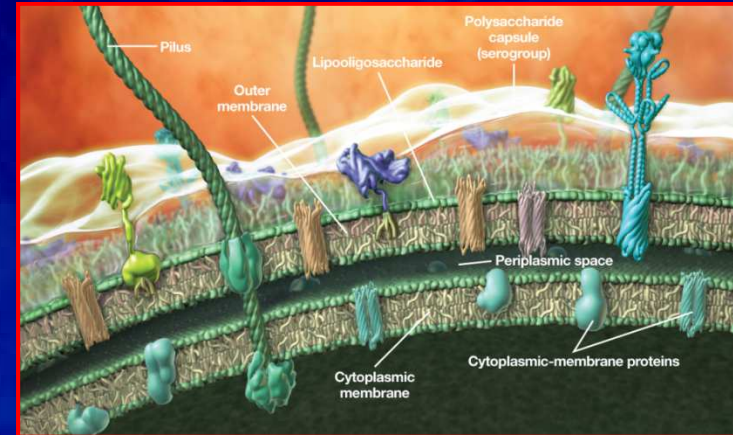


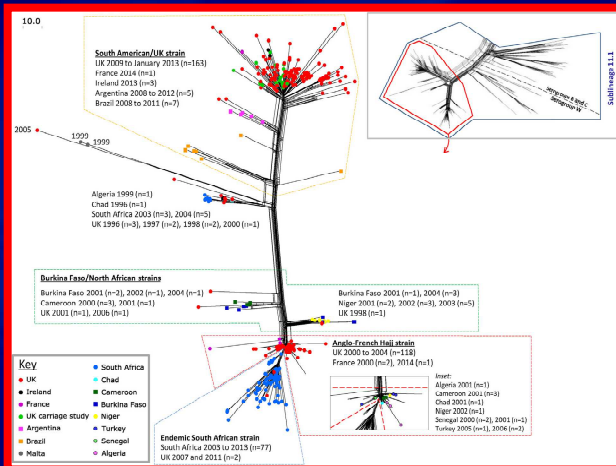
Enfermedad meningocócica: la complejidad de la protección

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Neisseria meningitidis



- Polysaccharide capsule (12 serogroups) A, B, C, Y, X and W....
- Genetic characterization (DNA sequencing of 7 housekeeping genes - MLST)
- Whole genome phylogenetic analyses



Neisseria meningitidis

Clinical syndromes

- Bacteriemia (37.5%) - Meningococccemia
- Meningitis (50%)
- Pneumonia (9%)
- Conjunctivitis arthritis, pericarditis, urethritis

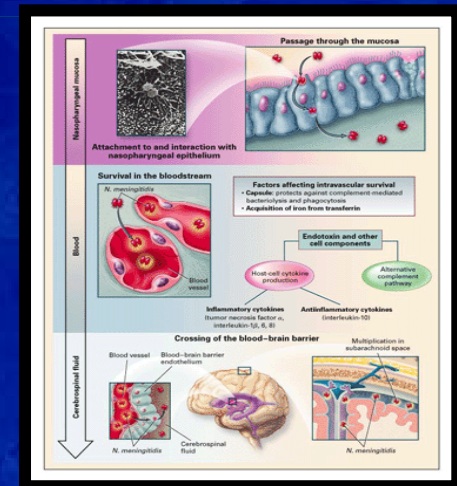
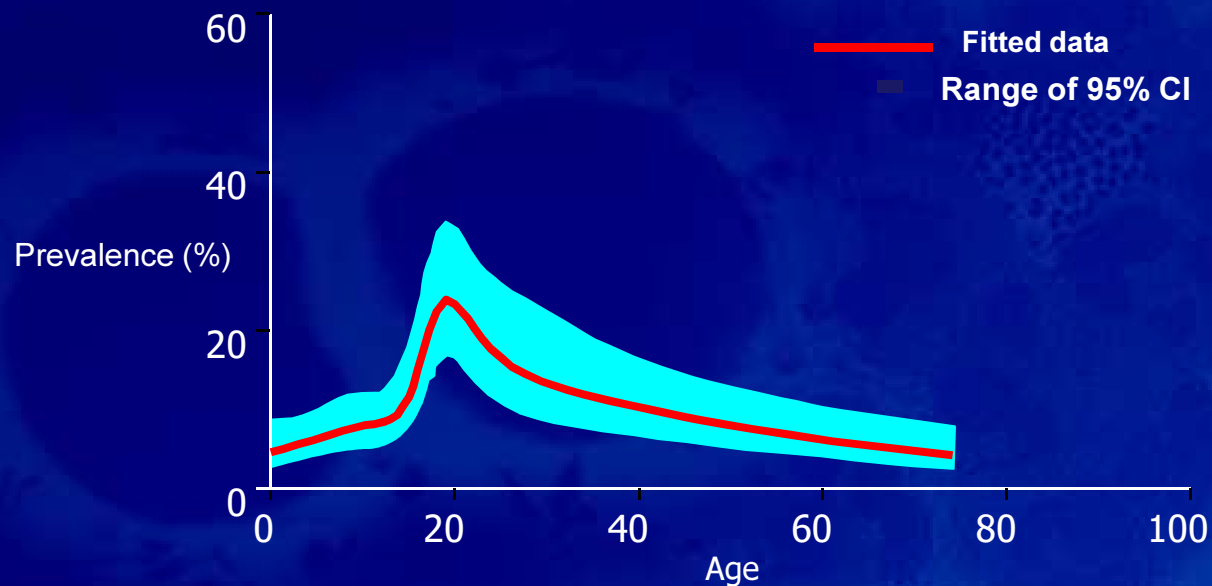


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Complications	Frequency (%)
<i>Overall</i>	
Neurological impairment	7
Hearing impairment	4
<i>Meningitis</i>	
Hearing loss	2.6
Profound hearing loss	2.1
Seizures	0.5
Visual impairment	1.6
Motor deficits	0.6
Behavioural difficulties	0.6
<i>Septicaemia</i>	
Chronic pain	21
Skin scarring	13
Amputations	3

Carriage and transmission

- Pharyngeal carriage is a prerequisite for invasive meningococcal disease.
- Asymptomatic carriage (may last a long time) - nasopharynx (< 1% - 30%)
- *N. meningitidis* is predominately carried by teenagers/young adults.



Christensen H et al. Lancet Infect Dis. 2010;10:853.

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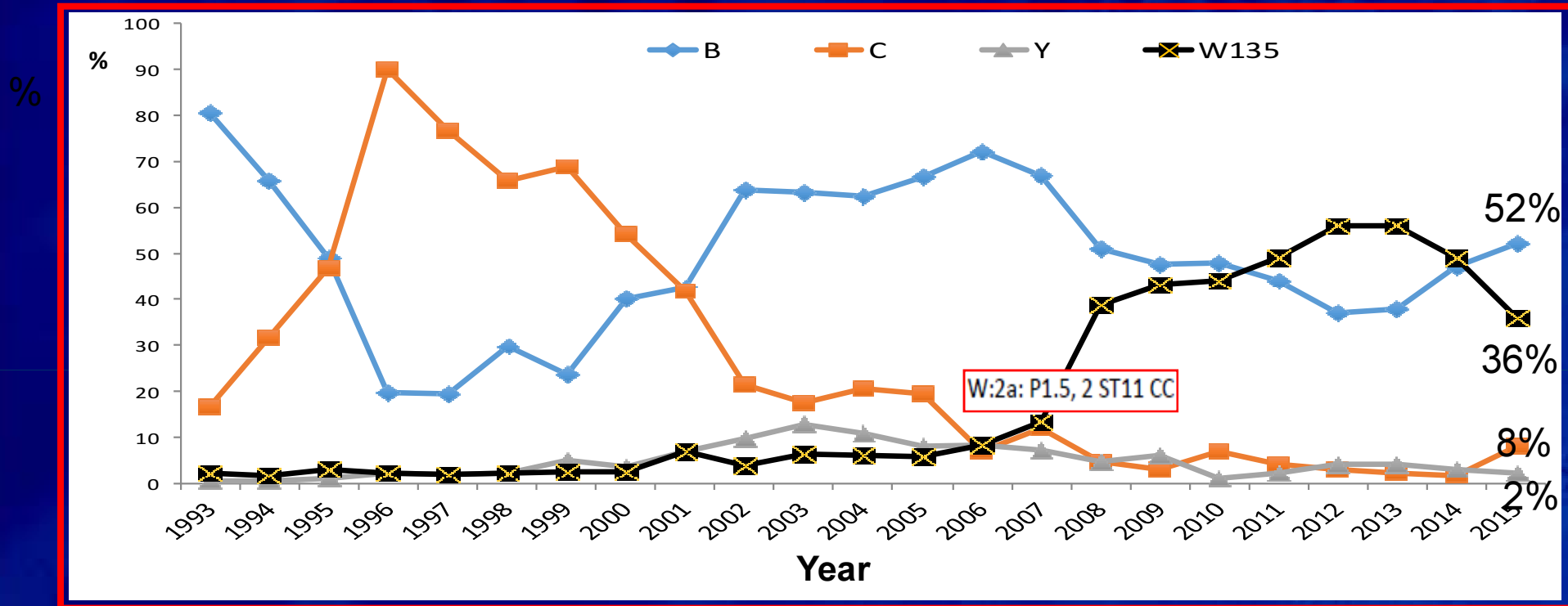
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Epidemiology of Meningococcal Disease in Argentina 1993-2015.



