



Experts from WHO's SAGE Visit PAHO's Comprehensive Family Immunization Unit

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Location	Washington, DC
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Participants	Four experts from WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization, including chair Dr. Alejandro Cravioto, Dr. Kate O'Brien and Dr. Noni MacDonald, as well as Dr. Cuauhtemoc Ruiz Matus, Immunization Unit Chief, and technical staff from PAHO's Immunization Unit.
Purpose	The purpose of this visit was to give the SAGE members a better idea of what PAHO's Immunization Unit is doing for the Region of the Americas.

Presentations were given on the following topics:

- Current status of the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) in the Americas
- Polio
- Measles and rubella
- Influenza and Hepatitis B
- Yellow Fever
- New Vaccines: Rotavirus and the Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV)
- Human Papilloma Virus and Dengue
- Information Systems and Data Quality
- Vaccination Week in the Americas

At the end of each presentation, the SAGE members had follow-up questions and comments, inciting interesting group discussion on the topics presented.

