



PERTUSSIS IN ADULTS: WATCH FOR THE WARNING SIGNS

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Sanofi Symposium at
WONCA Europe 2022
30th June 2022
12:30–13:30 BST

It is our pleasure to invite you to the Sanofi-sponsored symposium, 'Pertussis in adults: watch for the warning signs' taking place on Thursday 30th June 2022 at WONCA.

Primarily thought of as a disease of childhood, pertussis is often underrecognised in adults,¹ and its incidence is therefore likely to be much higher than is reported in the literature.

Among adults, pertussis is a frequent cause of prolonged cough² and can lead to severe disease, hospitalisation, and death.³ Delayed clinical recognition due to atypical, variable presentation and a lack of clinical suspicion can also result in complications and sequelae, such as pneumonia.⁴ Older patients and adults with comorbidities, especially those with pre-existing pulmonary disease (asthma or COPD), appear to have the greatest risk of hospitalisation and worsening of their underlying conditions.⁵⁻⁷

Pertussis is preventable and given the risk of severe disease in adulthood, there is a need for a lifelong approach to protect against pertussis through vaccination. However, recommendations for adult vaccination are lacking globally, and coverage in adults is generally low.⁸

In this symposium, the expert panel will highlight the burden of pertussis in adults—in general and in high-risk adult populations—and look at how to spot the warning signs of disease in these patients. The faculty will also highlight best clinical management and prevention practices, discussing the importance of vaccination in adults to prevent pertussis disease and exploring strategies that aim to improve adult vaccination coverage rates.

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Faculty



MEETING CHAIR
Peter Kardos, MD

Maingau Hospital of the Red Cross,
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Donald Middleton, MD

University of Pittsburgh Medical
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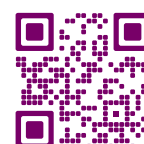


Paul Boyce, MD, MPH
Northside Hospital, Atlanta, US

Topic	Speaker	Timing
Welcome and introductions	Peter Kardos	3 min
 Watch for the warning signs		
Recognising the warning signs of pertussis in adults	Donald Middleton	10 min
Pertussis in high-risk adult populations	Paul Boyce	10 min
 Taking action: Pertussis vaccination in adults		
Setting the scene for pertussis vaccination in adults	Peter Kardos	10 min
Discussion: The importance of pertussis vaccination in adults	All faculty	10 min
Session close	Peter Kardos	2 min

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References

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