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Top Skills

Research
Clinical Research
Analysis

Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)
Swedish (Limited Working)
Spanish (Elementary)
Russian (Elementary)

Publications

AS03 Adjuvanted AH1N1 Vaccine Associated with an Abrupt Increase in the Incidence of Childhood Narcolepsy in Finland

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Summary

I completed my medical studies, PhD and international health competence in Helsinki, Finland. I now work as Chief Medical Officer, Team Leader of Vaccine Programme Development at the National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL, former KTL), Finland. I am the secretary of Finnish NITAG, National Advisory Board of Vaccines (KRAR). I also practices at private travel health clinic of Aava/ Pikkujätö in Helsinki.

My PhD work was on aetiology of childhood pneumonia in Finland, Russia, and The Philippines. In collaboration with Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, The Philippines, I coordinated phase II trials (Hib, meningococcal, PCV, PPS among pregnant mothers and infants), and a major phase III trial of an investigational 11PCV of Sanofi Pasteur against childhood pneumonia on Bohol during years 2000-2004. My current research interests include vaccine safety, register based vaccine impact studies, policy and decision making, evidence based evaluation of introduction of new vaccines into national programmes. My publications include >100 original articles (including the first scientific report on association between vaccination and narcolepsy), chapters and books. I teach vaccines related epidemiology and methodology nationally/internationally, and has guided several elective, graduate, PhD students.

I have served expert committees evaluating introduction of PCV and rota virus vaccine in Finland, and as technical advisor to EU, IMI, IVI, WHO (GACVS 2006-12), GAVI, SIDA/SRC, Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and several vaccine manufacturers. I was chairman of EPIET 1998-2001 and member of EDCTP 2002-3. I belong to faculty of Advanced Course in Vaccinology since its initiation in 2000, initiated the EPIET vaccine epidemiology module in 1997, and the Finnish Diploma Course on Global Health in 2000.

In my spare time, I enjoy nature with my spouse, 4 children and 6 grandchildren at the lake side of a small farm house and woods of South East Finland.

Experience

Lääkärikeskus Aava

Private practitioner in travel medicine

2005 - Present (19 years)

Aava Kamppi

Pikkujätti

Private practitioner in travel medicine

2010 - Present (14 years)

Encorium

Consultant

2009 - Present (15 years)

National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)

12 years 4 months

Chief Physician, Deputy Head Unit Infectious Diseases Control and Vaccines

January 2015 - Present (9 years 4 months)

Helsinki, Finland

Unit Head, Vaccine Programme

January 2012 - December 2014 (3 years)

University of Tampere

Acting Professor of Epidemiology

October 2011 - December 2011 (3 months)

Tampere, Finland

University of Tampere

Professor

2008 - 2010 (2 years)

Professor of International Health, part time

Education

Helsingin yliopisto

MD PhD, Medicine · (1977 - 1987)

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow

Fellow, Travel Medicine · (2009)