



Vaccine

EFFICACY AND USE





Vaccine Efficacy

- **Antigen dose must be sufficient to induce an appropriate immune response**
- **Antigen presenting cells must be stimulated**
 - Critical for antigen processing
- **T & B cells have to be stimulated to generate memory cells**
- **T cells must be stimulated to initiate cell mediated response**
- **Helper and Effector T cells must be generated to multiple epitopes**
- **Antigen has to persist in lymphoid tissue**
 - Duration of antibody generating cell stimulation
 - Duration of protection



Ideal Vaccine

- **Highly antigenic**
- **Low side effects**
- **Lasting immunity**
- **In some cases, stimulation of the immune system can have negative side effects**
 - Modified live vaccines can revert to virulent strain or cause mild symptoms
 - Modified live vaccines can cause injection site reactions
 - Adjuvants for killed vaccines have caused severe local skin reactions (including induction of tumors in cats and dogs)



Live or Modified Live Vaccines

- **Very effective**
 - Most require only dose
 - **Not always the case**
 - Very good protection
 - **Rapid**
 - **Long lasting**
 - **Broad spectrum**
- **Requires less antigen**
 - **Smaller volume**
- **Few reactions**
- **Less expensive**
- **Stimulates Cellular Immunity**



Live or Modified Live Vaccines

- **Modified live vaccines can revert to the more virulent strain**
- **Side effects can include infection, death, abortion, and infertility**
- **Requires special handling and storage**
 - Heat sensitive
 - Easily inactivated
 - **Inflammation**
 - **Disinfectants**
 - **Contaminants**
- **Injection technique critical**
- **Booster vaccination recommended**
- **React to vaccine contaminant**



Toxoids and Bacterins

- **Are usually very safe**
- **Stable and convenient storage**
- **Require no mixing**
- **No risk of disease or infection**
- **Designed to stimulate antibodies against toxins and bacteria**
- **Unlikely to have contamination**
- **Requires boosters to sustain immunity**
- **Slower onset of immunity**
- **Can cause hypersensitivity**
 - **Injection site reaction**
- **Requires more volume**



Adjuvants

- **Adjuvants maximize the effectiveness of vaccines**
 - Especially those that contain poorly antigenic killed organisms
- **Adjuvants can increase the speed or the magnitude of the body's response to vaccines**
 - Less antigen is required to elicit the same response
- **Mechanism of action of adjuvants is poorly understood**
 - Reduce absorption to the vaccine to prolong the immune stimulation
 - Directly stimulate the immune system
- **Five types of adjuvants exist**
 - Depot
 - Microbial
 - Immune stimulators
 - Delivery systems
 - Mixed



Adjuvants: Depot Adjuvants

- **Delay the elimination of antigen**
 - Once antigen is eliminated the immune system is turned off
 - Prolongation of antigen life can enhance the immune response
- **Aluminum salts when combined with antigen and injected form macrophage rich granulomas**
 - Antigen is slowly leaked into the body to provide prolonged stimulation
 - Antigens that exist for only a few days can remain active for a several weeks
 - Only influence the primary response
 - Do not stimulate cell mediated immunity
- **Freund's incomplete antigen**
 - Mixture of oil and water
 - **Stimulates local inflammation and the formation of a granuloma or abscess**
 - **Oil is irritating – irritation is not acceptable in modern vaccines**



Adjuvants: Immunostimulatory

- **Enhance immune response to vaccine by promoting the production of inflammatory cytokines**
- **The adjuvant looks like a pathogen associated microbial protein and therefore stimulates macrophages to produce cytokines**
 - Interleukin 1 and 12
 - Promote T helper cell activity
 - Enhanced T helper activity enhances antigen presentation and the subsequent response to antigen
- **Particulate matter from killed bacteria is also used**
 - Some can promote both antibody and cell mediated responses



Adjuvants: Particulate

- **Particulate delivery systems can help immune system cells trap particles containing antigen more efficiently than if the antigen is alone**
- **These adjuvants are usually of similar size to bacteria and are easily phagocytized**
 - Liposomes are effectively trapped and easily processed
- **New technology that is not widely used**

