



## Web Launch for the ProVac-EPIC Special Supplement to Vaccine

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| <b>Location</b>     | Washington, DC, USA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Dates</b>        | Tuesday, 12 May 2015                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Participants</b> | Francisco Becerra, PAHO AD; Cuauhtémoc Ruiz Matus, PAHO/FGL-IM Unit Chief; Jon K. Andrus, Sabin Executive Vice-President; Cara B. Janusz, PAHO/ProVac Technical Manager; Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, PAHO/ProVac Project Officer and others (including over 80 online participants). |
| <b>Purpose</b>      | To launch the ProVac-EPIC supplement to the journal <i>Vaccine</i> and to provide an open forum for discussion with the editorial team and authors.                                                                                                                                 |

A WebEx event took place on 12 May to formally launch a series of new studies that appear in a special *Vaccine* supplement titled “Expanding the Evidence Base to Inform Vaccine Introduction: Program Costing and Cost-Effectiveness Analyses.”

The series was coordinated by the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) as part of the ProVac initiative to provide evidence to support policy decisions on vaccine programs.



From left to right: Ms. Cara Janusz, Dr Cuauhtémoc Ruiz, Dr Francisco Becerra, Dr Jon Andrus, Ms Gabriela Felix.  
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The supplement includes 31 original research articles, nine of which are from the Americas (from Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Honduras, Paraguay and Peru), and four perspective articles by global experts in health economics and decision science. The original research includes 14 country-led cost-effectiveness analyses and nine country costing and financial flows analyses that incorporate new data collected from over 300 primary health care facilities in six countries.



ProVac partners who contributed to the *Vaccine* supplement include the ProVac International Working Group, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation-led Multi-country Costing and Financing of Routine Immunization and New Vaccines (EPIC) Initiative, and the Sabin Vaccine Institute.

The supplement is available online to *Vaccine* subscribers via the journal's website. PDFs of the individual articles will be available to the public on the PAHO website.