

# VACCINE-PREVENTABLE OUTBREAKS IN PORTUGAL: HEPATITIS A AND MEASLES

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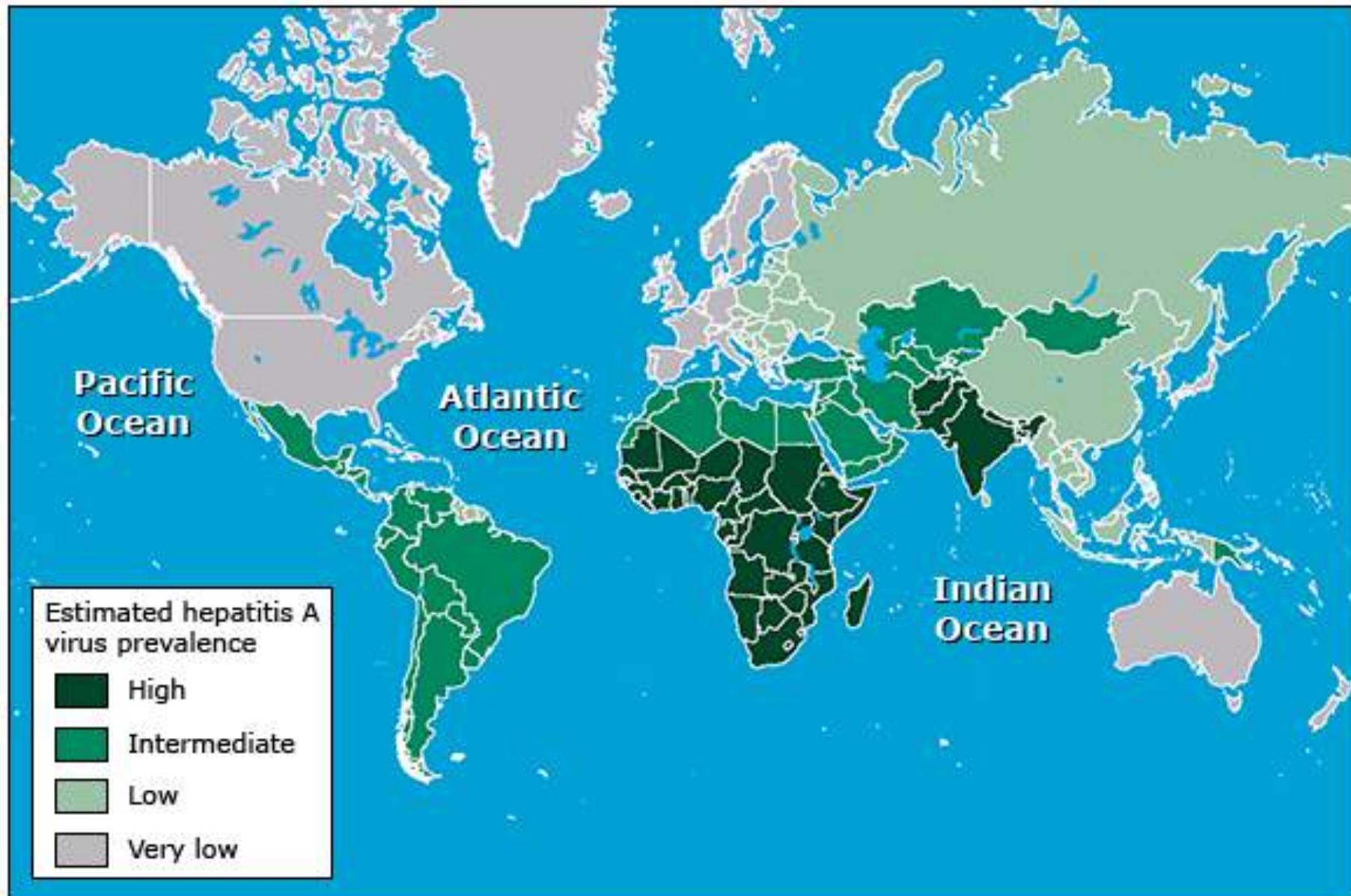
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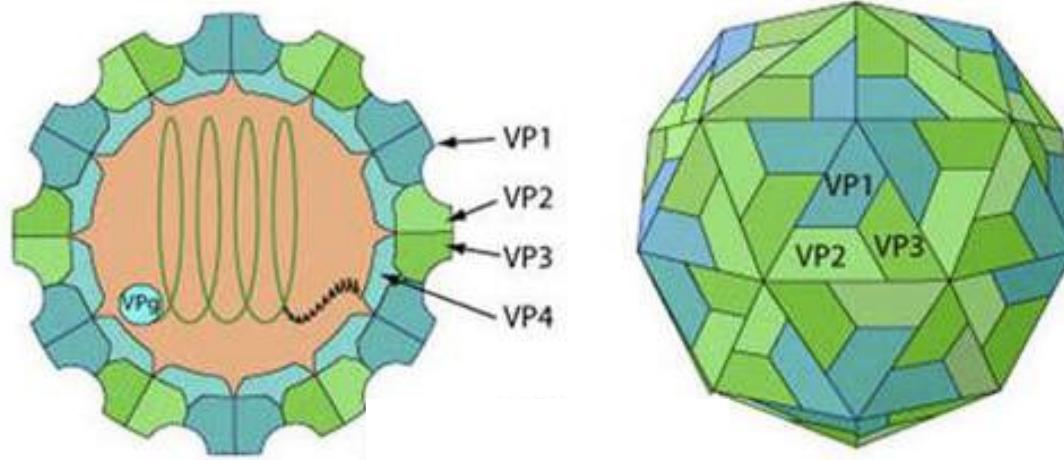
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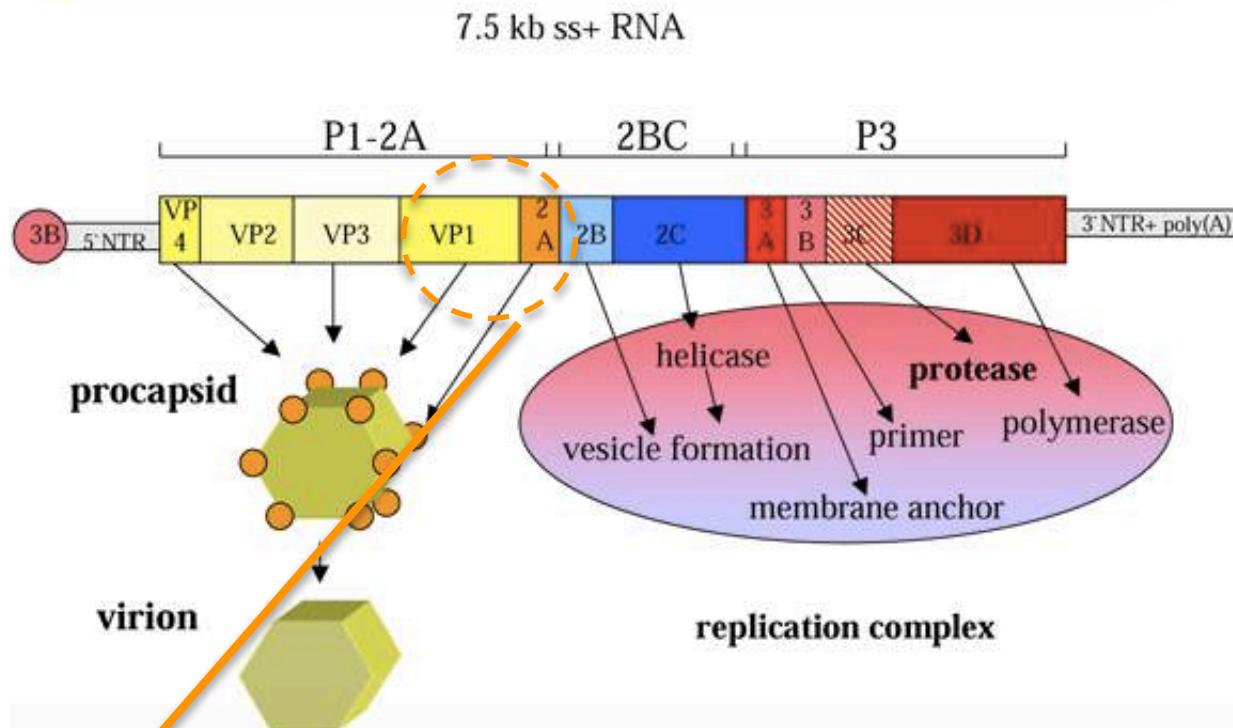


