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Development of Robust and Innovative Vaccine Effectiveness
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The Innovative Medicines Initiative has launched a new project aiming to set up a platform to study brand-specific influenza vaccines effectiveness (IVE) in the European Union (EU) over a five-year period. The public-private partnership DRIVE, “Development of Robust and Innovative Vaccine Effectiveness”, started 1 July 2017 and aims to respond to the European Medicine Agency’s new guidance on influenza vaccines.

DRIVE is now inviting public health institutes (PHIs) and organizations working on vaccine impact evaluation in Europe to collaborate with the project. Collaboration will include sharing of IVE assessment methodology and data sharing, together with discussions on innovative approaches. During the upcoming influenza season 2017-18, DRIVE will use protocols and data that are already being gathered. This includes data from both register-based cohorts and from test-negative case control designs, supplied by its public health partners.

To guarantee the scientific independence of the studies, the role and contribution of each member, including the vaccine manufacturers, is clearly defined and traceable. The Independent Scientific Committee of DRIVE will minimize the risk for conflicts of interest in the design of the studies and the reliability of the results and their interpretation.

DRIVE’s goal is to establish a network that enables brand-specific IVE studies for all influenza vaccines in use in the EU. The network is planned to deliver rapid, yet high-quality outputs. The ultimate aim of DRIVE is to create a sustainable platform for IVE studies by developing a governance framework that allows transparent and efficient collaboration between public and private stakeholders.

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The DRIVE Consortium

DRIVE is a pan-European consortium whose 15 members from seven countries include public health institutions, universities, small and medium-sized enterprises, industry and patient organizations. The coordinator is Professor Javier Díez-Domingo at the Spanish Fundación para el Fomento de la Investigación Sanitaria y Biomédica de la Comunitat Valenciana (Spain).

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