Travelers’ Vaccines
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In this first edition textbook, *Travelers’ Vaccines*, part of a new series of textbooks on major issues in travelers’ health, international authorities have contributed chapters on current and future vaccines with exhaustive chapter-specific bibliographies. There are an extensive number of appropriately placed figures, flow charts, tables, and a few illustrations supporting the text. The authors have identified a wide group of readers including primary care physicians and nurses, specialists in public health, occupational health and travel physicians, pharmacists, health administrators, and students; however, the content is detailed to the level of those commonly using these vaccines. For the remaining readers, the text will be a valuable reference.

The leading chapters regarding theoretic principles of vaccination immunology and surrogate indicators of immunity are of benefit for the reader using this text as a vaccinology reference. For clinicians requiring a reference for the practice of travel vaccination, two dedicated chapters lead the section regarding specific vaccines. Particular issues in the practice of travel vaccination are then addressed in excellent chapters on vaccination of pediatric, elderly, and immune-compromised travelers and pregnant females wishing to travel. Broader practice issues of pharmacoepidemiology and health economics of vaccination are also discussed, completing this text well.

Chapters on specific vaccines vary somewhat in content from definitive coverage of a specific vaccine, including the target disease and agent, clinical pathology, immunology, treatment options, epidemiology, history of vaccine development, detailed vaccinology, pharmacoepidemiology, future of the vaccine, and policy implications; to more directed chapters dealing primarily with the vaccinology and vaccine use. Approaches vary appropriately from the well-established vaccines, such as yellow fever vaccines, to those that are new and, indeed, still developmental, such as dengue vaccines. Discussions of influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are disseminated through chapters on vaccination in special circumstances. These are not exclusively or generally used as travelers’ vaccines, although they are used in travel medicine, perhaps warranting specific chapters as for other vaccines that have similarly limited uses for travel.

*Travelers’ Vaccines* complements the existing texts on travel medicine with an excellent coverage of vaccines in greater detail. It also provides some balance to the increasingly numerous books on vaccination of variable veracity and accuracy. Future editions will benefit from updates of the vaccines in development and may be enhanced by chapters on additional vaccines used in travel medicine.

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