# HEPATITIS A

- Non-enveloped RNA hepatovirus (*Picornaviridae*) - 1975
- 1 serotype, several genotypes
- Resistant to inactivation (Temp. 60°C or ≤4°C, eter, acid, anionic substances)



# HEPATITIS A



| <b>GENOTYPES</b> | I & VI (I - III – human infection) |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>SUBTYPES</b>  | A & B                              |
| <b>CLUSTERS</b>  | Variable                           |

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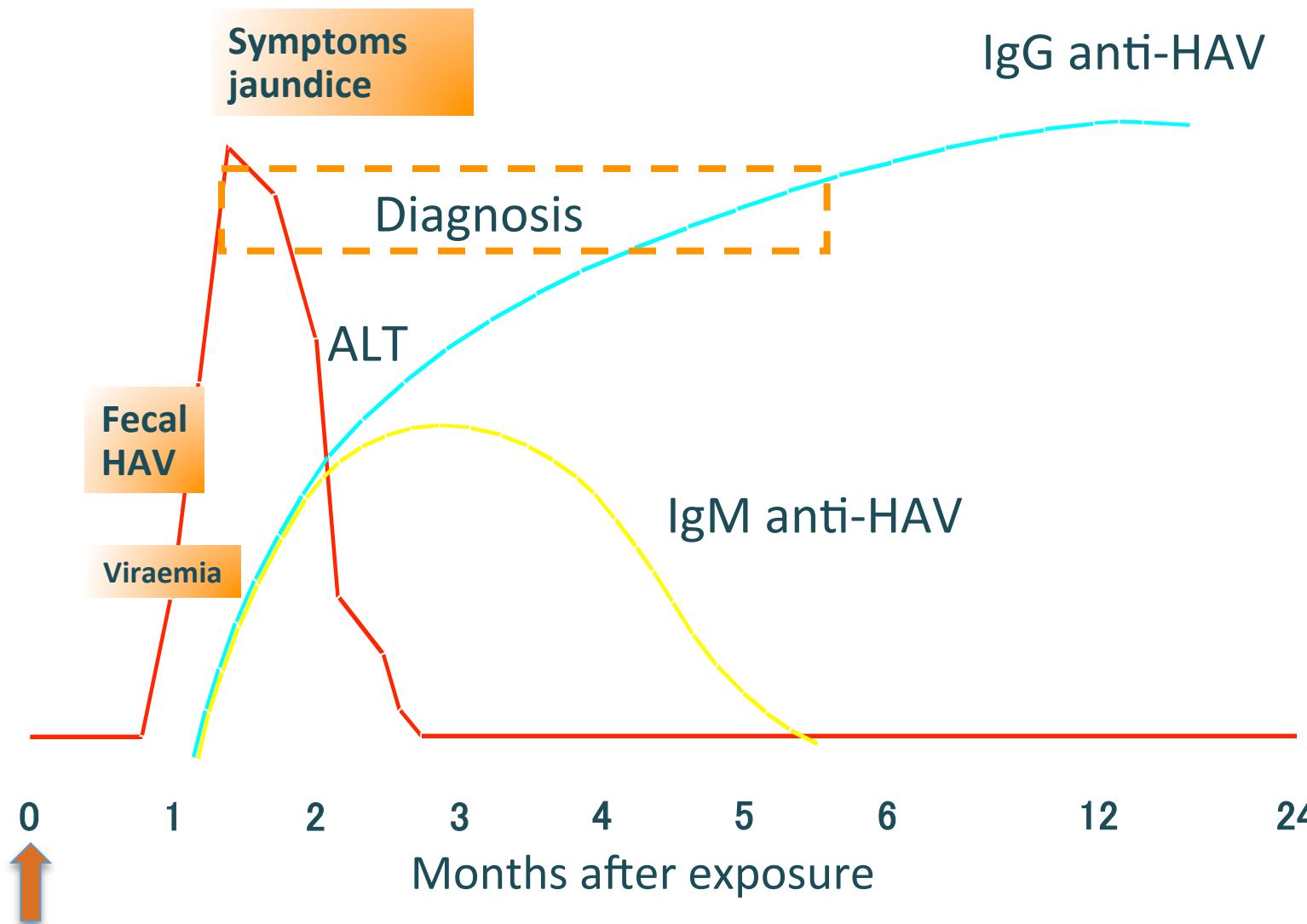
80% of human infections

**IIIA:** Asia

# HEPATITIS A PRESENTATION

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Transmission route</b>           | <b>Fecal-oral:</b> - Water / food contaminated<br>- Interpersonal contact<br><br><b>Parenteral</b> |
| <b>Incubation Infectious period</b> | 30 days (15-50 days)<br>incubation (2 Wks) → 1 Wk after symptoms begin                             |
| <b>Presentation</b>                 | Asymptomatic (children)<br>Fever, vomiting, abdominal pain, astenia, jaundice, choluria            |
| <b>Age variation</b>                | Adolescent and adult: ↑symptoms (70% Vs 30% by 6yrs) and complications; ↑ mortality (>50A: 1,8% )  |
| <b>Complications</b>                | Recurrent Hepatitis, prolonged<br>Fulminant Hepatitis <1%, Mortality (0,1-0,6%)                    |
| <b>Diagnosis</b>                    | IgM anti-HAV; RNA HAV ( <i>PCR: clusters</i> )   |
| <b>Treatment</b>                    | Supportive; ☞ toxic drugs and alcohol  |

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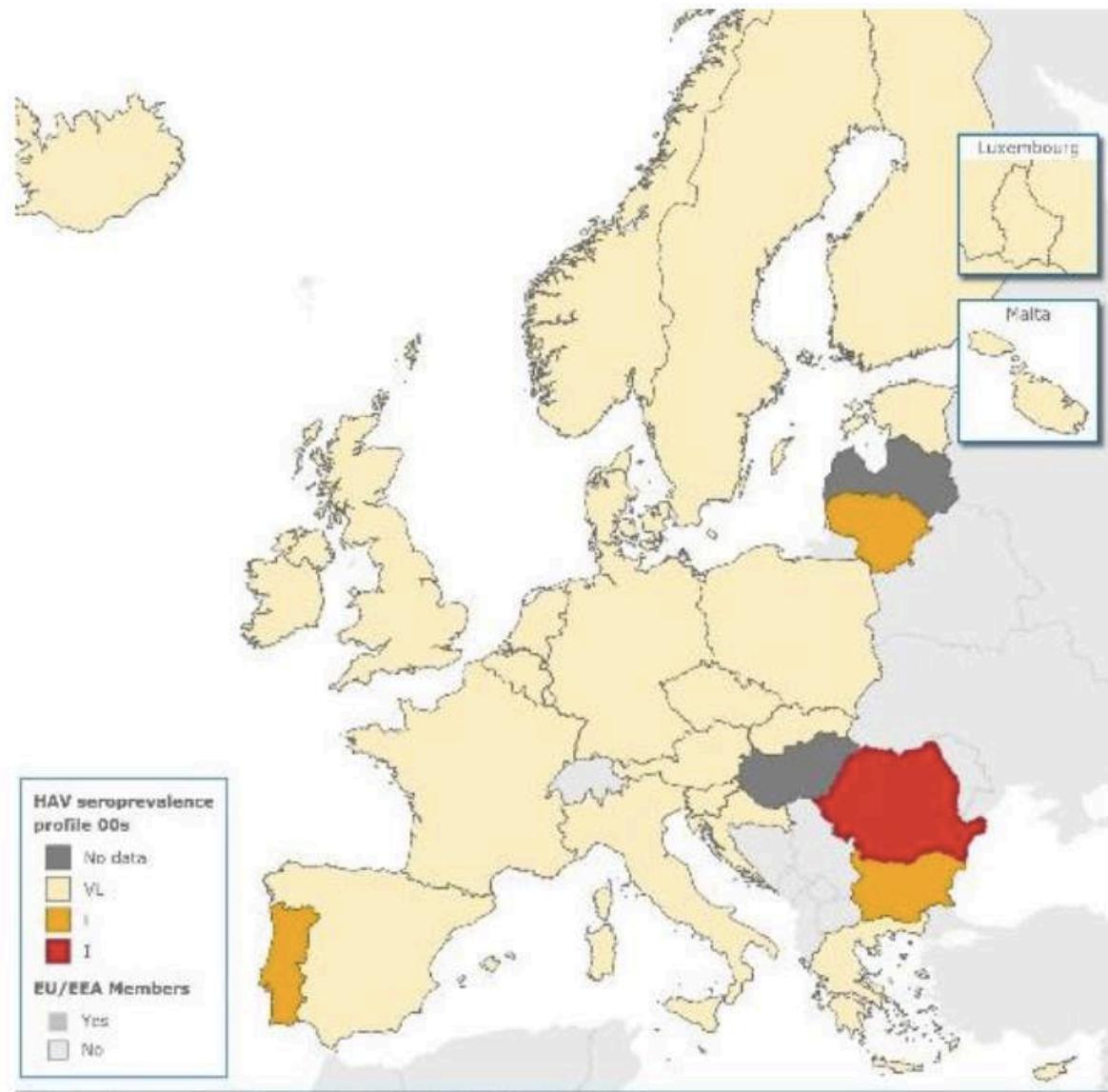


