Letters

NATIONAL PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINATION PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN IN EUROPE, 2001-2007: UPDATE FROM TURKEY

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To the editor: With reference to the article by Carvalho Gomes et al. entitled "Use of seven-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV7) in Europe, 2001-2007" (<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19159>), published on 26 March 2009, we wish to point out that Turkey has introduced a universal PCV7 vaccination programme into the national childhood vaccination programme in November 2008.

The vaccine is recommended at two, four and six months of age with a booster dose at 12 months of age. The programme is fully reimbursed. In addition, a catch-up programme has been implemented for infants born between May 2008 and November 2008.

We hereby would like to draw your attention to this information since the article described PCV7 vaccination programmes in Europe up to March 2009.

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