

# TAG RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MENINGOCOCCUS

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## 2017 Recommendations

- TAG urges Member States to expand from sentinel to nationwide surveillance of bacterial meningitis to better understand the epidemiology of the disease (including the age and serogroups distribution) and to detect outbreaks in a timely manner.
- In their decision-making on meningococcal vaccine introduction, TAG reminds Member States that they should review the disease's epidemiology, its burden and costs, the vaccine efficacy, safety, price, and duration of protection, and logistical and operational aspects of the immunization program.
- For a more accurate assessment of the vaccines' cost-effectiveness, TAG recommends that Member States include assessments of the long-term sequelae of meningococcal disease in these analyses.
- TAG reminds Member States that carriage studies contribute valuable information about disease transmission. However, these studies are not essential for decision-making on the use of a vaccine; they tend to be costly, complicated, and difficult to interpret.