# HEPATITIS A PREVENTION: VACCINES

- Available since 1998 (extra-National Immunisation Programme)
- Inactivated vaccines
- Immunogenic, safe, effective (comparable), interchangeable

|                | HAVRIX® (Glaxo)  | VAQTA® (Merck)   |
|----------------|--|--|
| Type           | adsorved, inactivated  | adsorved, inactivated  |
| Presentation   | ped® 720 EL.U/ 0,5mL<br>adult® 1440 EL.U/ 1mL                          | 25U/ 0,5mL<br>50U/ 1mL   |
| Age            | 1yr to 15yr (<18A)<br>>16yr  | 1yr a 18yr<br>>18yr  |
| Dosis          | 2 dosis (0, 6 a 12M)   | 2 dosis (0, 6 a 18M)   |
| Seroconversion | 1 dose: 88% (2 Wks)<br>96-100% (4-6 wks)•<br>2 dosis: >95% after 25yrs | 1 dose: 88% (2 Wks)<br>96-100% (4-6 wks)•<br>2 dosis: >95% after 25yrs |

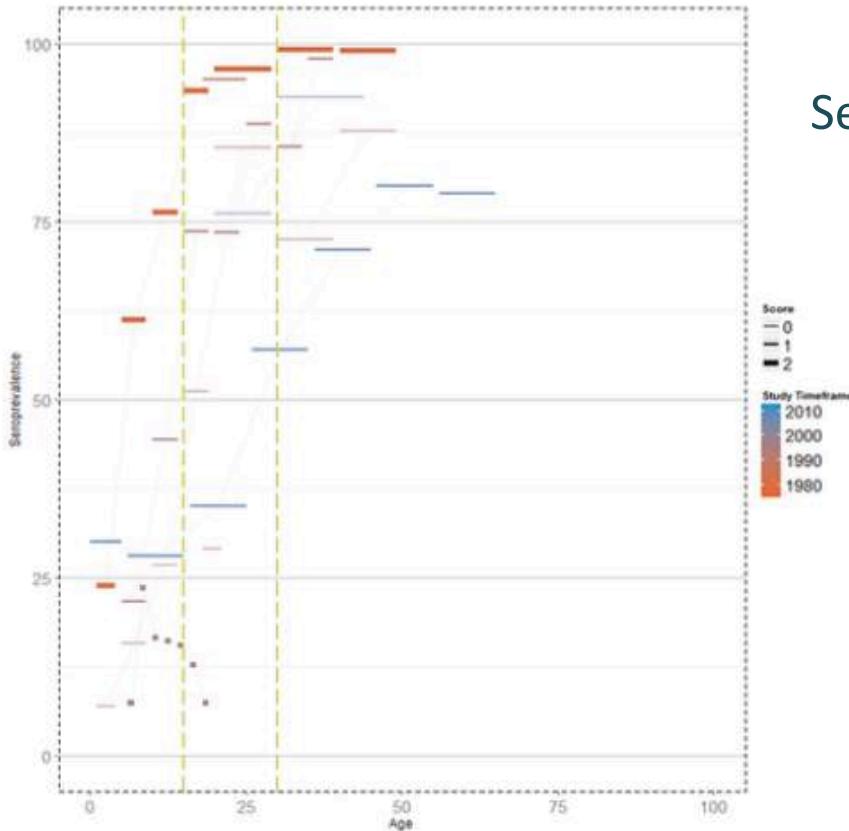
# HEPATITIS A SEROPREVALENCE: EU (2000-13)



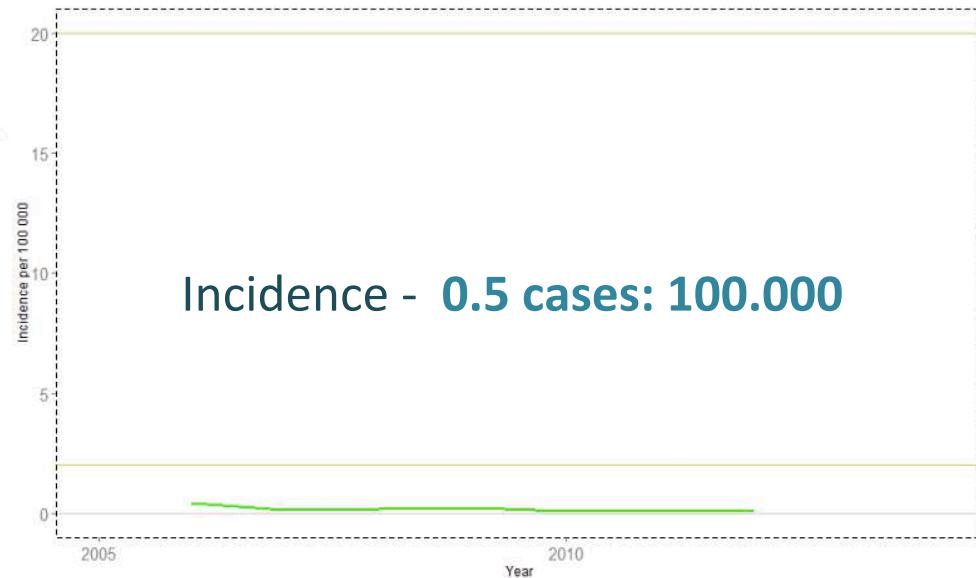
# HEPATITIS A IN PORTUGAL: LOW ENDEMICITY

|           | Very low endemicity | Low endemicity | Intermediate endemicity |
|-----------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 1975–1989 |                     |                |                         |
| 1990–1999 |                     |                |                         |
| 2000–2013 |                     |                |                         |

Seroprevalence 2000-2013: **93%, ≥55yrs**



Seroprevalence 2016, Lx\*: **30%, 20-29 A**  
**88% aos ≥55A**



Incidence - **0.5 cases: 100.000**

# HEPATITIS A: CURRENT EU OUTBREAK (JUL/16 – FEV/17)

- Reported cases in 13 EU countries (287\*)
- Affect MSM
  - Sexual transmission (anal and oro-anal route)
  - High local and regional interconnectivity (MSM)

## Risk factors – epidemiological questionnaires

- ✓ UK: - activities in group (saunas, clubs), use of meeting *apps* (LGBT)
  - multiple sexual partners, anonymous contacts
  - sexual activity as subsistence
- ✓ Germany: - travelling (national and international) and group events

