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Abstract

Vaccines are a cost effective, time tested means of reducing morbidity and mortality. As more and more new vaccines are introduced and more diseases come under the purview of 'vaccination net', the routine immunization program is sidelined. This is compounded by vaccination practices in private health care system and anti vaccine propaganda and confusing pro vaccine propaganda. The primary purpose of the vaccine is shifting from prevention of diseases to monetary gains for the health care providers and manufacturers. There is a need to regulate the vaccination practices in the private health care system especially in the developing countries. The regulatory process should educate not only the community but also the health care providers and take adequate measures to control the 'vaccine market forces'

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