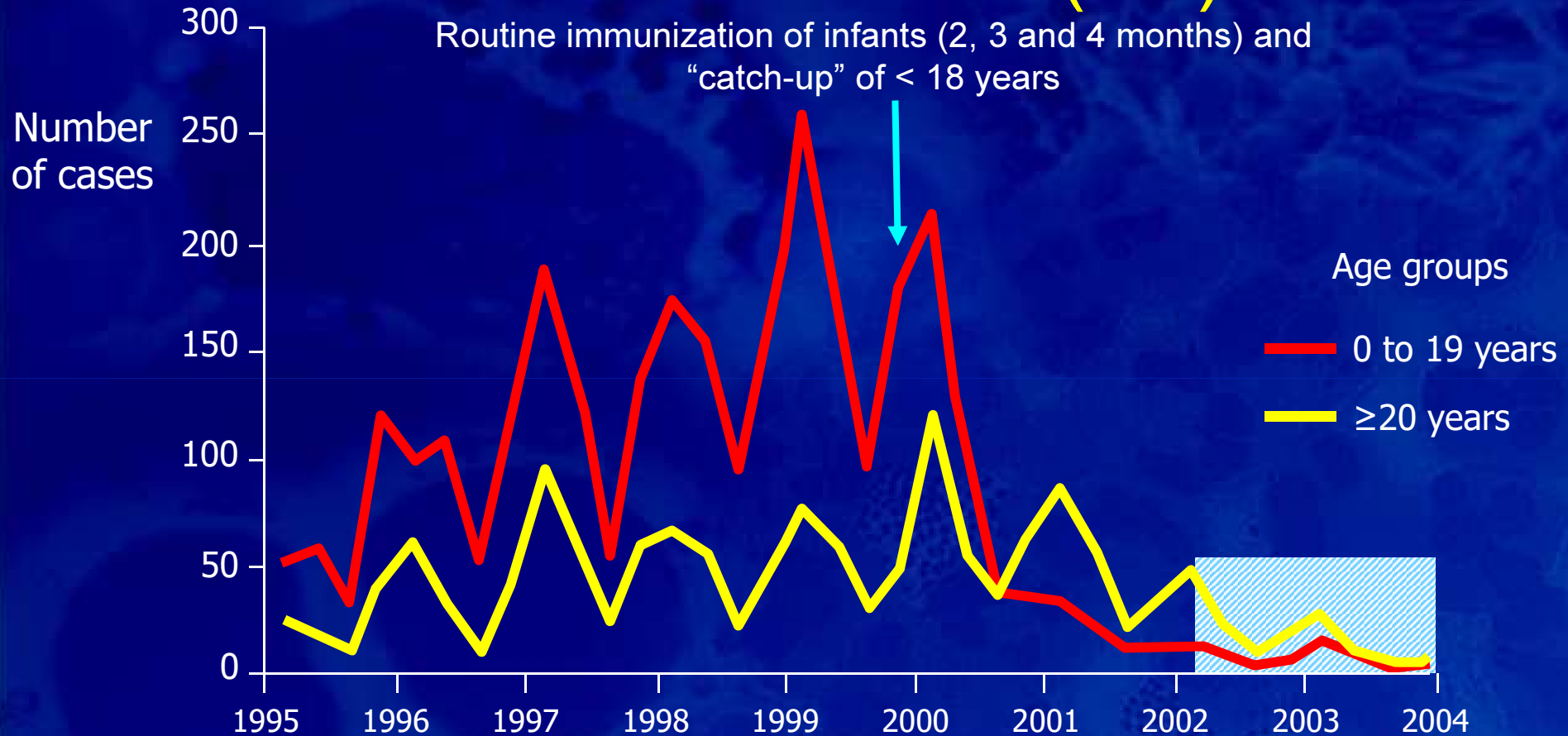
- Incidence rate of 0.7 /100,000 hab. 43.3% (368) < 2 years, 78.8% < 1 year.
- I.R. in infants: 14.7/100.000; 57% of the cases in < 5 years of age.
- Argentina decided to implement ACWY-CRM vaccine in infants (3, 5 and 15 m). Adolescents with 11 years will receive one dose

A microscopic image of meningococcal bacteria, showing several pairs of spherical cells (diplococci) with a distinct capsule. The background is a textured, blueish-grey color.

What have we learned with Meningococcal Vaccines Programs?

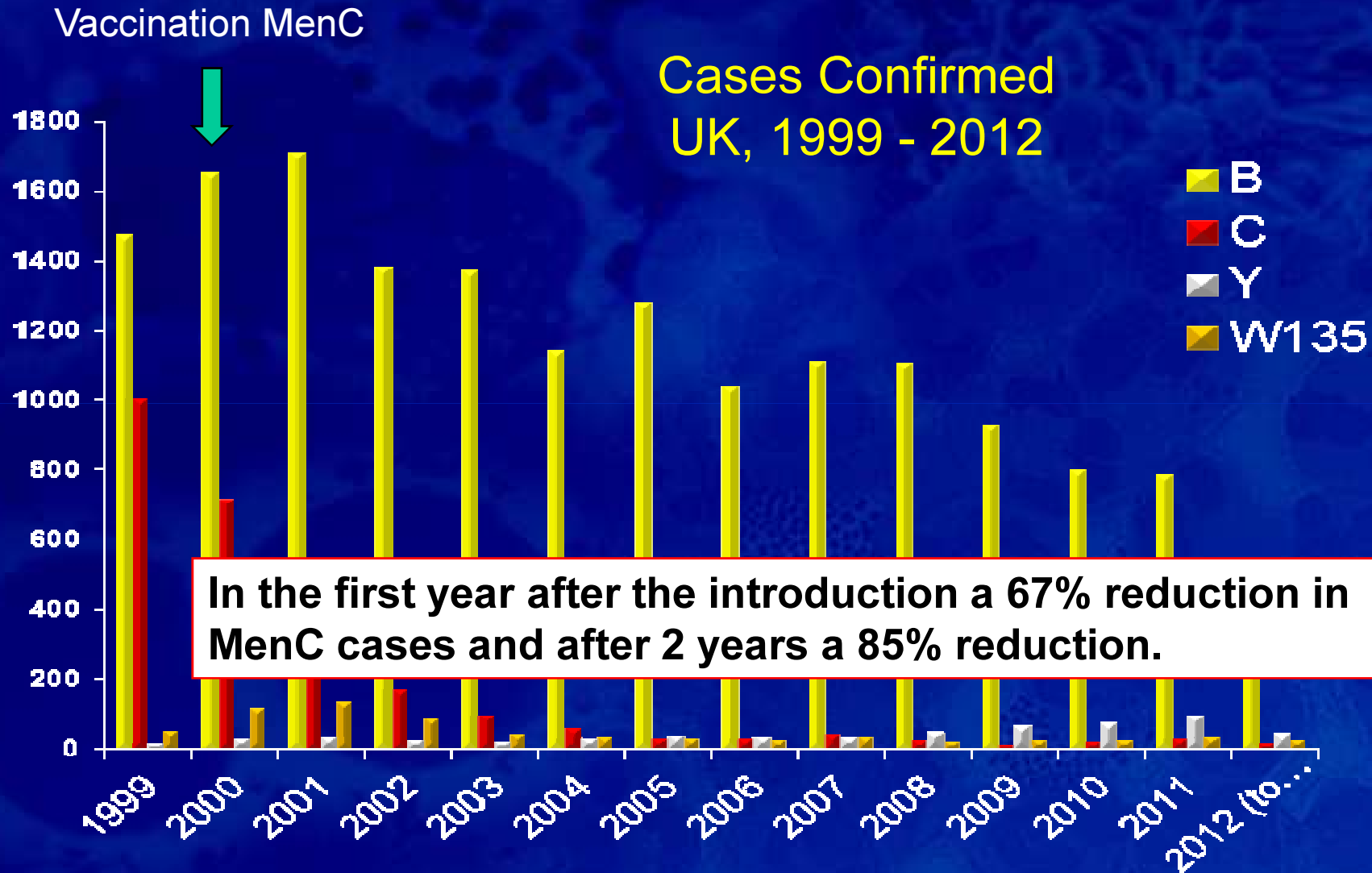
Meningococcal conjugate
vaccination programs with
catch-up campaigns.....

Impact of MenC Conjugate Vaccine on Disease Rates (UK)

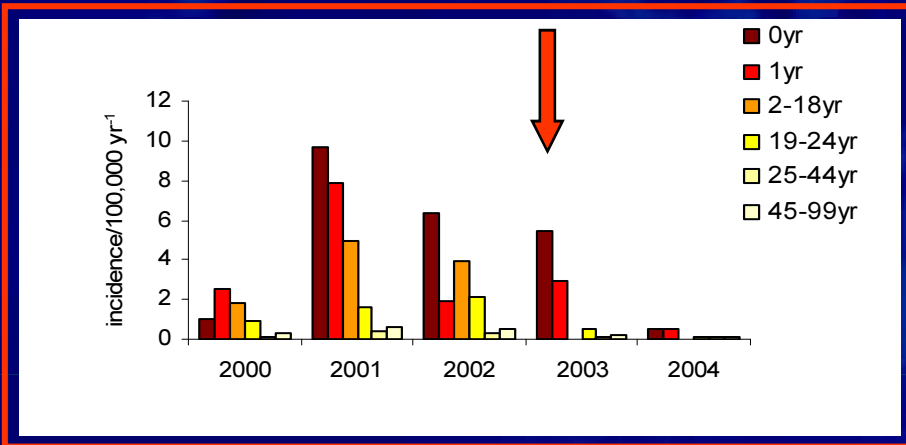


Rapid, sustained and marked decline in the number of MenC cases, with evidence of herd immunity

Impact of MenC vaccination – UK



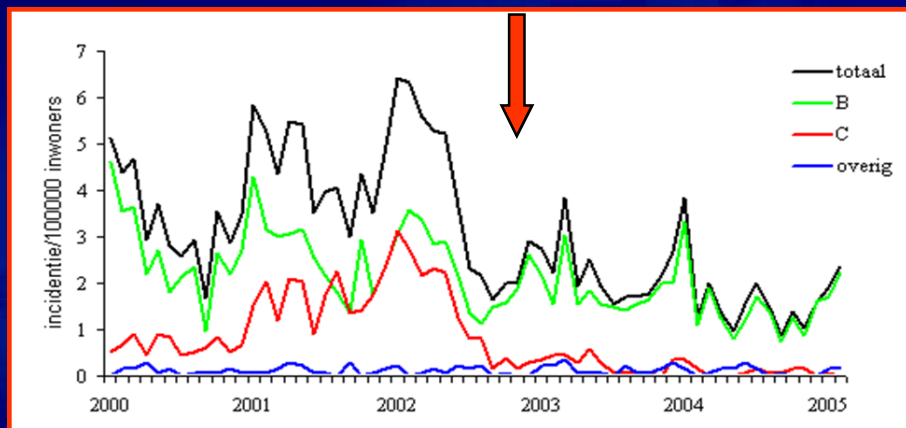
Impact: incidence of MenC disease by age group after the vaccination - Holland