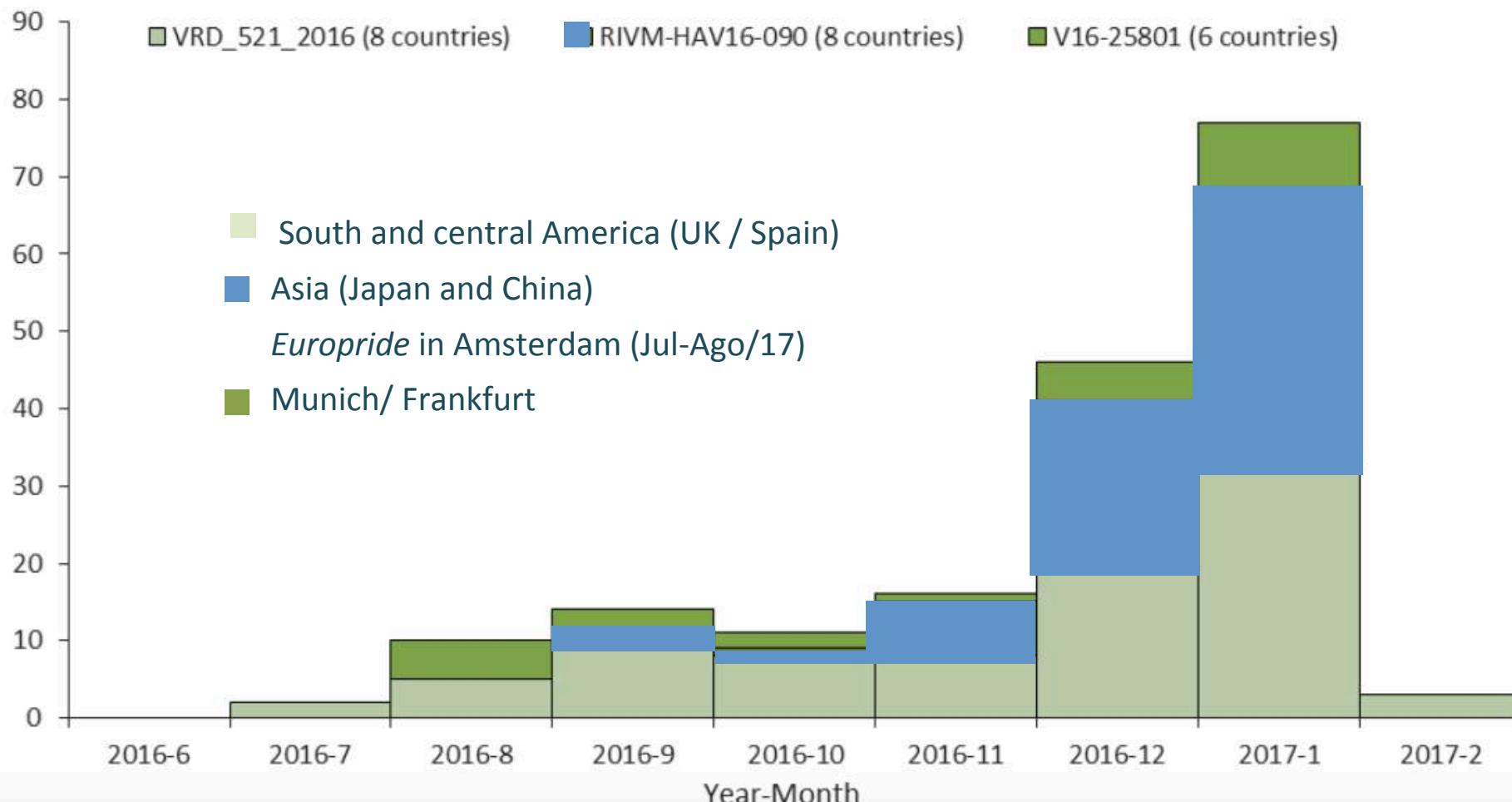
- RIVM-HAV16-090 (Japan and China; *Europride*)
- VRD\_521\_2016 (Central and South America)
- V16-25801 (Frankfurt e Munich)

Barents Sea



# HEPATITIS A: CLUSTERS IN EU OUTBREAK

- 3 clusters of HAV subgenotype IA
- Independent transmission chains



# HEPATITIS A: CLUSTER VRD\_521\_2016 (Portugal)

- 1/Jan through 24/Apr/2017: **242 cases\*** notified
- 93% are young adult men°
- 79% live in Lisbon°
- 50% admitted to hospital°

National Guidelines for Outbreak Control - DGS (09-04-17)  
Outbreak in Portugal / EU  
Global vaccine restrictions (EU)

° Source: Hepatitis A, National Guidelines, 08/05/2017, National Health Direction

\* Source: DGS

# HEPATITIS A OUTBREAK: MANAGEMENT IN PORTUGAL

- **OUTBREAK CONTROL:**
  - **IMMUNISATION** is the main control measure
  - Alert about hygiene and sanitary preventive measures
  - Education and communication (LGBT community)
- Vaccination: **pre and post-exposure** conditions
  - ✓ **Target: MSM;** identification of contacts
  - ✓ **1 dose of anti-HAV vaccine: free of charge**
  - ✓ **Those who have 1 dose of vaccine are considered protected**



- Control of vaccines by National Health Authorities
- Specific locations for vaccine administration

# HEPATITIS A PREVENTION: IMMUNOGLOBULIN

- **Immunoglobulin: post-exposure (2 wks)**
  - ✓ IG IM 0,02mL/kg; protection in 80-90% through 3M
    - Immunodeficiency with vaccine failure
    - Children <12M of age
    - Chronic hepatic disease
    - Vaccine contraindications
- IG IM pre-exposure: 0,02mL/Kg IM (duration <3M)  
0,06mL/Kg IM (duration 3-5M)

# HEPATITIS A OUTBREAK: DISCUSSION

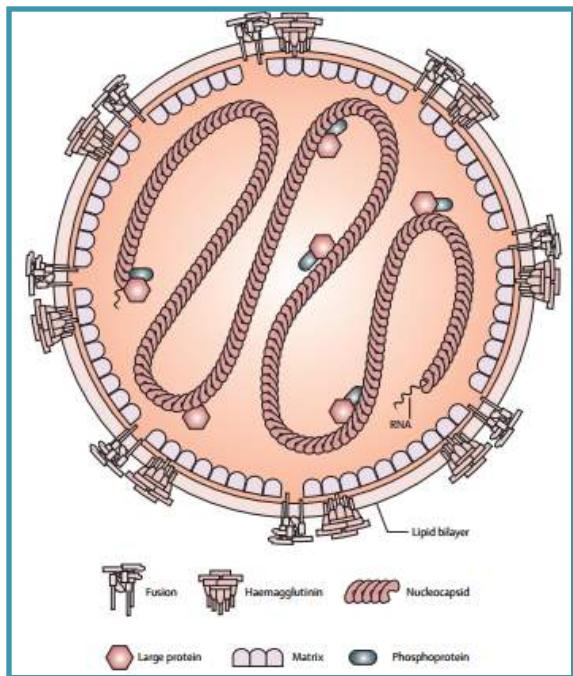
- Outbreak activity:
  - ✓ Number of cases / week? Severity?
- Management guidelines:
  - ✓ Nº of administered vaccines in 1 month ? (**1149**)
  - ✓ Nº of secondary cases / contacts? Pediatric cases?
  - ✓ Nº of available vaccines?
- Controversies about National Health Authorities guidelines:
  - ✓ Travelers and other risk groups neglected
  - ✓ Efficacy of health education efforts?
  - ✓ Pediatric vaccine in pre-exposure prophylaxis? Evidence?