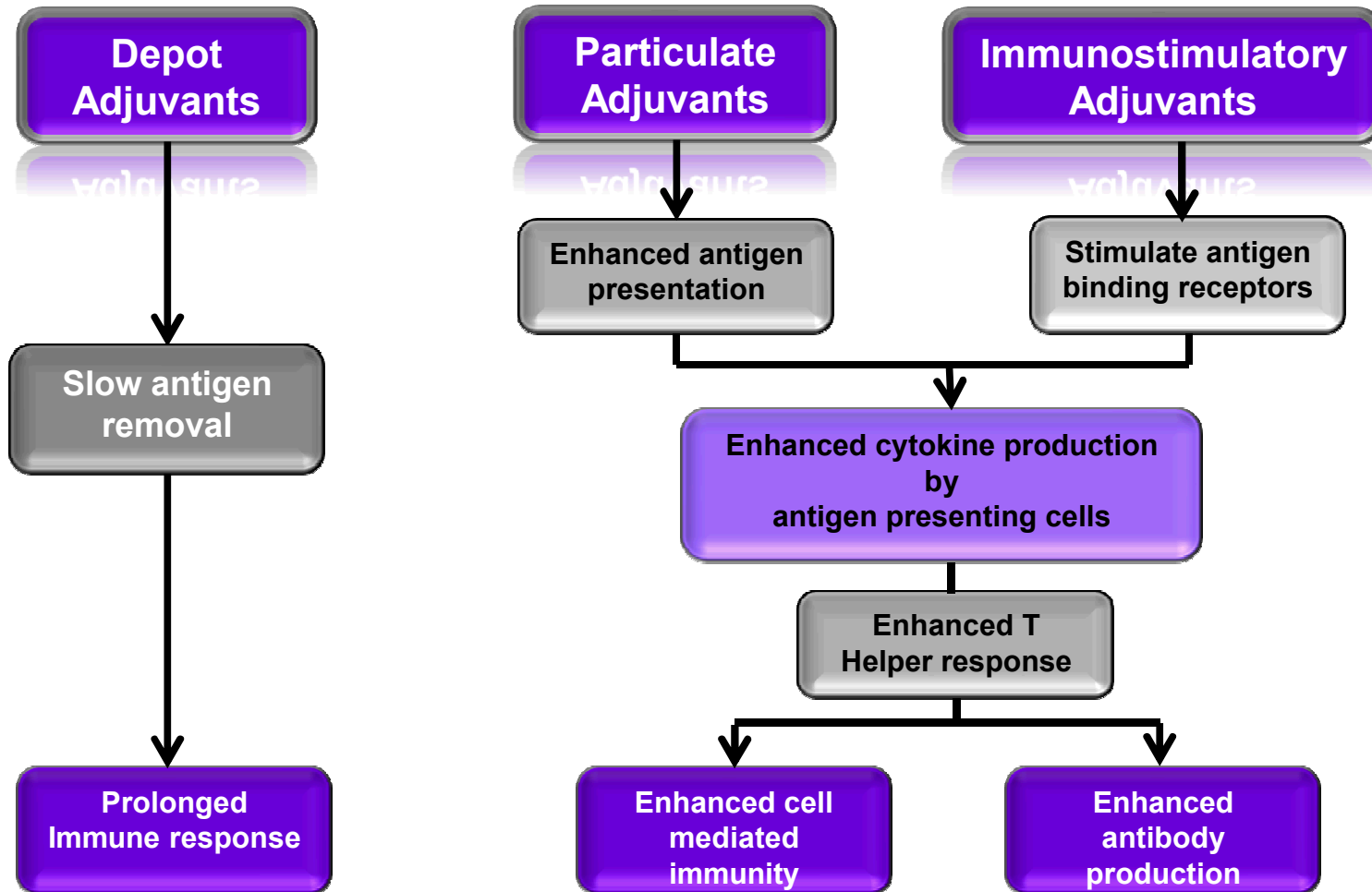


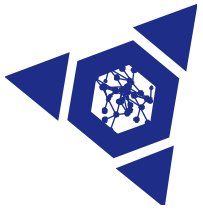
Adjuvants: Combined

- **Very effective adjuvants can be constructed by combining a particulate adjuvant with a depot or immunostimulatory adjuvant**
- **Freund's Incomplete Adjuvant is a combination of oil and water with killed *Mycobacterium tuberculosis***
 - Best when give subcutaneously or intradermally
 - Inhibits tolerance
 - Favors delayed response
 - Accelerates graft rejection
 - Promotes tumor resistance



Adjuvants: Review





Adjuvants

- **Depot effect to reduce absorption of killed vaccine and prolong duration of exposure**
- **Induce granuloma at vaccination site**
- **Effective with primary immune response but not secondary**
- **Aluminum salts**
 - Forms a macrophage-rich granuloma
 - Very stable vaccine, convenient handling for rural areas
- **Oil based adjuvants**
 - Sometimes include oil-in-water- Freund's incomplete
 - Oil has been predominant for FMD



Use of Vaccines

- **Vaccine administration should only be done after carefully assessing the risks and benefits of use**
- **Vaccines should be administered only in the dose and by the routes recommended by the manufacturer**
- **Vaccines should not be given more often than recommended by the manufacturer**
- **Vaccines may cause adverse reactions, so be prepared to address them should they arise**



Vaccine Handling

- **Minimize exposure to ultraviolet light**
- **Keep cool depending on formulation**
 - Some are more heat sensitive than others
- **Only pull out the amount needed for a short amount of time**
- **Change needles frequently**
 - Prevents contamination and disease transmission
 - Replace dull or bent needles
 - **Reduces tissue damage and injection site reaction**
