



Control of Yellow Fever

–FIELD GUIDE

Yellow fever remains an important public health problem in the Americas. Occasional cases of jungle yellow fever and the proliferation of *Aedes aegypti* across the Hemisphere are evidence of the continued high risk of the reurbanization that this disease continues to pose.

Control of Yellow Fever: Field Guide was published by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) to offer health workers tools for controlling jungle yellow fever and preventing its reurbanization in the Region of the Americas. The guide stresses clinical and epidemiological aspects of the disease, as well as prevention and control strategies. It also contains practical exercises related to a clinical case and the control of yellow fever outbreaks. These exercises require the use of local and regional data for training in prevention and proper case management, as well as in the strengthening of epidemiological surveillance.

This publication includes sections on:

- Epidemiology
- Clinical Aspects
- Vaccines
- Vaccination Activities
- Epidemiological Surveillance

The prevention and control measures described in this guide are based on the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Group of the PAHO/WHO Immunization Program, which urge countries to put in place plans to combat yellow fever. Some of the main recommendations are the vaccination of all residents of enzootic areas, use of the vaccine in the Expanded Program on Immunization to maintain high coverage in these areas, and the vaccination of all travelers (migrants, ecotourists, etc.) to these areas.

Although great strides have been made in yellow fever prevention and control, countries must continue to take the recommended steps to prevent cases and outbreaks in historically enzootic areas and the reurbanization of the disease.

This publication is one of a series of immunization guides that also address polio, rubella, measles, neonatal tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b, and hepatitis B. It is an essential tool for local and regional health workers, health promoters, physicians, nurses, and students in the field.

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