# MEASLES

# MEASLES VIRUS (MeV)

- RNA virus, morbillivirus, paramyxoviridae
- 1 serotype, 24 genotypes compiled in 8 clades (A-H) and clusters



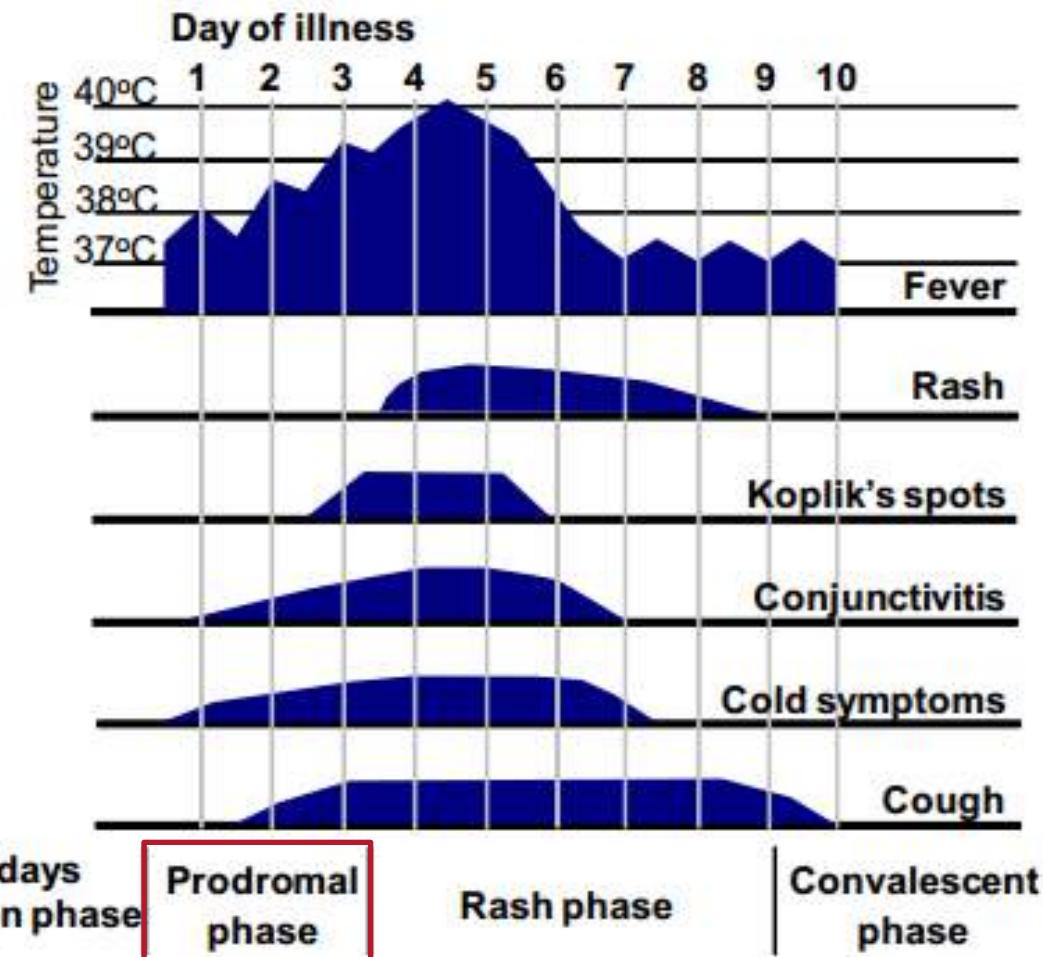
- Human reservoir
- Transmission: droplets and airborne
- Highly infectious (Ro 12-18)
- Infective period: 4d before/4d after exanthem

Moss WJ, Griffin DE. Lancet, 2012

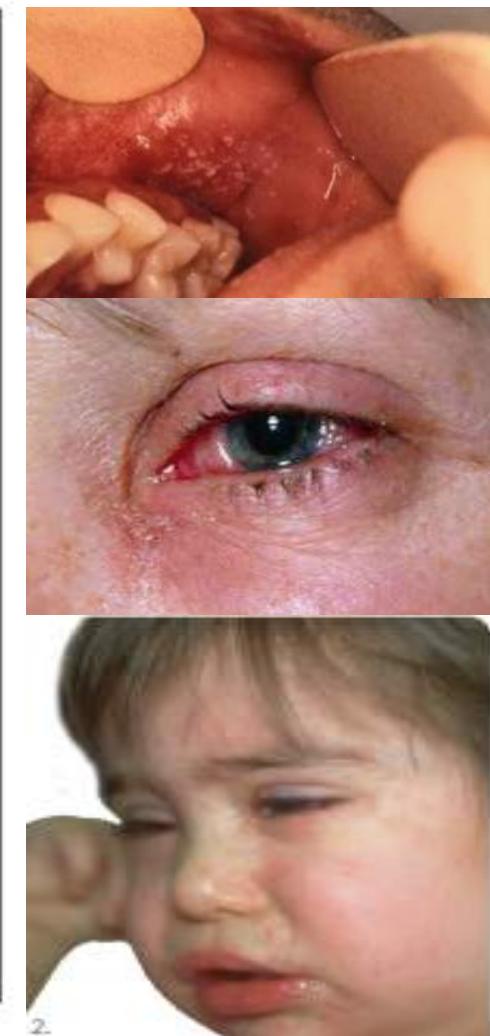
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# TYPICAL MEASLES - PRESENTATION

## CONTAGIOUSNESS



## COMPLICATIONS



Source: DGS, WHO

# RISK FACTORS FOR SEVERE MEASLES

- Pregnancy
- Immunodeficiency
- Poor nutrition
- Vit. A deficiency
- Infants / Adults



Measles keratitis + Vit A deficiency: blindness



# MEASLES COMPLICATIONS

- ≈ 30% of measles cases
- Induces T imunosupression: >risk of secondary infection

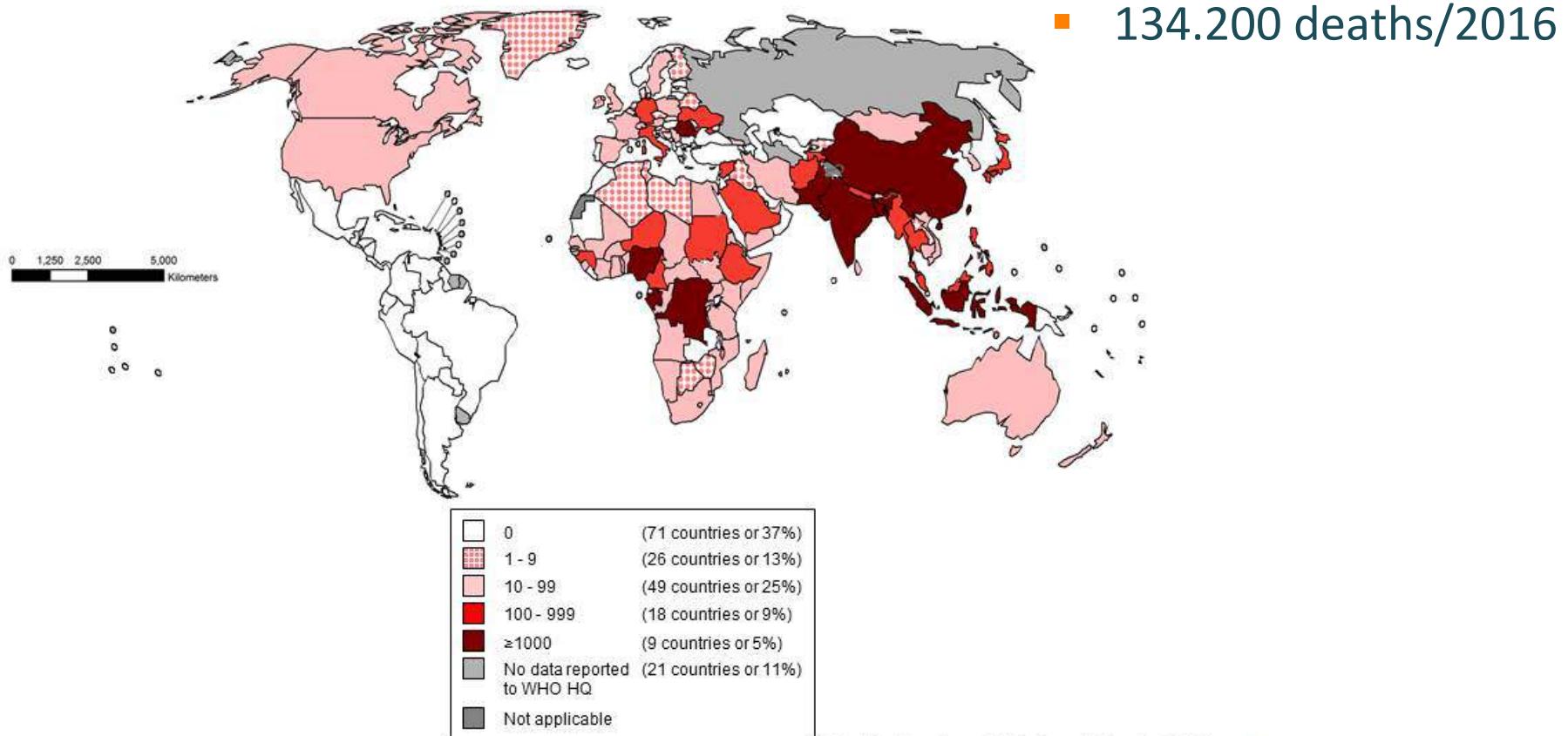
Persistent fever > 3 days after the begining of the exanthem: **alert sign**

