



Measles Elimination

—FIELD GUIDE

The aim of *Measles Elimination: Field Guide* is to offer health authorities, physicians, nurses, and other health personnel working in measles elimination at the national, state, and local levels detailed instructions on how to plan and implement measles elimination activities.

This guide draws on the experience gained in the Western Hemisphere over the past 12 years, highlighting the surveillance and vaccination strategies necessary to eliminate measles and to monitor and sustain the progress toward that goal. It can be used in any country, although some of the measures described may need to be adapted to local conditions. The appendices contain several standard forms that can be copied or modified to meet particular needs.

The Pan American Health Organization recognizes the extraordinary achievements of all health workers in the Americas involved in measles elimination activities. Tackling the formidable challenge of eliminating one of the most infectious and lethal agents known to man, they have persevered and continue to learn from their experiences. It is hoped that the lessons learned about measles elimination in the Americas can be adapted and applied in every country and region of the world, and that the ultimate goal of measles eradication can be achieved.

This publication includes sections on:

- Epidemiology
- Clinical Aspects
- Measles Vaccines
- Vaccination Strategy for Measles Elimination
- Measles Surveillance
- Laboratory Confirmation of Measles Infection

Measles Elimination: Field Guide—one of a series of immunization guides that also address neonatal tetanus, polio, rubella, yellow fever, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b, and hepatitis B—is an essential tool for health officers at national, state and local levels, health promoters, physicians, nurses, and students in the field

2005, approx. 48 pp., ISBN 92 75 11605 9

Code: SP 605. Also available in Spanish, Code: PC 605