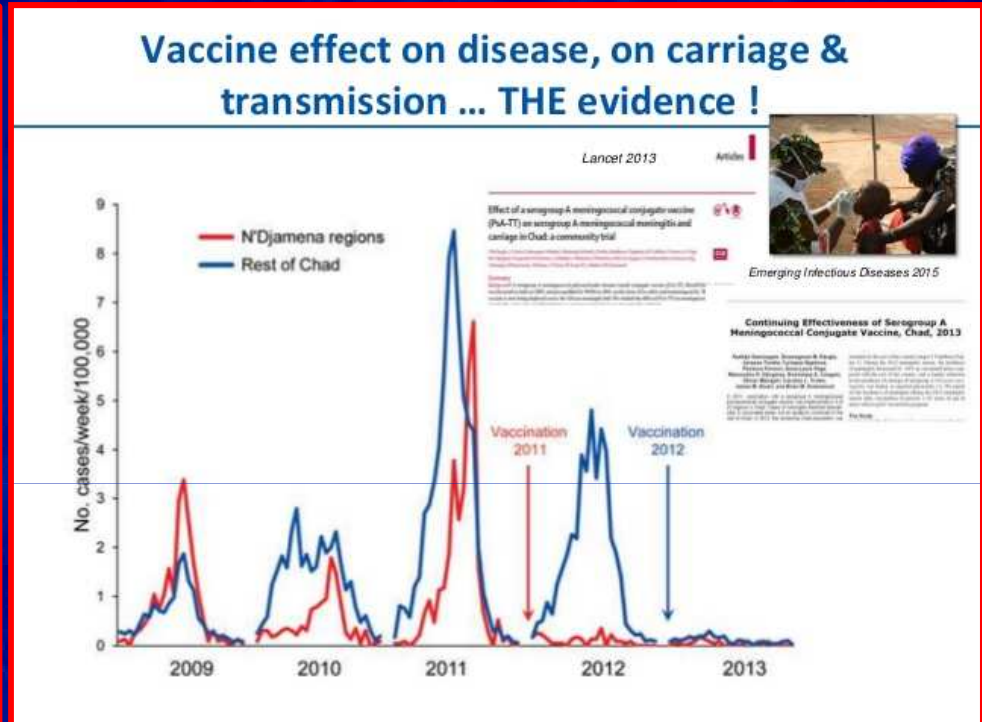
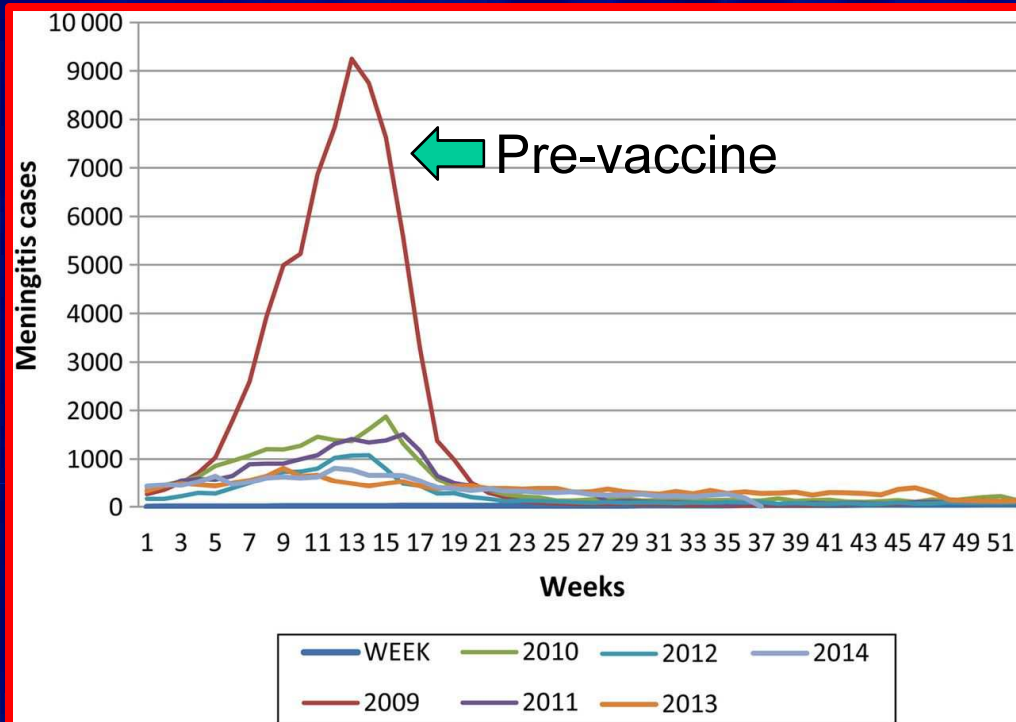
Single dose of MenC-TT vaccine at 14 months + catch-up from 1 to 18 years in 2002

Percentage reduction 2004 / 2001:

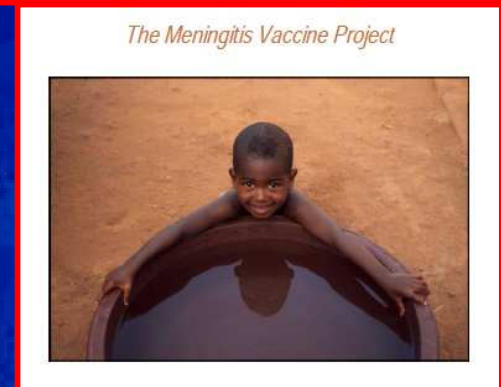
0yr	95%
1yr	94%
2-18yr	99%
19-24yr	95%
25-44yr	66%
45-99yr	83%
overall reduction:	94%



Impact of MenA-TT vaccination in the “African belt”, 2009–2014.



- Between 2011- 2015 > 217 million (1 – 23 y) vaccinated in 15 countries from the “meningitis belt” with MenA-TT
- Immediate decrease of cases among vaccinates and unvaccinated groups, (herd protection)



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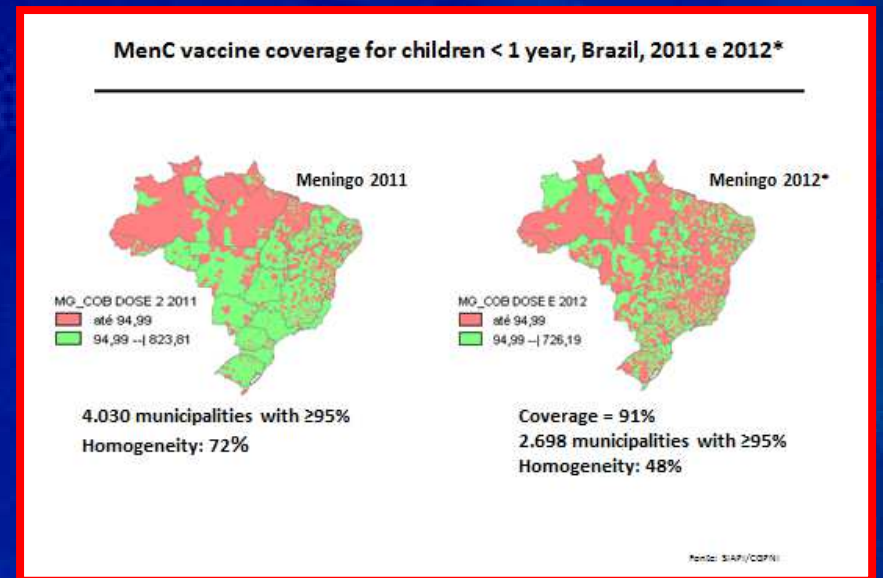
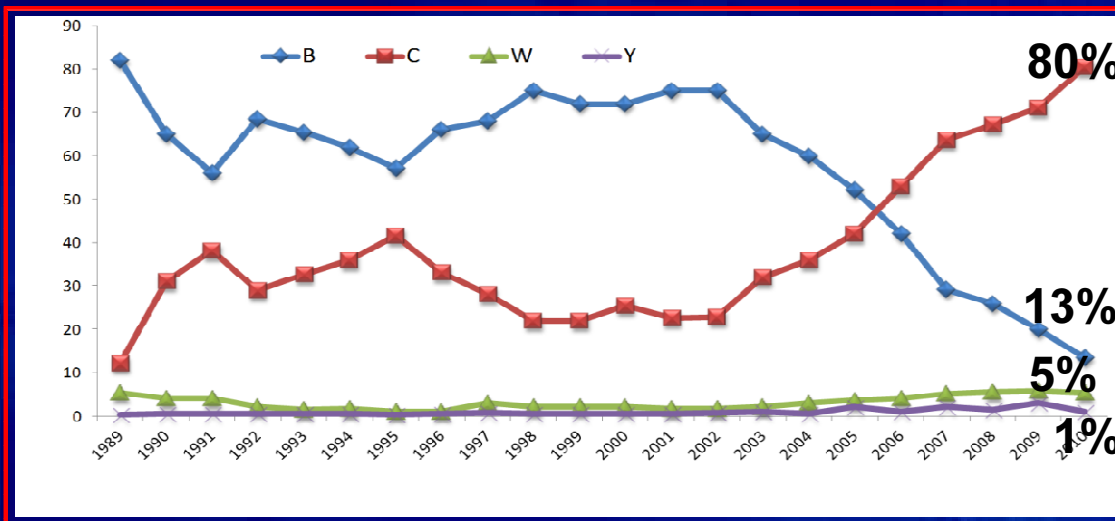
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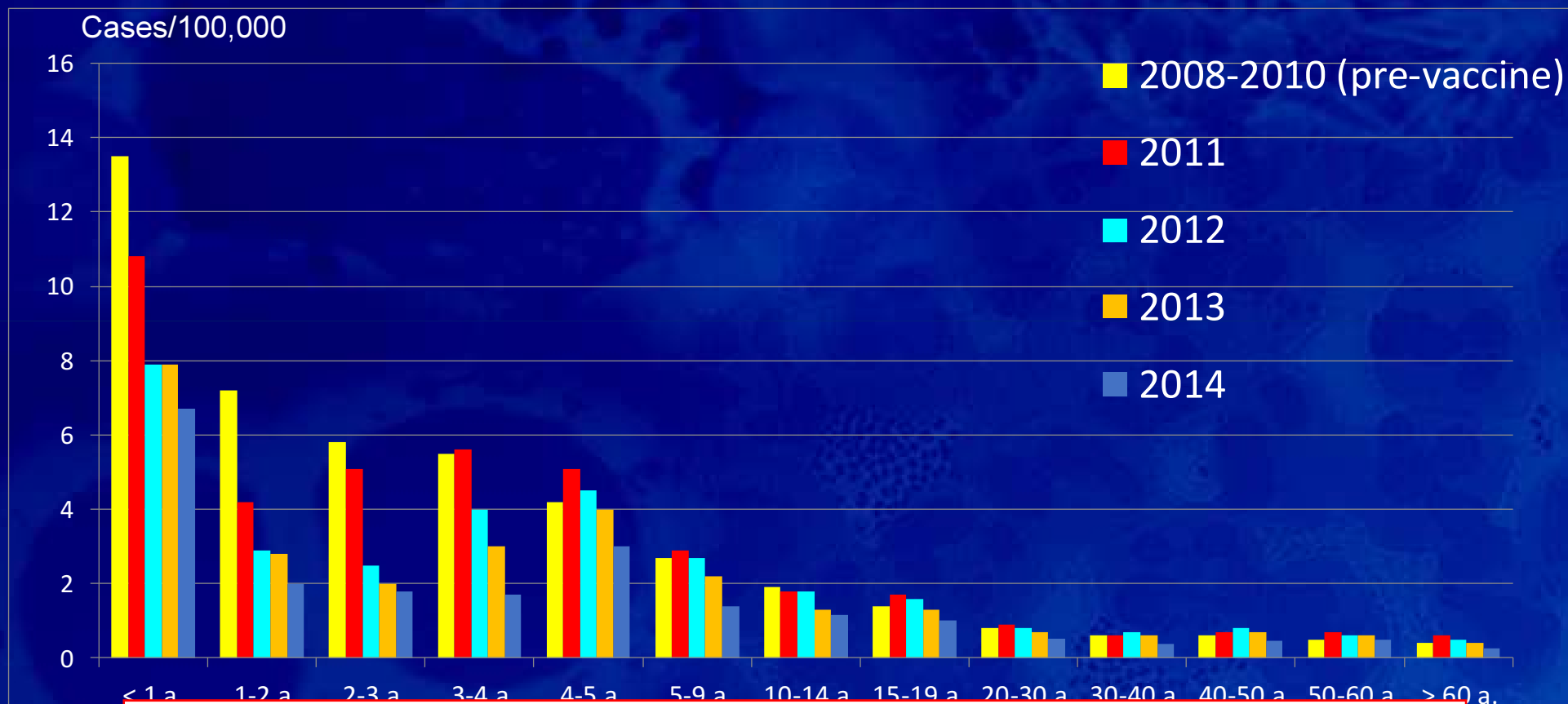
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Brazil started vaccination with MenC Vaccine for all children < 2 years of age on late 2010.