Table. Complications of Measles<sup>1,12,29</sup>

| Complication                           | Approximate Rate per No. of Cases |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Diarrhea                               | 1/12                              |
| Otitis media                           | 1/14                              |
| Pneumonia                              | 1/20                              |
| Seizures (febrile and nonfebrile)      | 6-7/1000                          |
| Death                                  | 2/1000                            |
| Primary measles encephalitis           | 1-3/1000                          |
| Acute postinfectious encephalomyelitis | 1/1000                            |
| Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis    | 4-11/100 000                      |

# MEASLES – WORLDWIDE PREVALENCE

Number of Reported Measles Cases with onset date from  
Sep 2016 to Feb 2017 (6M period)

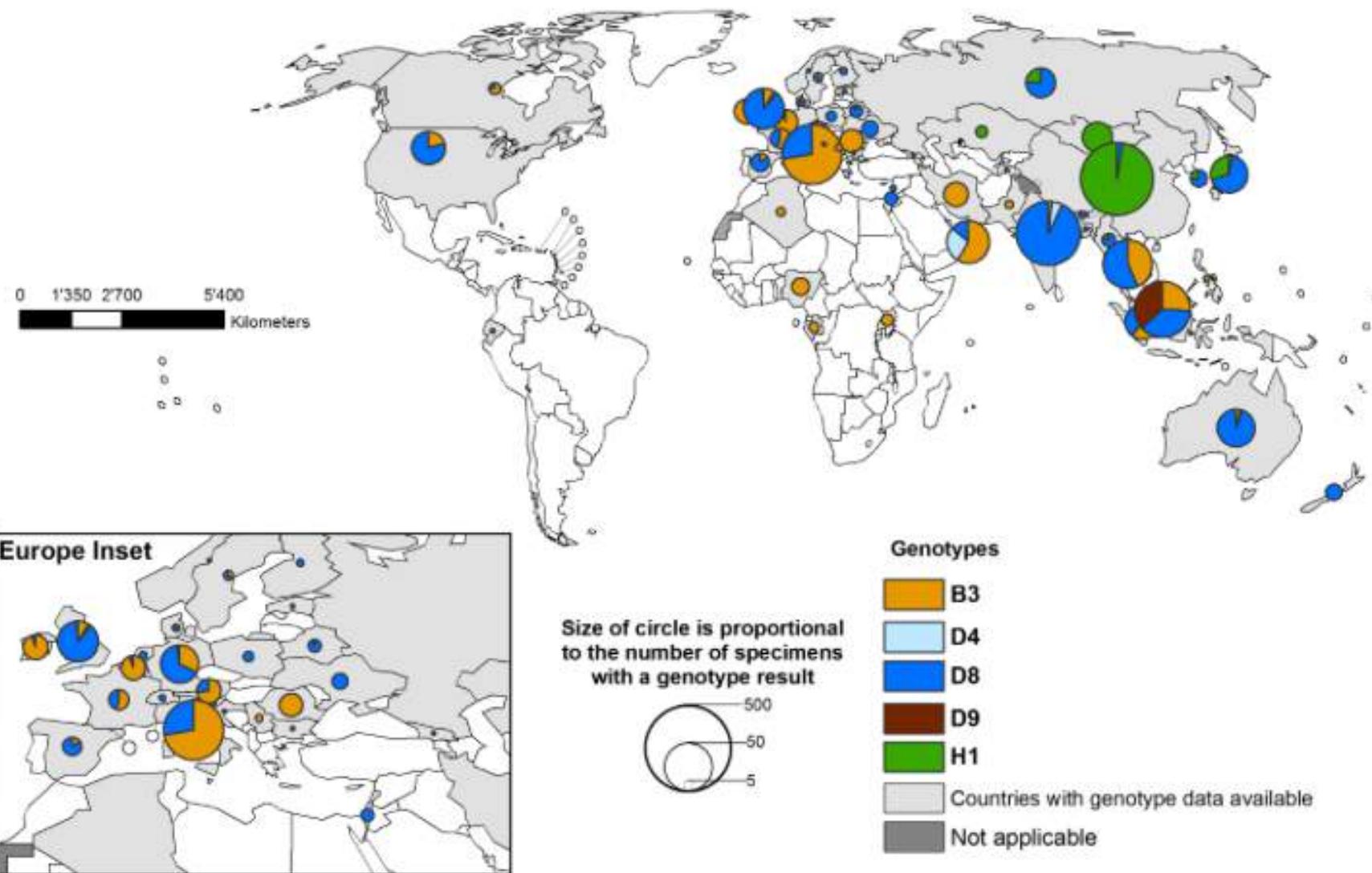


Data source: surveillance DEF file  
Data in HQ as of 11 April 2017



SOURCE: WHO 2017

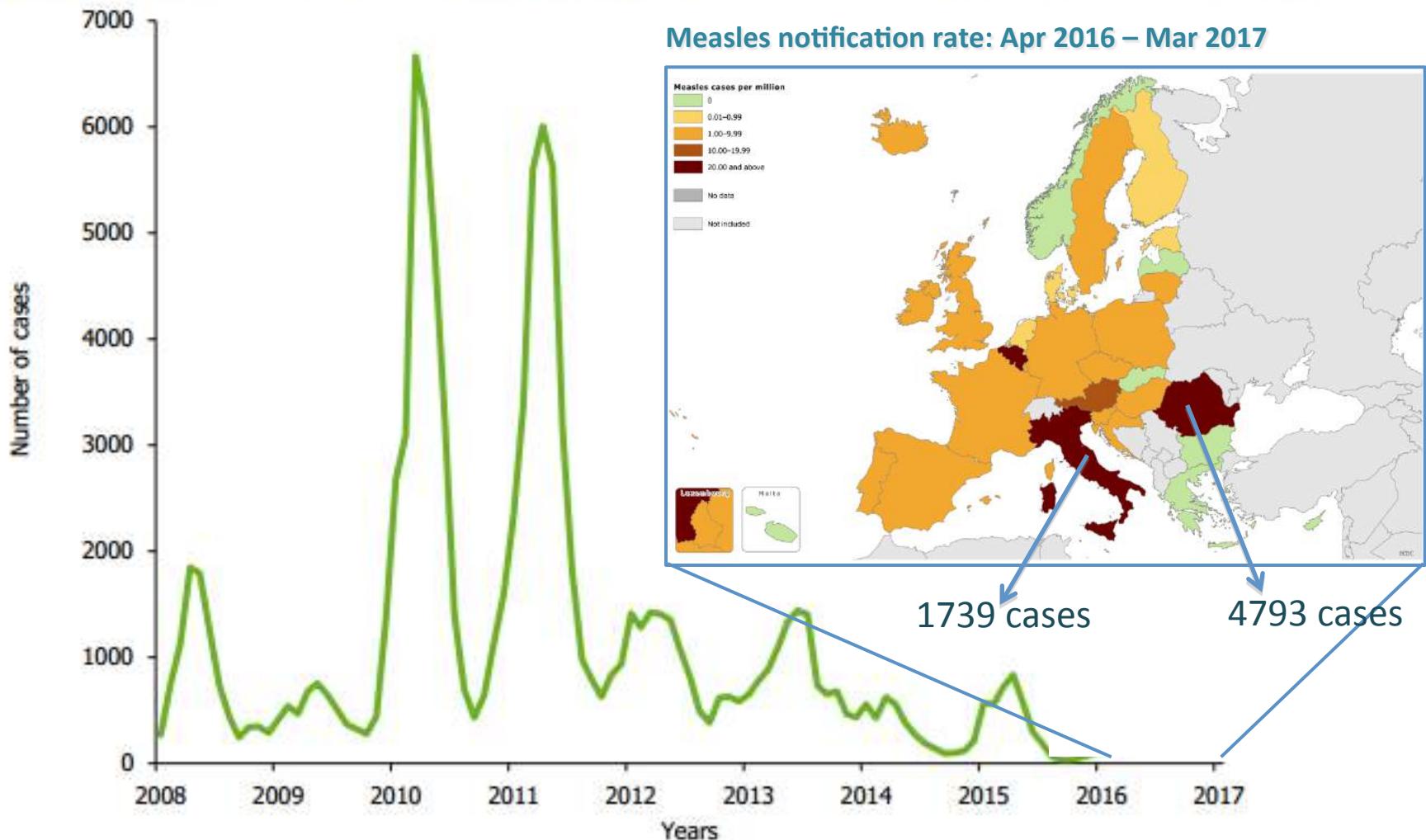
# MeV GENOTYPE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION 2016-2017