 - New needle for filling to prevent contamination of the vial
 - Use correct sized needles
- **Use clean syringes**
 - Disinfectant can inactivate modified live pathogen vaccines



Use according to label



Administration Techniques

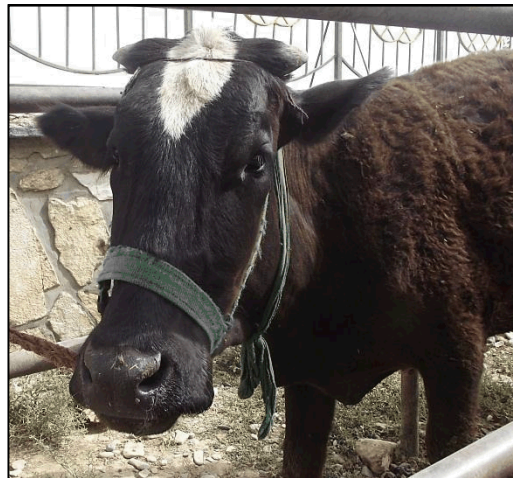
- **Technique is important to ensure vaccine effectiveness**
- **Most vaccines are administered by injection**
 - All needles must be clean and sharp to reduce local inflammation and the risk of introducing infection
- **Vaccines are provided in a standard dose and this dose should always be administered independent of size**
 - The dose provided is the amount of antigen necessary to induce the cells of the immune response and initiate an immune response
 - Doses are not based on weight or size
 - **Very small animals may need a reduced dose to prevent adverse reactions**
- **Proper route of administration**
 - Intramuscular
 - Subcutaneous
 - Oral
 - Intranasal





Administration Techniques

- **Most vaccines are given intramuscularly or subcutaneously**
- **In cattle and ruminants it is important to minimize injection site reactions in animals intended for consumption**
 - Ideally the front of the shoulder
- **In horses the front of the shoulder or hind limb muscles can be used**





Vaccination Schedules

- **Schedules of specific vaccines may vary but certain scheduling principles are common to all methods of active immunization**
 - Initial series where protective immunity is initiated
 - Revaccination or booster shots at intervals
- **Initial series are given to young animals to induce immunity as soon as possible but also account for interfering maternal antibodies**
 - Passive immunity must be at a minimum
 - Difficult to predict, so a series is administered
 - Mostly in small animals