- Infant immunization (3 and 5 months) with booster dose at 12 months.
- Children between 12 and 23 months: 1 dose
- No catch up campaign in older age groups



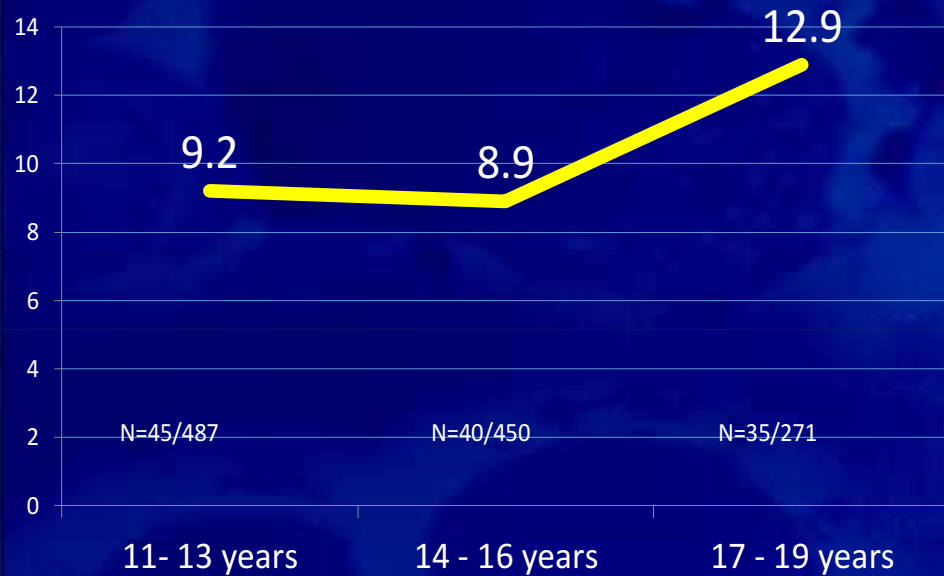
Incidence rates before and after Men C vaccination. Brazil, 2008-2014



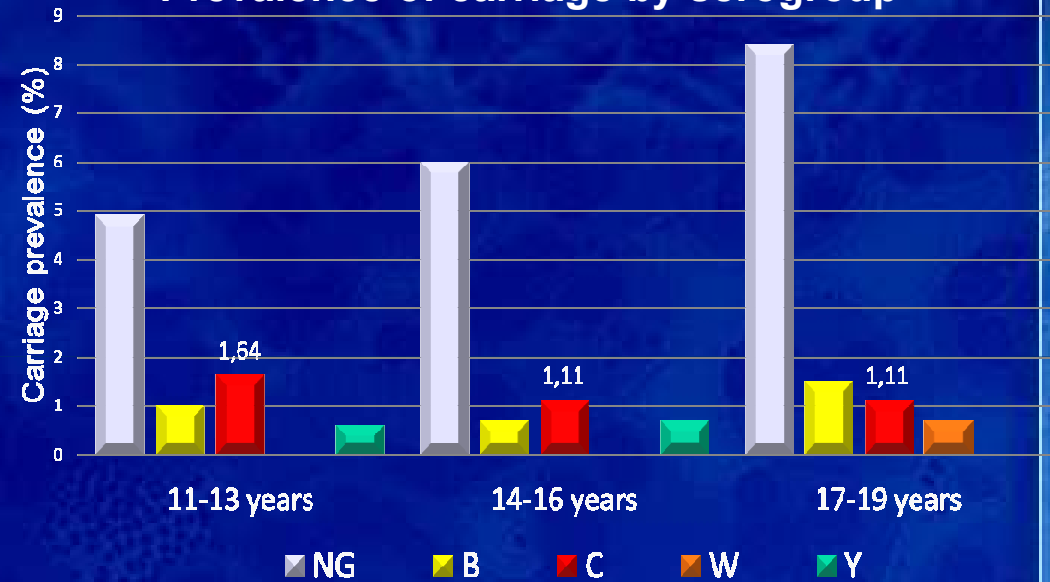
Early impact on incidence rates of meningococcal disease observed only in the age groups targeted for vaccination.

Prevalence, Risk Factors and Molecular Characteristics of Meningococcal Carriage Among Brazilian Adolescents

Prevalence of carriage. N=1,200 adolescents



Prevalence of carriage by serogroup

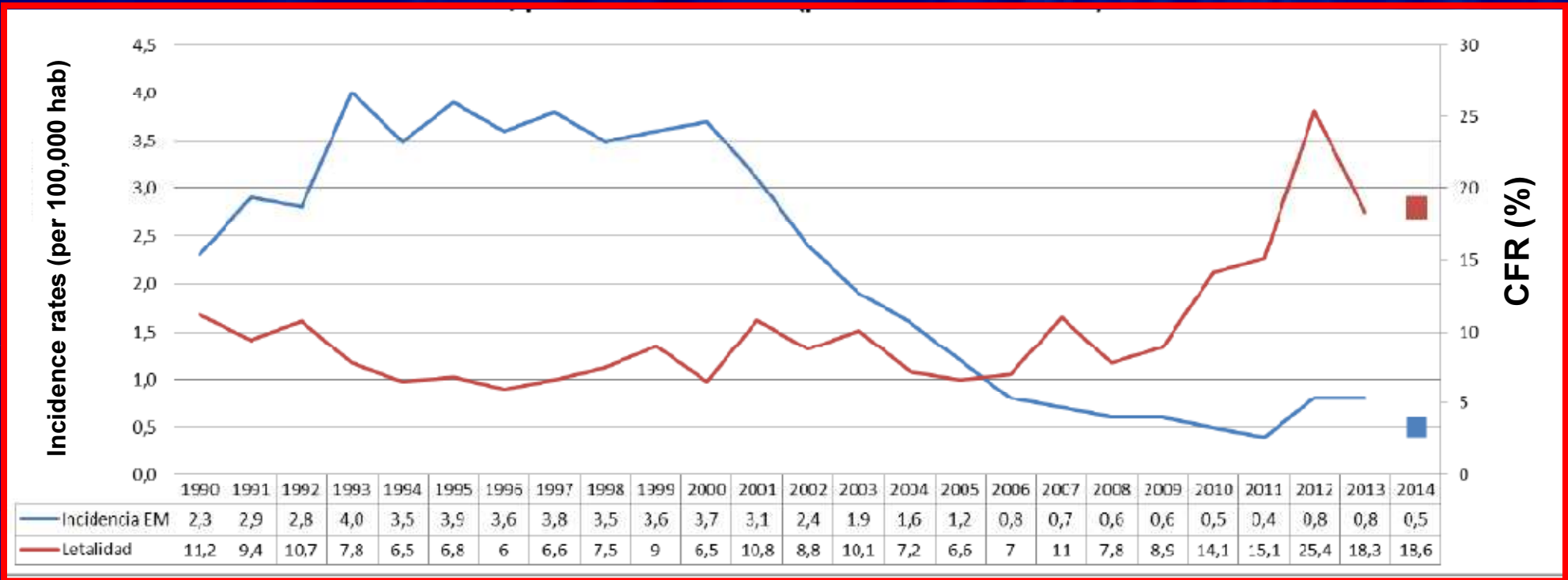


High carriage rates for serogroup C among adolescents of all age groups

Decision for 2017 with MenC conjugate vaccine in Brazil:

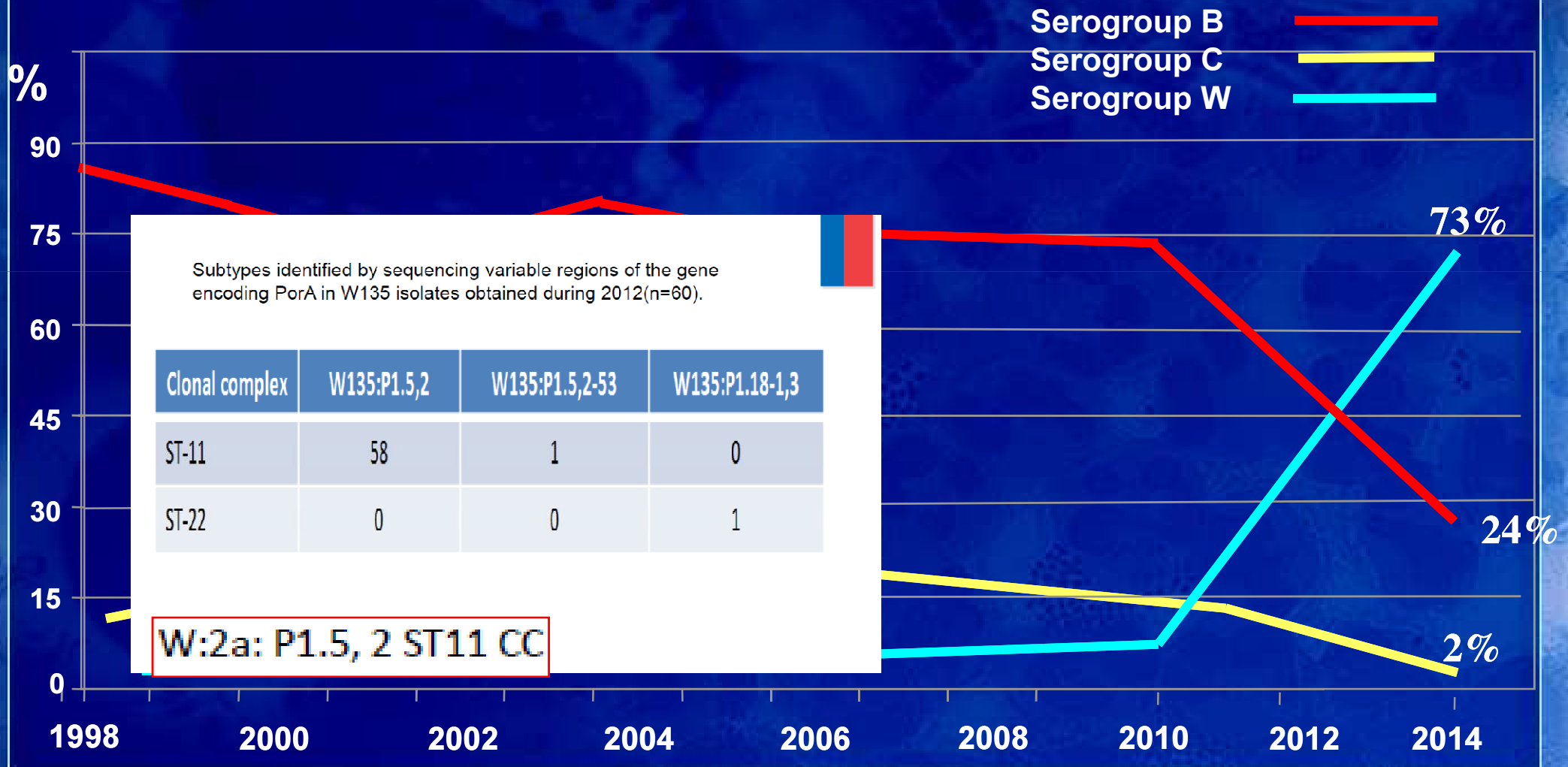
- Booster doses in adolescents 9-13 years with MenC conjugate vaccine.**

Incidence rates and CFR of Meningococcal Disease in Chile. 1990-2012



Increased incidence of MD in 2012 (from 0.4 to 0.8), associated to emergence of serogroup W (3 cases in 2010, 20 in 2011 and 60 in 2012).

