses for vaccines
- **1937, Live attenuated yellow fever vaccine**
  - passage in mouse brain & chorioallantoic membrane/hen’s egg (17D strain)
- **1955, Salk:** formalin-inactivated polio vaccine (IPV)
- **1962, Sabin:** Live attenuated polio vaccine (OPV, TOPV)

## Vaccination Against Smallpox : Vaccinia virus

Figure 3. Vaccination With the Bifurcated Needle



The requisite amount of reconstituted vaccine is held between the prongs of the needle and vaccination is done by multiple punctures; 16 strokes, at right angles to the skin over the deltoid muscle, are rapidly made within an area of about 5 mm in diameter.

Figure 4. Typical Appearance of an Evolving Primary Vaccination Take



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## Current Technology

- Recombinant L-OspA Lyme vaccine:
  - **No longer available**
  - E. coli transformed with plasmid containing OspA gene
  - Lipid moiety added after translation
  - 30 ug of purified antigen adsorbed to aluminum hydroxide
  - Production of antibody to spirochete outer surface lipoprotein expressed in the tick phase
  - Antibody-mediated killing in the tick

# Inactivated Influenza Vaccines

- **Current Technology:**
  - **Live reassortant viruses consisting of high growth virus and vaccine candidates containing the selected hemagglutinins and neuraminidase components which are then grown on embryonated chick eggs**
  - **Vaccine viruses are then inactivated and detergent-disrupted**
- **Components of the 2005-6 vaccine:**
  - A/California/7/2004 (H3N2)-like
  - A/New Caledonia/20/99 (H1N1)-like
  - B/Shanghai/361/2002
  - Selected because of growth properties and because they are representative of strains likely to circulate in the US during the 2005–06 season.
  - Since Influenza A (H1N2) viruses are a reassortant of A(H1N1) & (H3N2) viruses
    - antibodies directed against A (H1N1) and A (H3N2) vaccine strains provides protection against circulating A (H1N2)

# Future Influenza Vaccines

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TIFF (Uncompressed) decompressor  
are needed to see this picture.

Can substitute  
MDCK cells →

- **Example** of Reverse Genetics Technique for production of Inactivated Influenza Vaccines\*:
  - Extract RNA from master vaccine strain(H1N1) & candidate wild-type strains (e.g. H5N2, H7N2, H5N1, H5N8)
  - Amplify (RT-PCR) genes for HA & NA from wild-type strains & “backbone” genes from master vaccine strain ( Polymerase complex genes, etc.)
  - Clone each into plasmids & transfect 293T cells
  - Collect reassortant viruses (rH5N1,...containing HA & NA genes from wild-type strains & backbone genes from master vaccine strain)
  - Infect ECE (embryonated chick eggs) or immortalized cell lines like Marcus Darby Canine kidney cells(MDCK)
  - Disrupt cells, collect, inactivate vaccine virus
- \*Can modify this technique for cold-adapted live attenuated vaccines

#### Selected References:

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## On the Horizon

- **New Combination Vaccines:**
  - **Tdap** (Tetanus-Low dose diphtheria-acellular pertussis)
- **Maternal Immunization/neonatal disease**
  - **Tetanus**
  - **Group B Streptococcus:**
    - Capsular Polysaccharides(Ia, Ib, II, III, IV) conjugated to tetanus toxoid
    - “Universal” surface protein(s) vaccine covering all serotypes?
- **Live attenuated Dengue type 1-4 vaccines**
- **New live attenuated rotavirus vaccine**

## Rotavirus Vaccine

- **RotaTeq Vaccine Study:**
  - **Pentavalent bovine-human reassortant vaccine**
    - VP7 genes of serotypes G1, G2, G3, G4 and P-type P1A)
  - **70,000 placebo-controlled study:**
    - 70% efficacy vs. any vaccine-serotype-related disease
    - 98% vs. severe disease
    - 85, 94, 96% ↓ in office visits, ED & hospitalizations
    - Intussusception:
      - 6 & 5 cases in the overall vaccine & placebo groups
      - 0 & 1 in vaccine & placebo groups after the 1st dose

# Down the Road

- **Viral Vectors:**

- **Vaccinia:**

- good cytotoxic T-cell response(CTL)
    - pre-existing immunity to vaccinia limits use
    - primary response to vector limits response to booster doses of vectored vaccine
    - Occasionally, poor responses to inserted antigens

- **Canarypox, Adenovirus, Baculovirus**

- **Varicella-Hepatitis B**

# Down the Road

- **Replicons:**

- **RNA viruses engineered to consist of a virus coat housing a genome with structural genes replaced by gene for the immunizing antigen:**

- Infection of host cell
    - Large quantities of mRNA for the desired antigen
    - No replication of parent virus (no structural genes)