Vaccination Schedules: Revaccination

- **Revaccination (booster)**
 - Induction of memory, prolongation of response, and more robust antibody production
 - Maintain immunity over a period of time
- **Older vaccines may have required revaccination after six months**
- **More modern products may require yearly revaccination**
 - New rabies vaccines can be given every three years
 - Some vaccines provide life long immunity after initial series or dose but few reliable studies have been done to confirm
 - **Pestes des petits ruminants (PPR)**
 - **Rinderpest**
 - Annual revaccination is typically the rule for most animal vaccines



Vaccination Strategies

- **Vaccination alone may be ineffective to control a large outbreak of infection disease unless coupled with an effective strategy**
- **Success depends on:**
 - Selection of the right population to vaccinate
 - Determination of numbers to be vaccinated
 - **Proportion of animals vaccinated and vaccine efficacy**
 - **Neither will reach 100 percent**
- **Strategy depends on the rate the pathogen spreads**
- **Prophylactic administration can prevent large outbreaks by reducing the size of the susceptible population**
 - Identify high risk animals and populations



Vaccination Strategies (continued)

- **Vaccination in the face of an outbreak is challenging**
 - Prophylaxis is preferable if feasible
- **Impossible to vaccinate the entire population**
 - Reactive vaccination strategies
 - **Ring vaccination**
 - Establish a barrier of protected animals
 - **Predictive vaccination**
 - Vaccinate the animals most likely to contribute to the spread of the disease
 - Try to shorten the duration of infection in a population

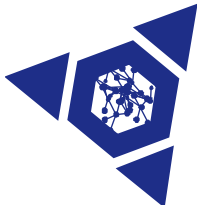


Adverse Reactions

- **Residual virulence and toxicity**
 - Inadequate inactivation
 - Contamination with lipopolysaccharide
- **Allergic response**
- **Fever and generalized malaise**
- **Disease in immunodeficient host**
- **Neurological complications**
- **Tumor growth in dogs and cats**
- **Harmful to fetus in pregnant animals**

Injection site reactions

- Can be severe



Vaccine Failures: Veterinary Professional

- **Use according to label to prevent veterinary professional vaccine failures**
 - Handle according to label
 - **Appropriate storage conditions**
 - **Mix suspension adequately**
 - Labeled dosage
 - **The dose provided is what is necessary to induce a protective immune response in a given population or species**
 - Expiration dates must be acknowledged
 - **Some vaccines are more sensitive than others**
 - Contaminated injection site
 - Failure to booster vulnerable populations
 - **Booster vaccines are important to ensure an adequate and long lasting response**