Meningococcal Disease: Distribution by Serogroup. Chile, 1999 - 2014



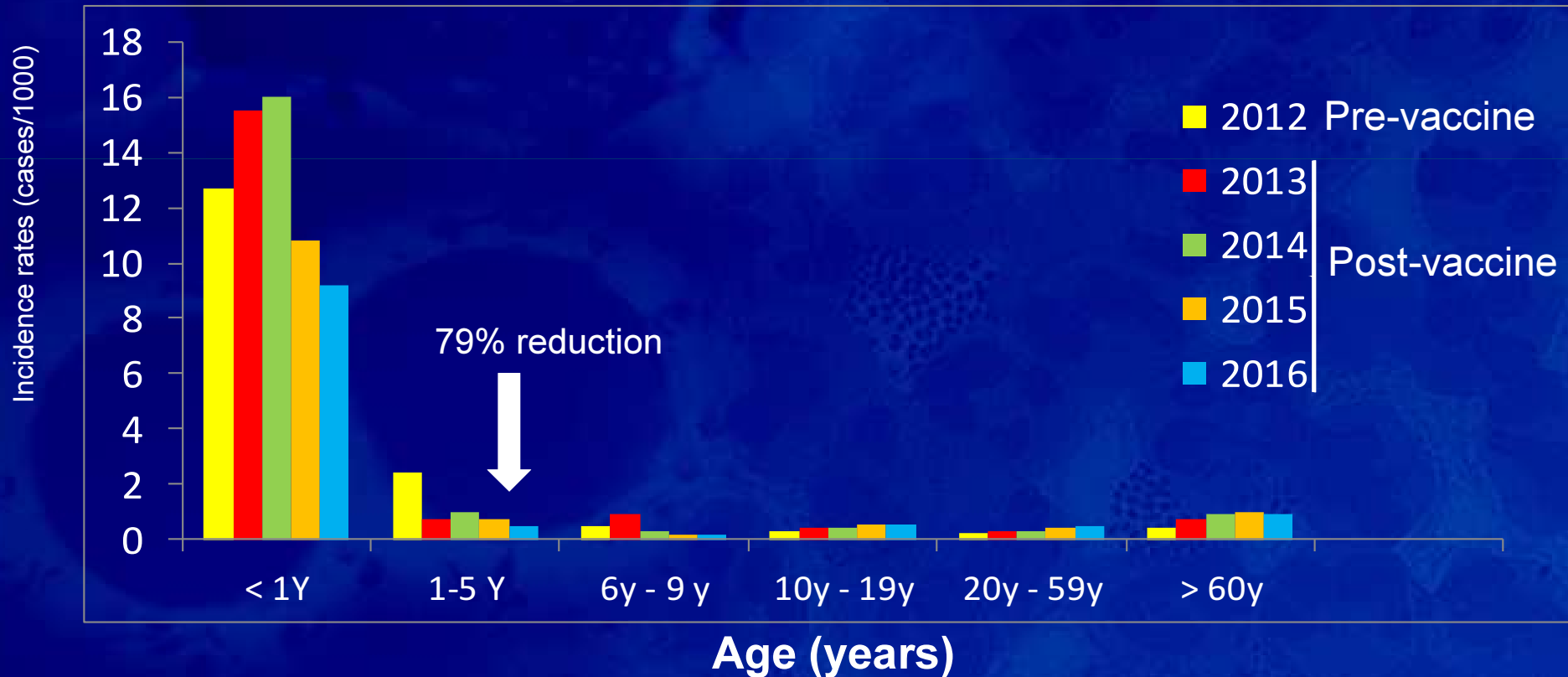
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Reactive MenW Immunisation action in Chile

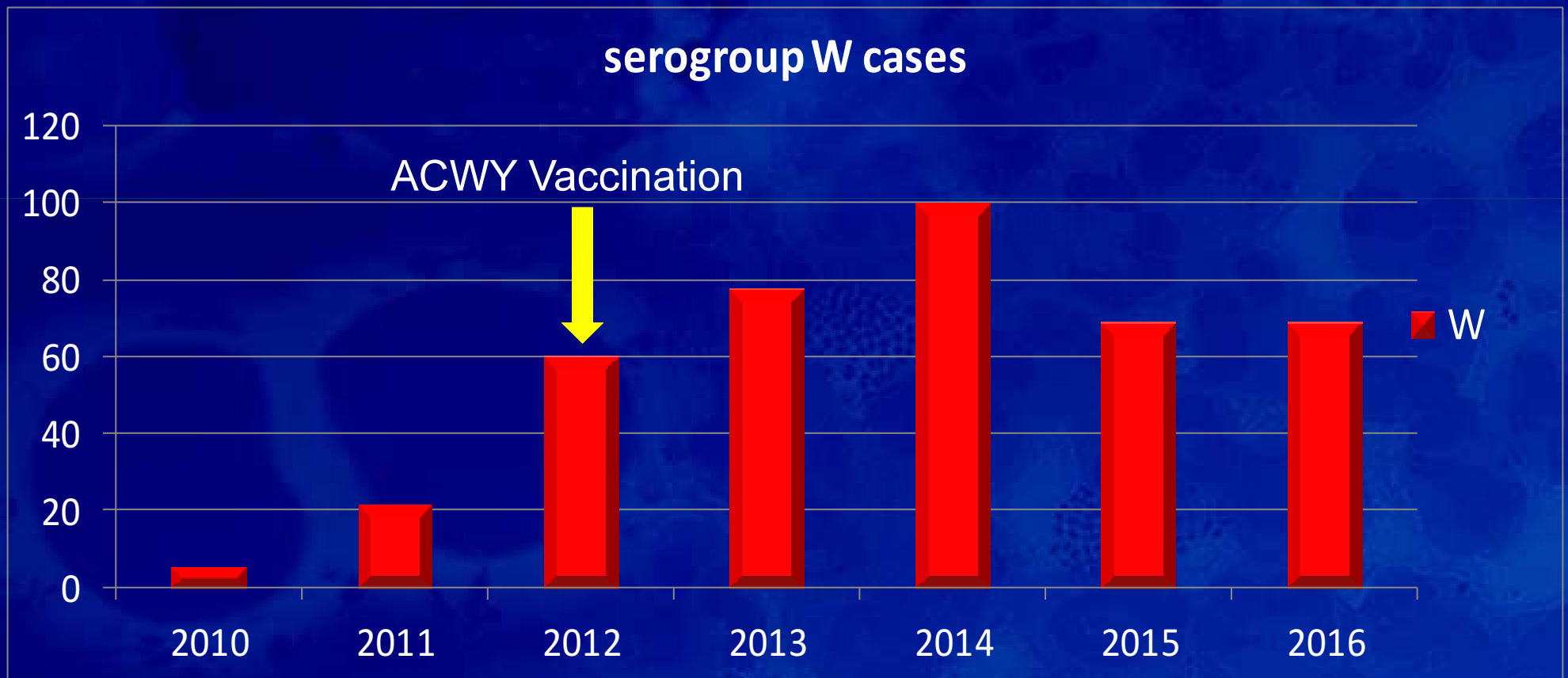
- An immunisation campaign started in 2012 with the tetravalent conjugate vaccine (Men ACWY), initially targeting children aged 9 months to < 5 years.
- 9 m to < 2 y: 2 doses (MenACWY-DT) and > 2 y: 1 dose (MenACWY-CRM).
- Approximately 1 million children vaccinated (Coverage >95%).
- From 2014: 1 dose (MenACWY-TT) in toddlers at 12 months.

Impact of the MenACWY immunisation campaign in Chile, 2012-2016

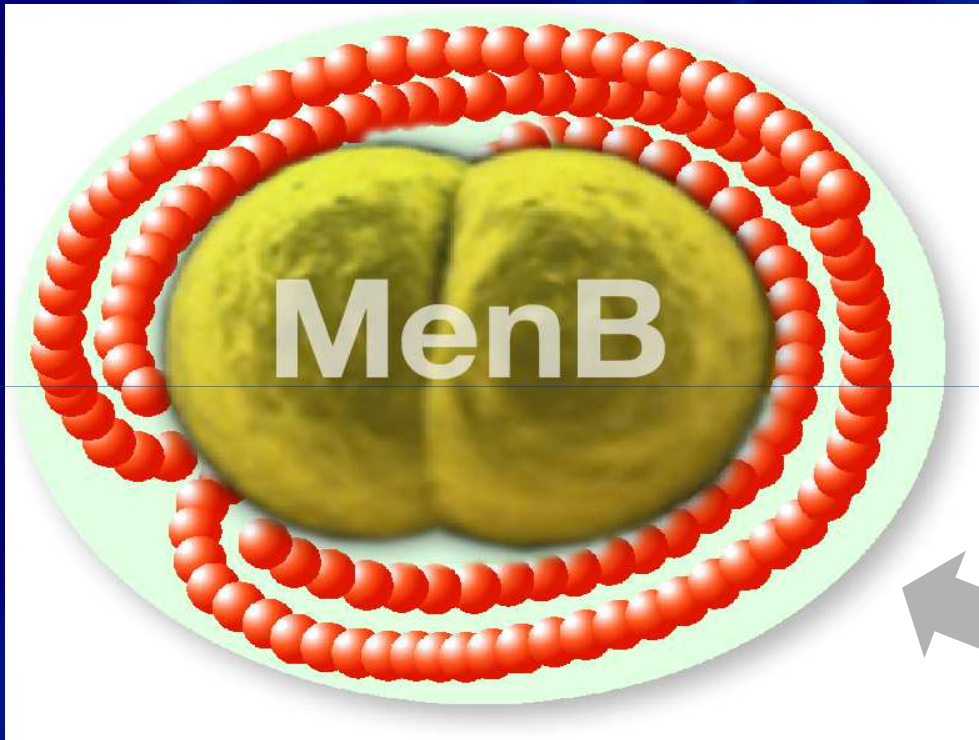
- Reduction of 79% in the incidence rates of MD in children aged 1- 5 years
- No significant impact on incidence rates of other age groups



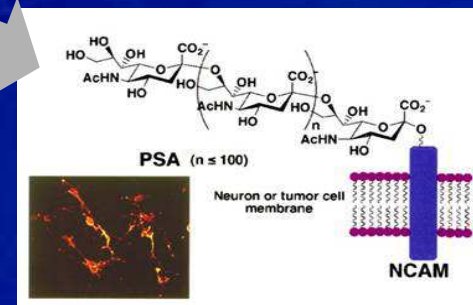
Number of cases of serogroup W cases. Chile, 2010 - 2016



Meningococcus B capsule is a self antigen, poorly immunogenic and cannot be used for vaccination



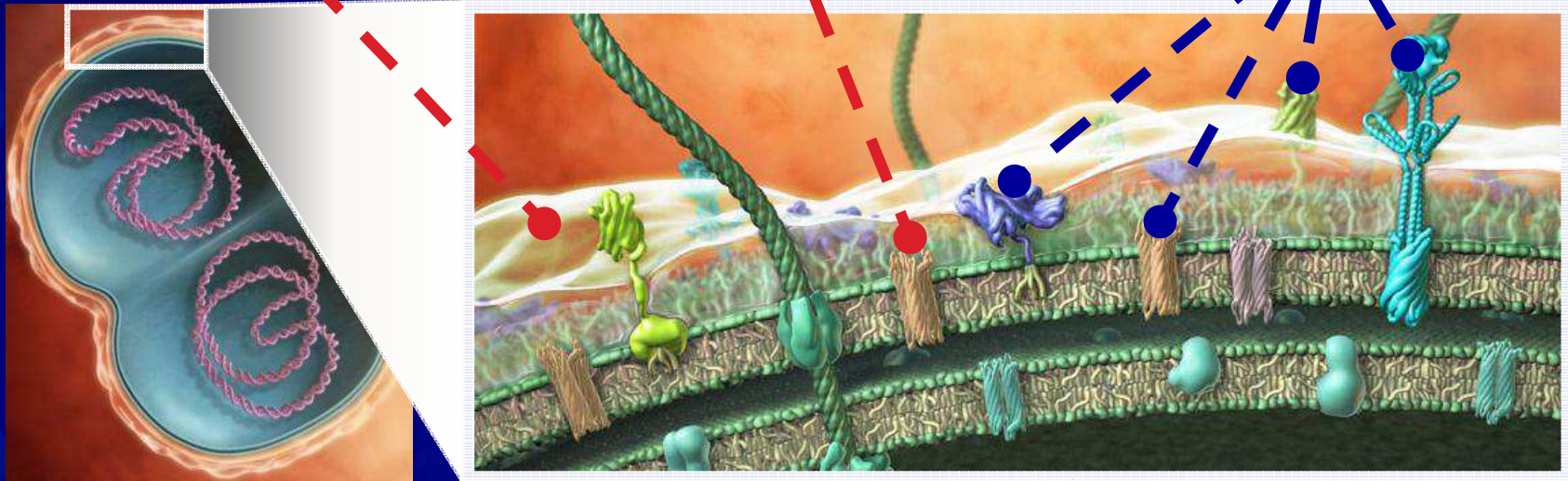
- Structurally identical polysialic acid units in fetal neural tissue
- Poorly immunogenic^{1,2}
- No functional activity of vaccine-induced AB³