# EUROPEAN PREVALENCE 2016-2017

- EU: 6597 cases/yr – 30 countries (1<sup>st</sup> Apr/2016 → 31<sup>st</sup> Mar/2017)

Figure 4. Number of measles cases by month, EU/EEA countries, 1 January 2008–31 January 2017

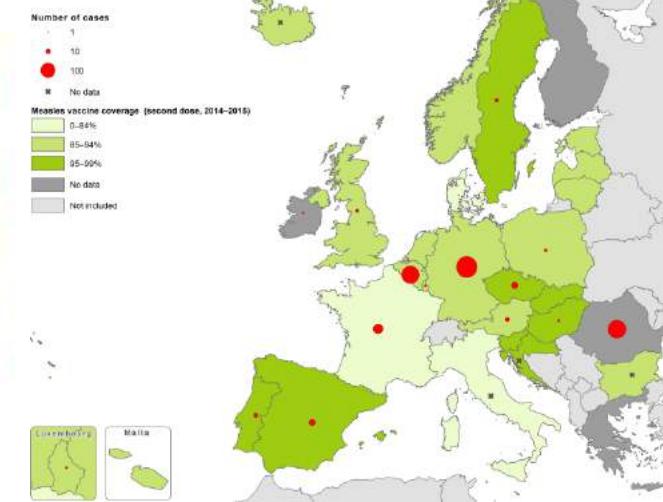


# EUROPEAN VACCINATION COVERAGE

Vaccination coverage with the first and second dose of MMR (2014–2015, WHO\*), EU/EEA countries

| Country        | MCV1 |      | MCV2 |      |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|
|                | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Austria        | -    | 96   | -    | 87   |
| Belgium        | 96   | 96   | 85   | 85   |
| Bulgaria       | 92   | 93   | 87   | 89   |
| Croatia        | 93   | 94   | 96   | 97   |
| Cyprus         | 90   | 86   | -    | -    |
| Czech Republic | -    | 99   | 99   | 96   |
| Denmark        | 91   | 90   | 80   | 84   |
| Estonia        | 93   | 93   | 92   | 93   |
| Finland        | 95   | -    | -    | -    |
| France         | -    | 90   | -    | 74   |
| Germany        | 97   | 97   | 93   | 93   |
| Greece         | 97   | 97   | -    | -    |
| Hungary        | 99   | 99   | 99   | 99   |
| Iceland        | 93   | 90   | 94   | 93   |
| Ireland        | 93   | 93   | -    | -    |
| Italy          | 85   | 87   | 83   | 83   |
| Latvia         | 96   | 95   | 92   | 89   |
| Lithuania      | 94   | 93   | 92   | 92   |
| Luxembourg     | 99   | 99   | 86   | 86   |
| Malta          | 89   | 98   | 91   | 94   |
| Netherlands    | 95   | 96   | 92   | 93   |
| Norway         | 95   | 94   | 91   | 92   |
| Poland         | 96   | 97   | 94   | 95   |
| Portugal       | 98   | 98   | 95   | 96   |
| Romania        | 86   | 89   | -    | -    |
| Slovakia       | 95   | 97   | 98   | 98   |
| Slovenia       | 94   | 94   | 96   | 94   |
| Spain          | 96   | 96   | 95   | 93   |
| Sweden         | 98   | 97   | 95   | 95   |
| United Kingdom | 95   | 93   | 91   | 89   |

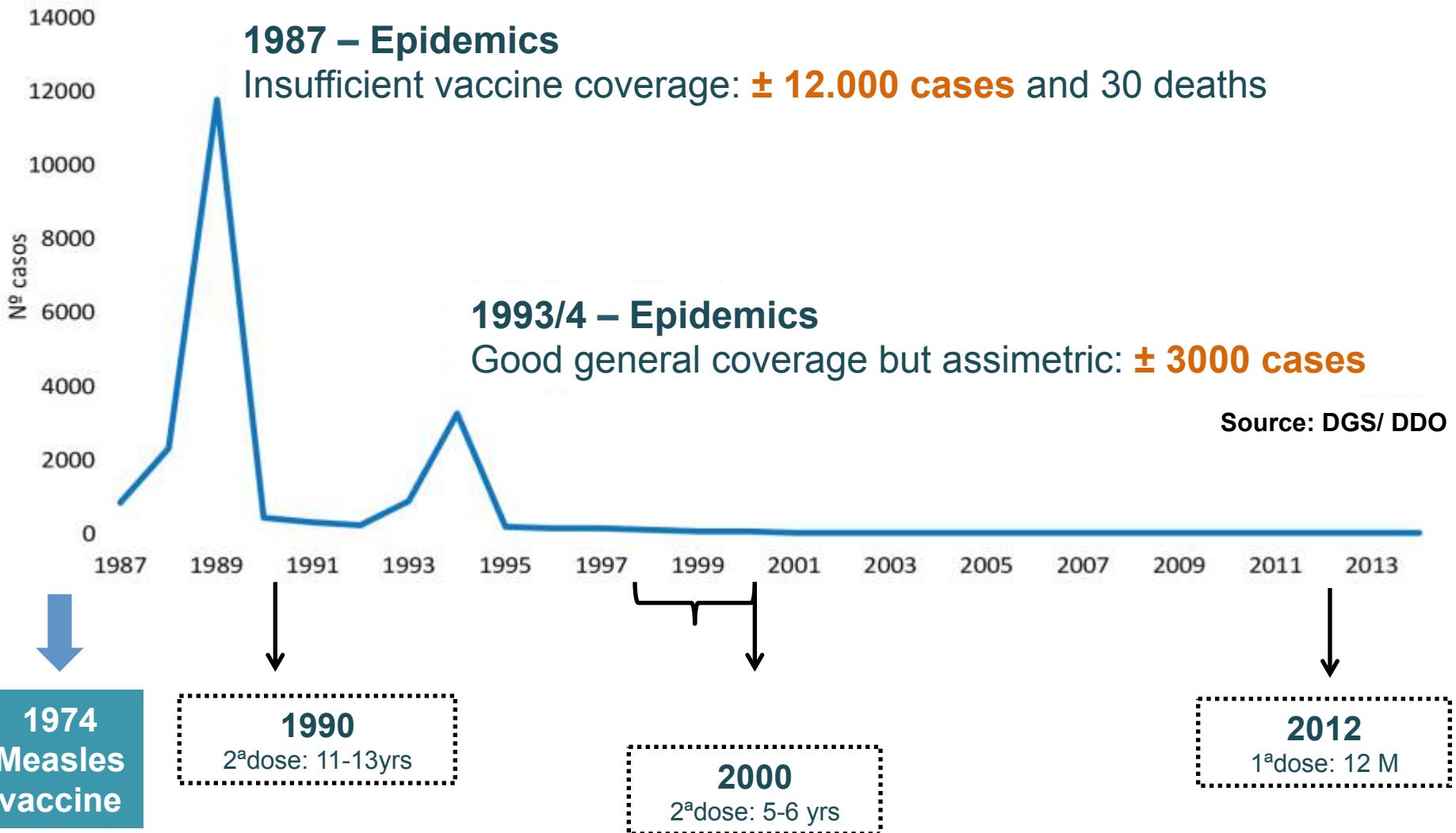
Measles vaccination coverage (2<sup>nd</sup> dose) Jan 2014  
April 2017