## Down the Road

- **Bacterial mutants as vectors or attenuated vaccines**
  - BCG, Salmonella, Shigella, Listeria
    - **Auxotrophic mutant Shigella:**
      - invasion of target cell but can't replicate without a key nutrient
      - dies, releasing episomal plasmid DNA coding for desired antigen
    - **Auxotrophic mutant BCG & M. tuberculosis (MTB)**
      - defect in purine synthesis pathway → unable to replicate in & lyse macrophages
      - immunized guinea pigs protected after challenge with virulent MTB
    - **Salmonella auxotrophs expressing IL-2**
      - protection of immunized mice after intraperitoneal challenge ←  
↑Nitric oxide & IFN- $\gamma$  production by peritoneal cells

## Down the Road

- **Peptides:**
  - As the Immunogen:
    - **B-cell epitopes:**
      - Conserved
      - B cells usually respond to 3D shape of the epitope
    - **T-cell epitope:**
      - MHC-restricted: Multiple epitopes for major haplotypes?
      - T cell epitopes are usually linear sequences of aa's
  - As the Carrier: should elicit T-cell help

## Down the Road

- **Potential adjuvants under evaluation:**
  - Monophosphoryl lipid A
  - MF59 (emulsion of oil & surfactants)
  - SAF-1 (oil based emulsion of MDP + non-ionic block copolymers)
  - Saponin derivatives
  - Polymers (polyphosphazene)
  - Bacterial toxins (cholera & E.coli HL)
    - Orally cholera toxin → Th2 response → IgG1, IgE, mucosal IgA
  - Cytokines:
    - IL-6 → mucosal IgA & IgG
    - IL-4 → type 2 T-cell response (Th2/ Tc2) → potent Ig production
    - IL-12 → type 1 T-cell response (Th1/ Tc1) → potent  $\gamma$ -IFN & cytotoxic T-cell responses

## Down the Road

- **Delivery Systems:**
  - **Liposomes & Microcapsules**
    - Polymers surrounding antigens
    - PLGA (disposable suture material)
    - Potential uses:
      - Prolonged degradation ⇒ fewer doses for primary immunization
      - Oral vaccines: protection from stomach acidity & selective uptake by M cells in Peyer's patches

# Down the Road

- Nasal & Oral Vaccines
  - Mucosal routes → mucosal immune responses
  - Respiratory & enteric pathogens
  - Examples:
    - **Oral cholera vaccines:**
      - Cholera toxin B subunit/ Inactivated whole cell(B-WC)
      - Live attenuated deletion-mutant strains
      - Bivalent(O1/O139) B subunit/Inactivated whole cell
    - **Oral vaccines for enterotoxigenic E. coli**
      - Antibody to Cholera toxin B subunit cross-reacts with E. coli LT-B (heat labile toxin)

# Down the Road

- Edible Plant Vaccines:
  - Transgenic plants expressing protein antigens:
    - Phase I/II trials of transgenic potatoes expressing the binding subunit of cholera toxin: safe & immunogenic
    - Phase I/II trials of transgenic potatoes expressing HBsAg as a booster after traditional vaccine
  - Infection of edible plants with chimeric plant viruses expressing the antigen of choice on its surface
  - Effect of cooking on immunogenicity in humans?

# Down the Road

- Nucleic Acid Vaccines (Naked DNA):
  - Bacterial plasmids carrying:
    - Genes encoding immunizing antigen or replication-defective viral vectors
    - Strong viral promoter
  - Intramuscular injection
  - Generate MCH-I restricted CTL responses
  - Antigen is produced in mammalian cells:
    - More appropriate antigen conformation

## Key for Vaccine Abbreviations

- BCG: Bacille Calmette-Guérin vaccine
- CRM<sub>197</sub>: nontoxic mutant diphtheria toxin
- DTaP: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (acellular)
- DTP: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whole cell)
- HbOC: a HIB vaccine that uses CRM<sub>197</sub> as a carrier protein conjugated to PRP
- Hep A, Hep B: hepatitis A or B vaccine
- HIB: *Hæmophilus influenzae*, type b
- IPV/ eIPV: Inactivated polio vaccine or enhanced potency IPV
- MMR: Measles, Mumps, Rubella vaccine
- MMRV: Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella vaccine
- OMP: outer membrane protein of *Neisseria meningitis*
- OPV or OTPV: live attenuated oral (trivalent) polio vaccine
- OspA: outer surface protein A of lyme spirochete
- Polio: refers to either OPV or eIPV
- PRP: polyribosilribitol phosphate (the capsular polysaccharide of HIB)
- PRP-T, PRP-D, PRP-OMP: HIB vaccines with the PRP conjugated to T (tetanus), D (diphtheria) or OMP, respectively as the carrier protein
- Var: varicella vaccine