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A Multicomponent Approach to MenB Vaccination

The polysaccharide capsule?	single subcapsular protein component	Multiple subcapsular components?
Poorly immunogenic ¹	Susceptible to antigenic variability ^{2,3}	Enables broad coverage across a number of strains ⁴



Neisseria meningitidis

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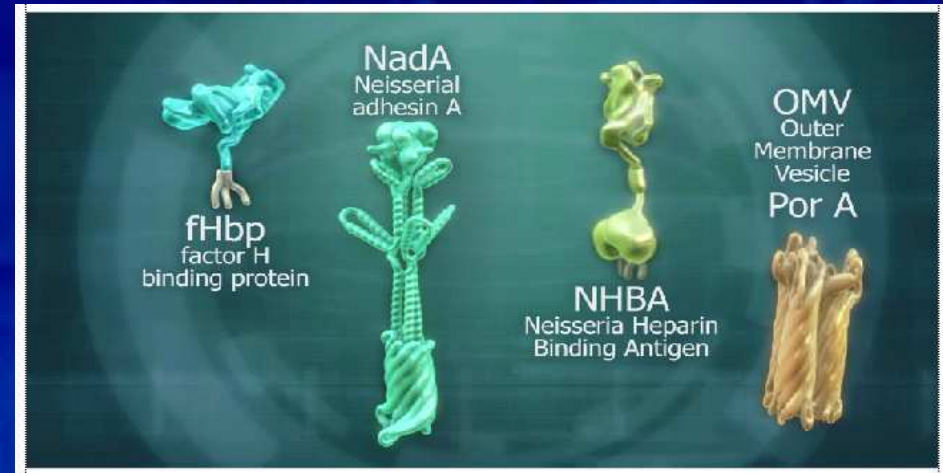
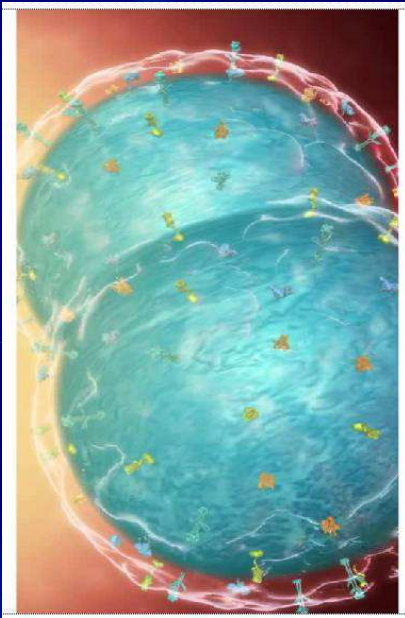
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4CMenB Vaccine - GSK

MATS Concept



Are any of the 4CMenB components in the circulating strains:

- (i) expressed to a sufficient degree, and
- (ii) similar enough to the antigens in the vaccine such that the antibodies generated by 4CMenB will kill the bacteria?

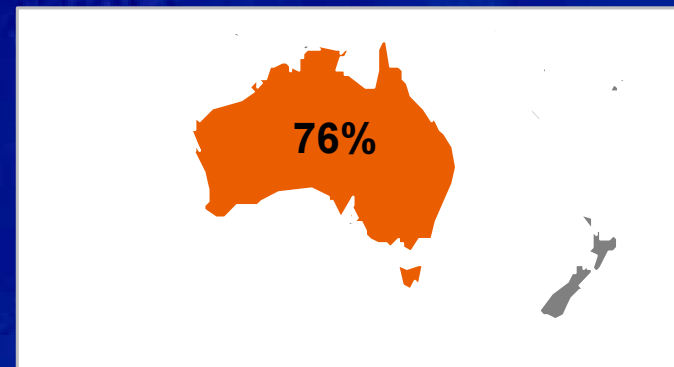
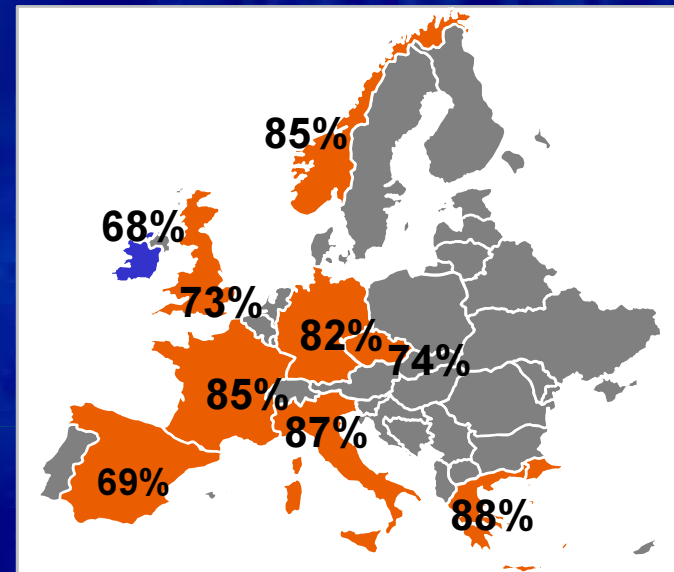
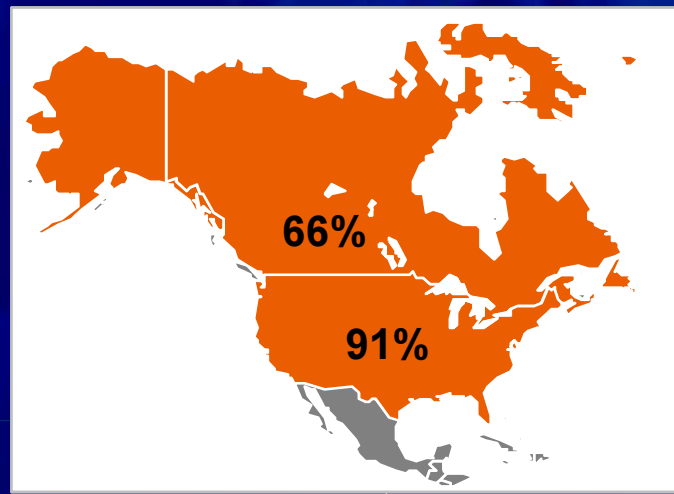


MATS can determine the minimum amount of recognizable antigen needed to result in bacterial killing, for each of the four components*

*individually

1. fHbp, NHBA and NadA assessments use ELISA → PHENOTYPIC
2. PorA assessment uses PCR sequencing → GENOTYPIC

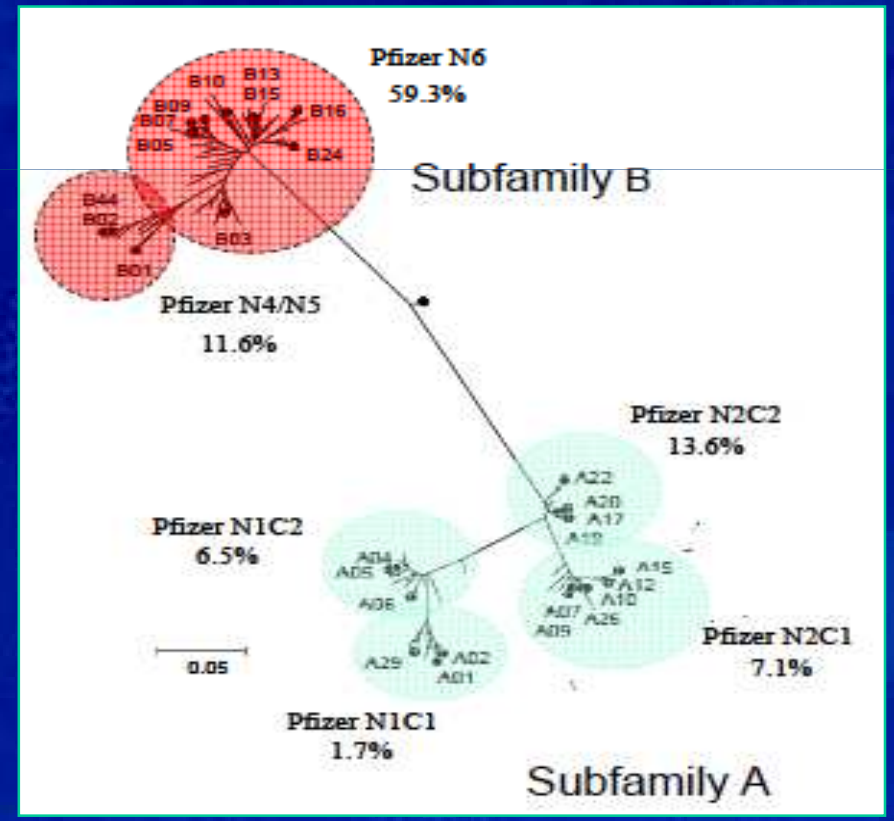
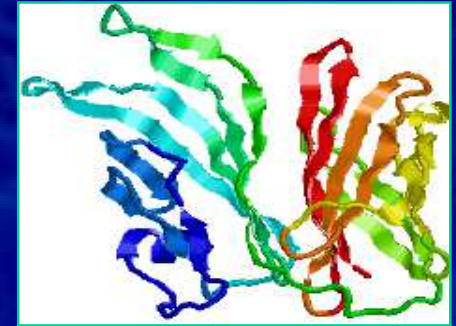
Estimated Potential MenB Strain Coverage for specific countries based on MATS