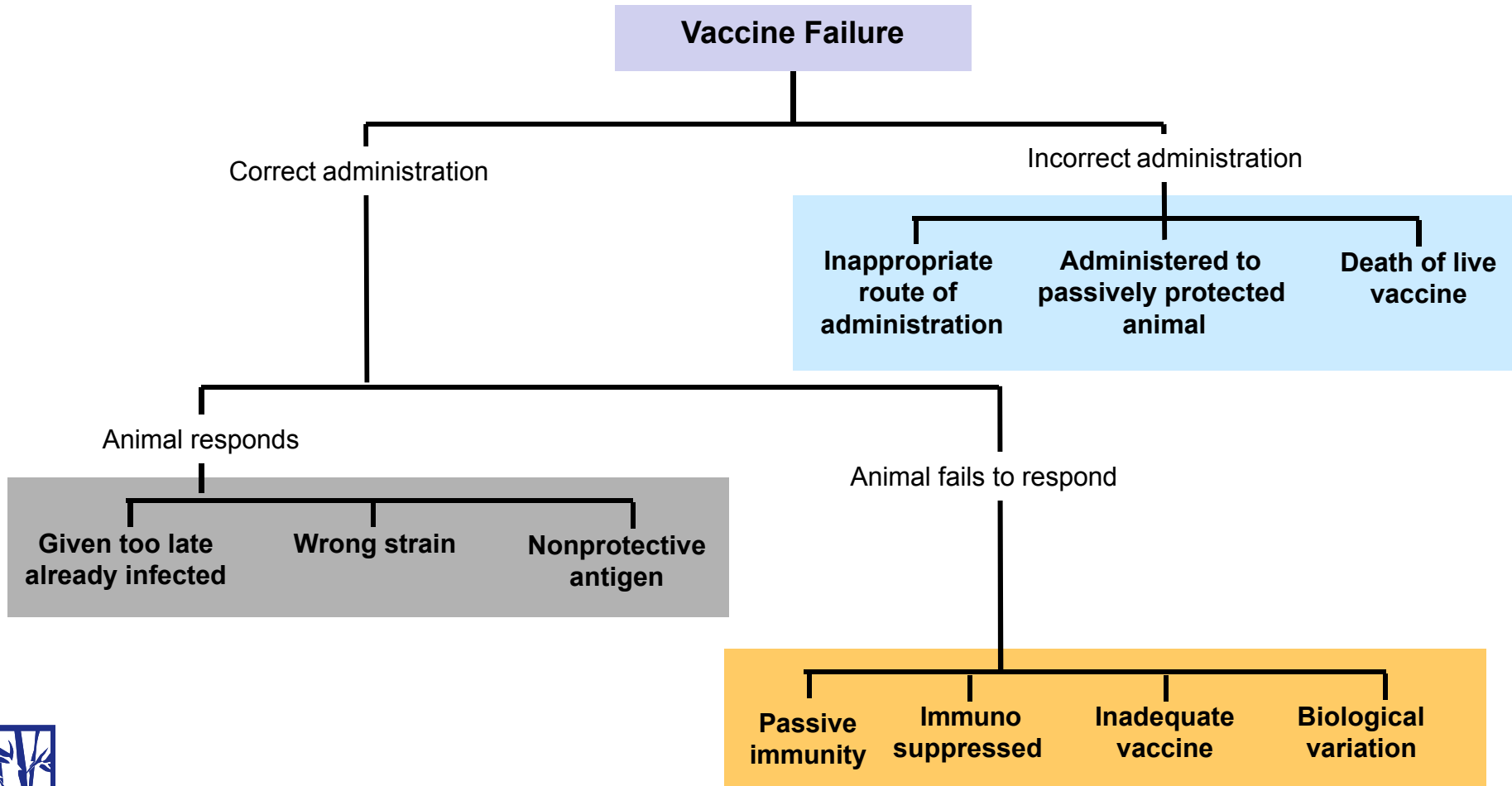
Vaccine Failures: Animal

- **Animal fails to respond - no vaccine is 100 percent efficacious**
- **Poor nutrition may result in a poor response to vaccine**
 - Animals need to be in good health to have an adequate response
- **Mineral, energy, and protein deficiencies reduce the effectiveness of vaccines**
- **Immunosuppression from disease, poor nutrition, poor housing conditions**
 - Incubating infection or diseased animals
 - Parasitized animals
 - Pregnant or lactating animals
 - Poor nutrition
- **Antibody interference**
 - Colostrum





Vaccine Failure: Review





Group Activity: Part 1

- **Divide into 4 groups, designate a group leader, choose a vaccine**
- **You must address all of the below about your product**
 - Recommendations for use
 - **What strains?**
 - **What species?**
 - **What age?**
 - What type of vaccine – live, modified live, killed, subunit?
 - **What does that tell you about the immune response?**
 - What type of adjuvant is included?
 - What is the route of administration?
 - What is the dose to be administered?
 - What are the risks associated with use?
 - What are the risks to the administrator?
 - Are there different formulations?



Group Activity: Part 2

- **Stay in designated group**
- **Assume an outbreak has occurred in your district**
- **Develop a vaccination plan in response to the outbreak**
- **Consider**
 - Diagnostic testing practices?
 - Animal marking system?
 - What is the vaccine schedule for your population?
 - Strategy to employ for the outbreak?