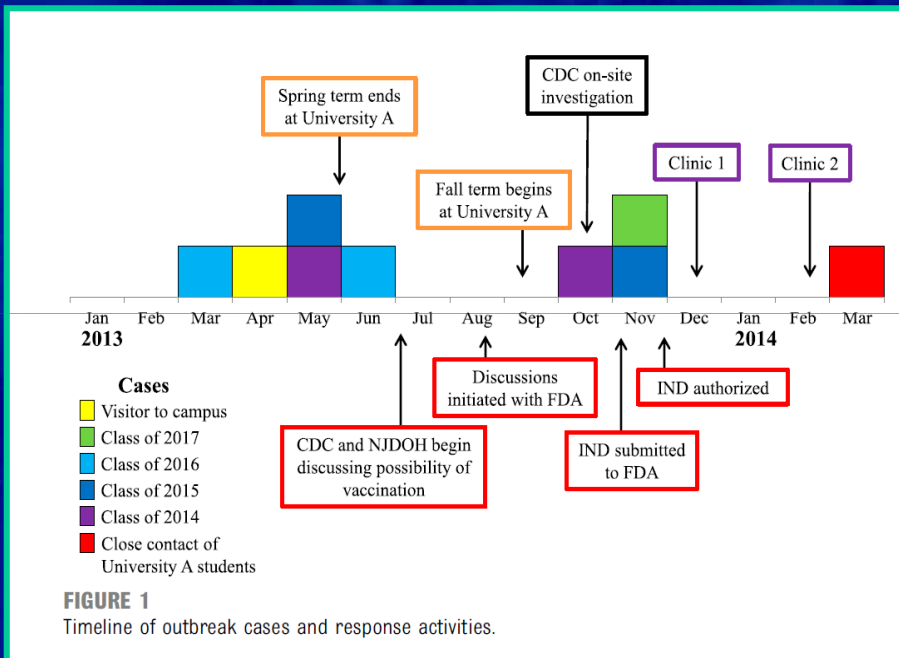
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Factor H (fH) binding protein (fHBP) vaccine - Pfizer

- **Virulence factor**
- Binds fH → down regulates alternative complement pathway
- 3 variant groups:
- Variant 1 (family B),
- Variants 2 and 3 (family A).
- Two lipidated LP2086 variants in Pfizer vaccine were selected (one from each subfamily)
- 2 doses: 0 – 6 months or 3 doses: 0, 1-2 and 6 months (10 – 25 years of age)



First Use of a Serogroup B Meningococcal Vaccine in the US in Response to a University Outbreak

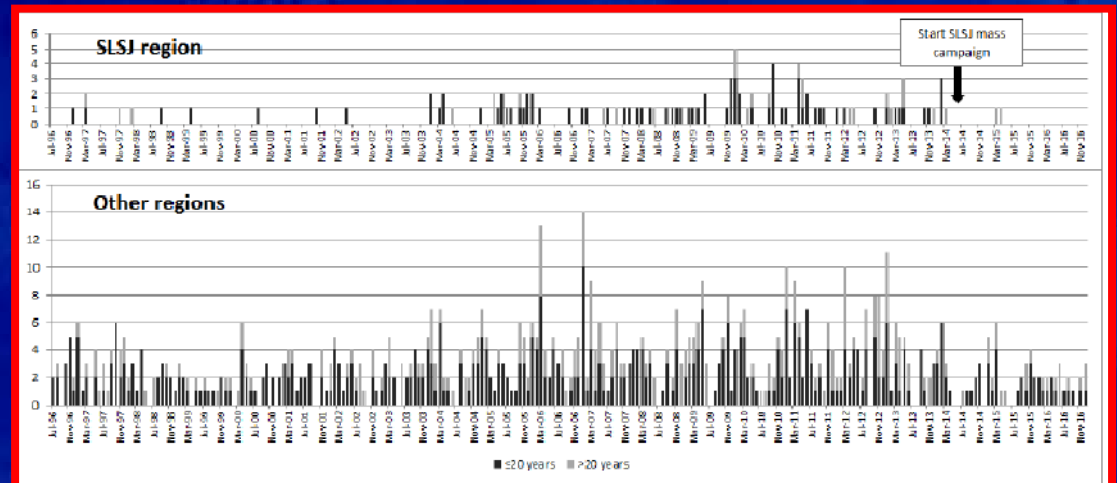
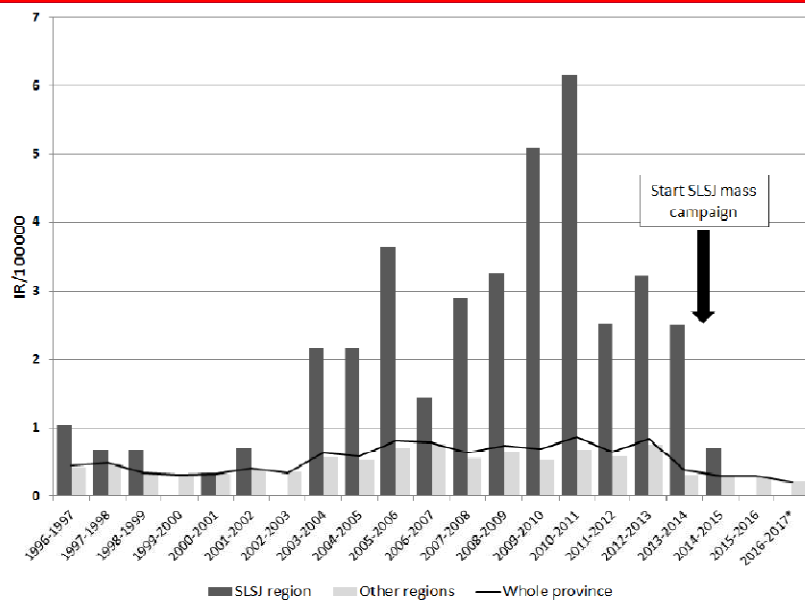


CONCLUSIONS: No serogroup B meningococcal disease cases occurred in persons who received 1 or more doses of 4CMenB vaccine, suggesting 4CMenB may have protected vaccinated individuals from disease. However, the ninth case demonstrates that carriage of serogroup B *Neisseria meningitidis* among vaccinated persons was not eliminated.

Outbreak of serogroup B disease in Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean, Canada.



- Serogroup B (ST-269) clone emerged in Quebec, Canada.
- Incidence rate of 3.4/100,000 from 2006 to 2013.
- After vaccination of population (2 m-20 years) with 4CMenB decreases were, respectively 92% and 67%, in age-group ≤ 20 years and in those > 20 years



Serogroup B Meningococcal Disease Vaccine Recommendations at a University, New Jersey, USA, 2016

- In 2016 with ser
- Sera of analyse

Table. Molecular profile and flow cytometry analysis of the university outbreak strain with reference to MenB vaccine antigens, New Jersey, 2016*

Antigen	Outbreak strain	MenB-4C vaccine (Bexsero)	MenB-FHbp vaccine (Trumenba)	Interpretation
FHbp	A22†/2.19†	B24†/1.1†	A05†, B01†	The 2 FHbp subfamilies (A and B) are not expected to be cross-reactive. The outbreak strain has a subfamily A FHbp. MenB-FHbp contains FHbp from subfamilies A and B. Although the subfamily A FHbp contained in MenB-FHbp (A05) is not the same peptide allele as that in the outbreak strain (A22), some level of cross-reactivity is expected based on prior testing by the manufacturer (2). However, based on flow cytometry, the strain had relatively low expression of FHbp, which would be expected to decrease susceptibility to anti-FHbp bactericidal activity (4). MenB-4C contains a subfamily B FHbp, which is not expected to provide protection against the outbreak strain FHbp.
PorA	P1.5-1,10-1	P1.7-2.4	Not included	The PorA present in MenB-4C and in the outbreak strain are 2 different PorA variable region sequence types and are not expected to be cross-reactive; therefore, no protection based on PorA is expected for either vaccine.
NHba	p0020	p002	Not included	The NHba present in MenB-4C and in the outbreak strain are 2 different peptide alleles. The extent of cross-reactivity is not known. By flow cytometry, low binding to the outbreak strain was observed by using

used

Immune responses were observed with both vaccines. However, due to the rapid fall of hSBA antibodies (4 months after the second dose) the option was to use a 3-dose series of Trumenba* to vaccinate 35,000 students.

*on NadA is expected for either vaccine.

Impact of 4CMenB on carriage.

4CMenB secondary

Carriage prevalence and calculated efficacy for carriage of combined capsular groups BCWY or all *N. meningitidis* strains across cumulative later timepoints (Visits 4–6)

		Vaccine Groups		Efficacy % (95% CI)
		4CMenB	Control	
B, C, W, Y Capsular group	Number	449	539	26.6% (10.5 – 39.9)
	%	18.0%	20.9%	
	N	2489	2576	
Any <i>N. meningitidis</i>	Number	797	885	18.2% (3.4 – 30.8)
	%	32.0%	34.4%	
	N	2489	2576	

4CMenB reduces nasopharyngeal carriage of *N. meningitidis* capsular group BCWY strains

Non-significant trends for virulent B strains (12.6%; $p=0.350$) and all ST B strains (15.6%; $p=0.225$)

Analyses adjusted for baseline carriage, treatment group, centre and significant risk factors as identified within the multivariate model.

Read R et al. ESPID 2013

Meningococcal Carriage Evaluation in Response to a Serogroup B Meningococcal Disease Outbreak and Mass Vaccination Campaign at a College—Rhode Island, 2015–2016

- Four cross-sectional surveys were conducted: in conjunction with the 3-dose series MenB-FHbp vaccination campaigns and the fourth round examined MenB-FHbp impact 1 year post

Conclusions: Carriage prevalence on campus remained stable, suggesting MenB-FHbp does not rapidly reduce meningococcal carriage or prevent serogroup B carriage acquisition.

This reinforces the need for high vaccination coverage to protect vaccinated individuals and chemoprophylaxis for close contacts during outbreaks.

Meningococcal serogroup				
By real-time polymerase chain reaction ^a				
A	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
B	31 (4)	36 (4)	26 (4)	22 (4)
C	8 (1)	3 (0.3)	0 (0)	0 (0)
W	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0.2)	1 (0.2)
X	1 (0.1)	2 (0.2)	0 (0)	5 (1)
Y	3 (0.4)	4 (0.5)	1 (0.2)	2 (0.3)
Nongroupable	132 (18)	166 (19)	95 (15)	100 (16)



UK Immunization Recommendations for Meningococcal Vaccines

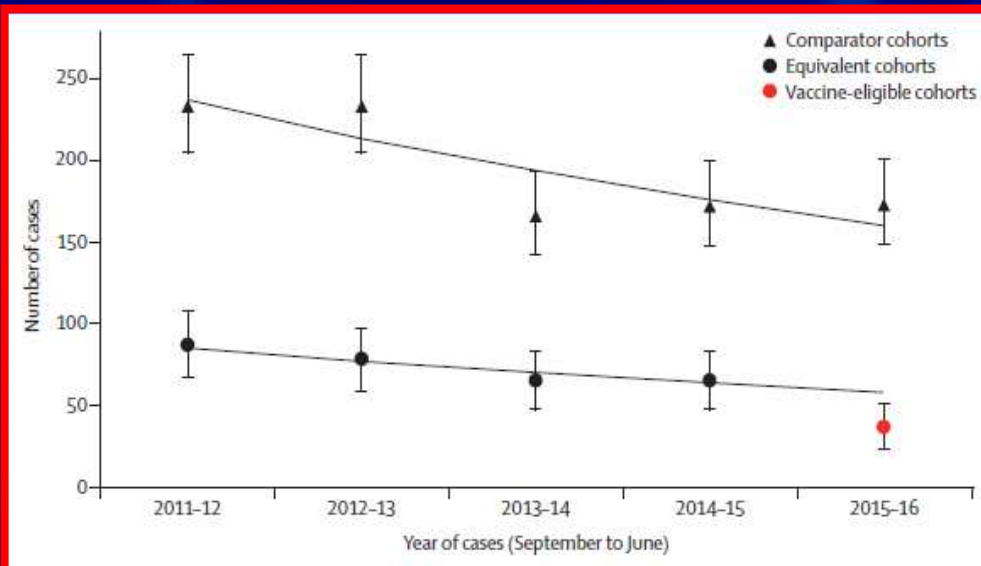
AGE	Immunisation (Vaccine Given)
2 months	• MenB
4 months	• MenB
Between 12 - 13 months	• Hib/MenC (combined as one injection); plus: • MenB
13-18 years	• Men ACWY - given to 17-18 year olds and first time students up to 25 years.

MenACWY – recommended for travelers to Mecca for religious festivals of *Hajj* or *Umrah*

Effectiveness and impact of a reduced infant schedule of 4CMenB vaccine against group B meningococcal disease in England: a national observational cohort study

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UK introduced the MenB vaccination in September 2015 for infants at two and four months of age, with a booster dose at 12-13 months (high coverage)



Impact:

Comparing with the pre-vaccine period, a 50% reduction in MenB incidence rates was observed in the cohorts eligible for vaccination ($p=0.0001$).

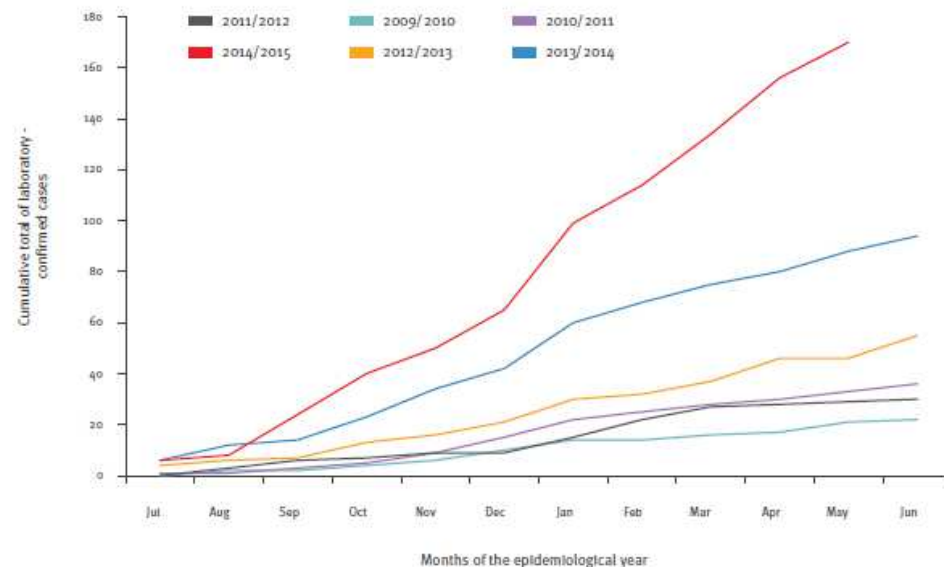
Effectiveness:

- One dose of the vaccine: 22% (95% CI -105 to 67,1).
- Two doses of the vaccine: 82,9% (95% CI 24,1-95,2).
- At least one dose of the vaccine: 64% (95% CI 8,9-84).

Emergence of serogroup W in UK

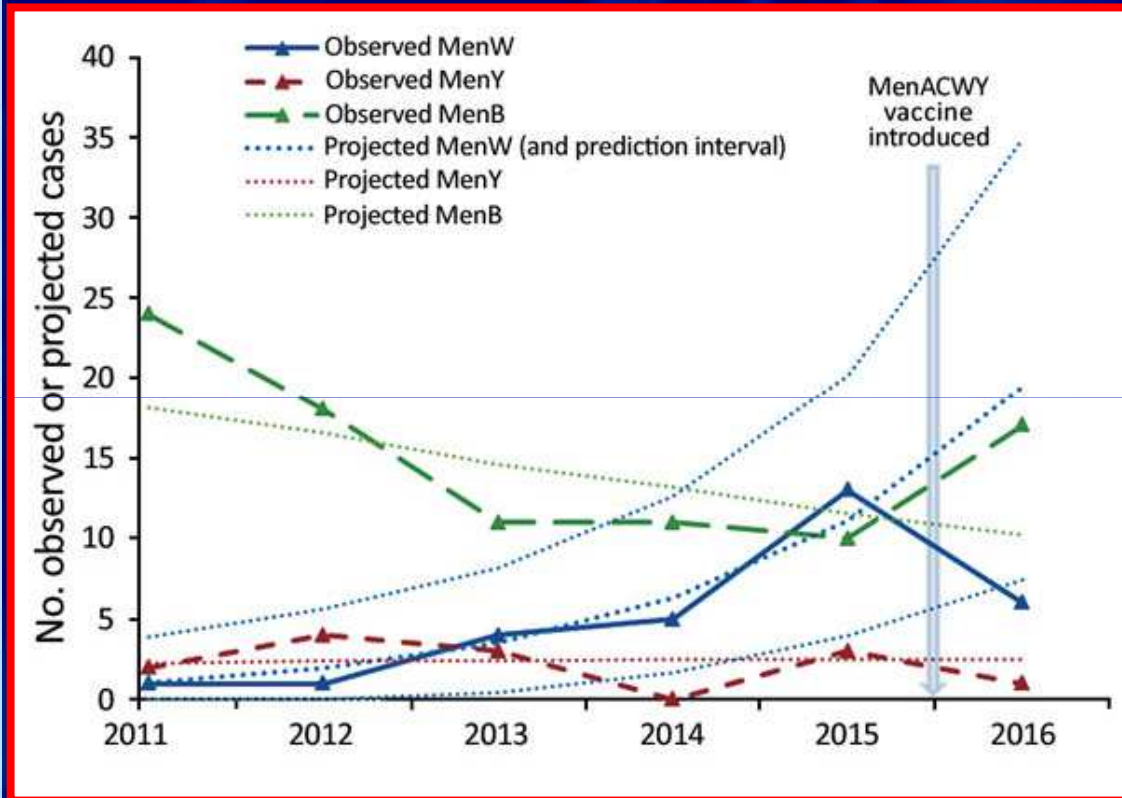
- In the light of the rapidly increasing W (cc11) disease from 2009/10 to 2014/15, **ACWY conjugate vaccine** was introduced in late 2015 for 13-18 years teenagers and university freshers and is intended to induce herd protection.

Cumulative number of laboratory-confirmed cases of invasive meningococcal group W (MenW) disease by epidemiological year, England, 2009/10–2014/15 (n=407)



- A quarter of cases occurred in children aged <5 years, and half the cases in adults aged ≥ 45 years.
- 49% of the cases presenting with septicemia¹
- CFR of 33% in a subgroup of adolescents 15-19 years, with higher CFR among patients with GI symptoms²

Observed and projected cases of W, Y, and B MD in England among persons who left school



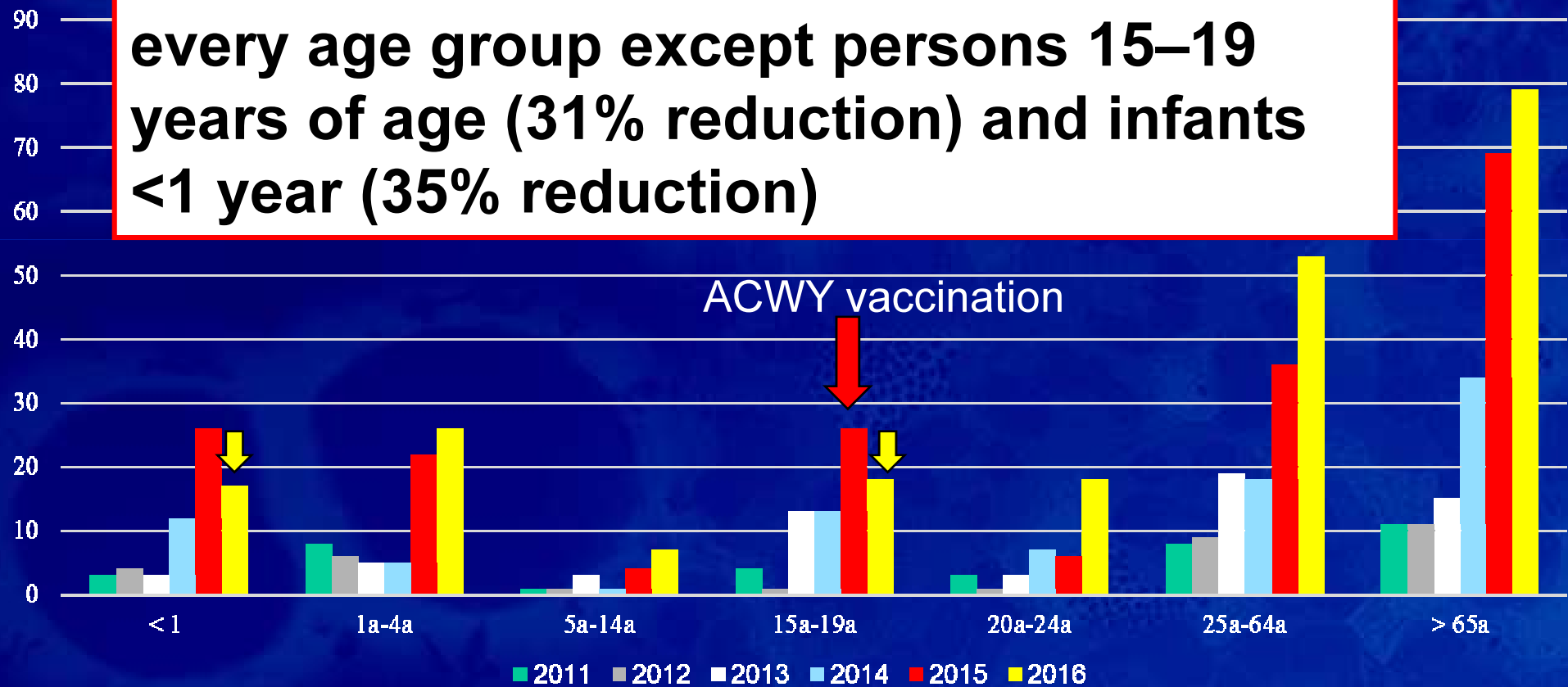
- Coverage of 36,6% among persons who left school.
- During the first 12 months of the MenACWY vaccination program for teenagers, a 69% decrease (18%–88%) was observed.

No cases in vaccinated adolescents.

Early estimated vaccine effectiveness was 100% (–47% to 100%)

Age distribution of group W cases, by academic year, England, 2011 – 2016.

Cases and incidence rates increased in every age group except persons 15–19 years of age (31% reduction) and infants <1 year (35% reduction)



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Table. Bactericidal antibody titers in pooled serum samples from infants vaccinated with Bexsero and adolescents immunized with Menveo against 6 invasive clinical *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroup W isolates in England and Wales, UK, during 2011–2012*

Isolate	Adolescents receiving Menveo		Negative control‡	Infants receiving Bexsero			
	Positive control†			Pool 1§	Pool 2	Pool 3#	Pool 4**
	Before	After					
M11–240417	<16	256	<2	64	128	>128	>128
M11–240427	<16	128	<2	32	32	64	64
M11–240802	<16	512	<2	32	>64	>64	>64
M12–240016	<16	256	<2	32	32	64	128
M11–240798	<16	512	<2	>64	>64	>64	>64
M12–240754	<16	256	<2	64	64	>64	>64

- Samples of infants vaccinated with Bexsero presented hSBA > 1/32 against W cc11 meningococcal strains.

Considerations for the future with meningococcal vaccines:

- Booster doses in adolescents with conjugate vaccines.
- Use of the protein-based Men B vaccines