# NATIONAL IMMUNISATION SCHEDULE 1965-2017

| 1965   | 1973/4     | 1980       | 1984       | 1987                | 1990                            | 1993/5                          | 2000                            | 2006                            | 2008/9                          | 2012                            | 2015                            | 2017                        |
|--|------------|------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| smallpox   | smallpox   |            |            |                     |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |                             |
| Diphtheria   | Diphtheria | Diphtheria | Diphtheria | Diphtheria          | Diphtheria                      | Diphtheria                      | Diphtheria                      | Diphtheria                      | Diphtheria                      | Diphtheria                      | Diphtheria                      | Diphtheria                  |
| Tetanus  | Tetanus    | Tetanus    | Tetanus    | Tetanus             | Tetanus                         | Tetanus                         | Tetanus                         | Tetanus                         | Tetanus                         | Tetanus                         | Tetanus                         | Tetanus                     |
| pertussis  | pertussis  | pertussis  | pertussis  | pertussis           | pertussis                       | pertussis                       | pertussis                       | pertussis                       | pertussis                       | pertussis                       | pertussis                       | pertussis pregnant          |
| BCG  | BCG        | BCG        | BCG        | BCG                 | BCG                             | BCG                             | BCG                             | BCG                             | BCG                             | BCG                             | BCG                             | Risk groups                 |
| Polio  | Polio      | Polio      | Polio      | Polio               | Polio                           | Polio                           | Polio                           | Polio                           | Polio                           | Polio                           | Polio                           | Polio                       |
|  | Measles    | Measles    | Measles    |                     |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |                             |
|  |            |            |            | Measles<br>Adol. F  | Measles<br>Adol. F              |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |                             |
| <br><b>Campaign VAS<br/>1973-77<br/>Children 1–4 A</b> |            |            |            | <b>MMR<br/>15 M</b> | <b>MMR<br/>15 M<br/>11-13 A</b> | <b>MMR<br/>15 M<br/>11-13 A</b> | <b>MMR<br/>15 M<br/>5 – 6 A</b> | <b>MMR<br/>15 M<br/>5 – 6 A</b> | <b>MMR<br/>15 M<br/>5 – 6 A</b> | <b>MMR<br/>12 M<br/>5 – 6 A</b> | <b>MMR<br/>12 M<br/>5 – 6 A</b> | <b>MMR<br/>12 M<br/>5 A</b> |
|  |            |            |            |                     |                                 | Hep B                           | Hep B                       |
|  |            |            |            |                     |                                 |                                 | Hib                             | Hib                             | Hib                             | Hib                             | Hib                             | Hib                         |
|  |            |            |            |                     |                                 |                                 |                                 | MenC                            | MenC                            | MenC                            | MenC                            | MenC                        |
|  |            |            |            |                     |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 | HPV                             | HPV                             | HPV                             | HPV                         |
|  |            |            |            |                     |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 |                                 | PCV13                           | PCV13                           |                             |

# MEASLES PREVALENCE - PORTUGAL



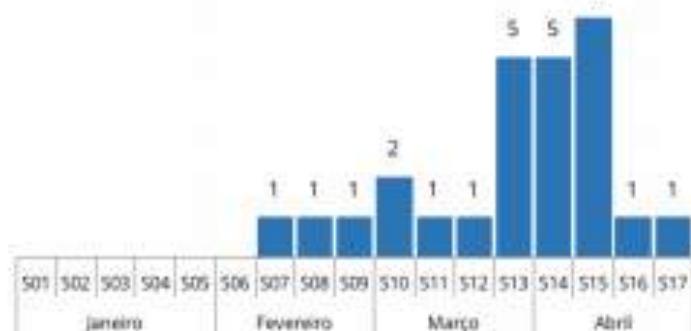
# MEASLES CASES IN PORTUGAL – 2004/16

| YEAR | Nº OF CASES | CONFIRMED CASES | DATA   |
|------|-------------|-----------------|--|
| 2004 | 1           | 0               |  |
| 2005 | 7           | 6               | - 1 case from Romenia + 5 secondary cases (migrant community)  |
| 2006 | 0           | 0               |  |
| 2007 | 0           | 0               |  |
| 2008 | 1           | 1               | - 1 case from UK   |
| 2009 | 3           | 3               | - Outbreak 2 cases: 1 case from Etiopia + 1 secondary<br>- 1 case from France  |
| 2010 | 5           | 5               | - Outbreak 4 cases: 1 from África do Sul + 3 secondary (healthcare worker)<br>- 1 case from UK   |
| 2011 | 7           | 2               | - 1 case from France (genotype D4)<br>- 1 case from Angola (genotype B3.1)   |
| 2012 | 21          | 5               | - Outbreak of 4 cases: 1 from China + 2 secondary + 1 tertiary (gen H1)<br>- 1 case from UK (genotype D4)<br>- 1 case from Angola (genotype ?) |
| 2013 | 6           | 1               | - 1 case from Germany (genotype D8)  |
| 2014 | ?           | 0               |  |
| 2015 | ?           | 0               |  |
| 2016 | ?           | 0               |  |

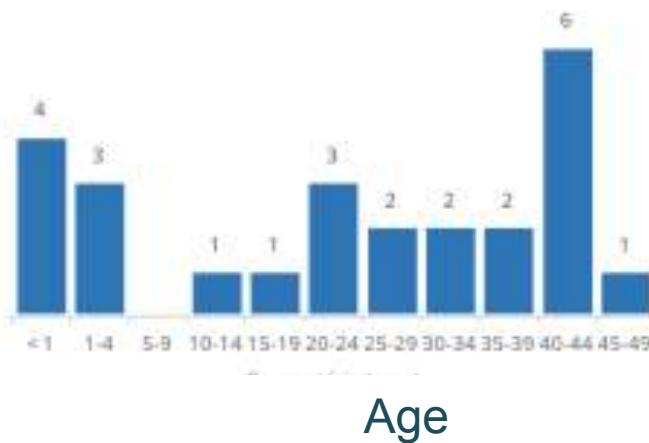
# MEASLES CASES IN PORTUGAL – 2017

Cases on 2<sup>nd</sup> may/2017: week 18 (1 – 6<sup>th</sup> may/2017)

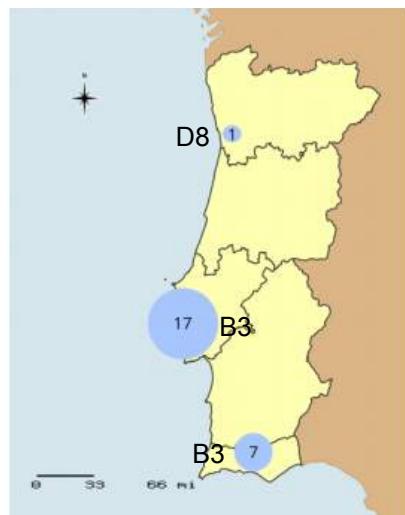
Confirmed cases by week of symptoms



Confirmed cases by age



Cases by Region



114 notifications since 1<sup>st</sup> jan/2017

27 confirmed cases

64% age  $\geq 18$  yrs

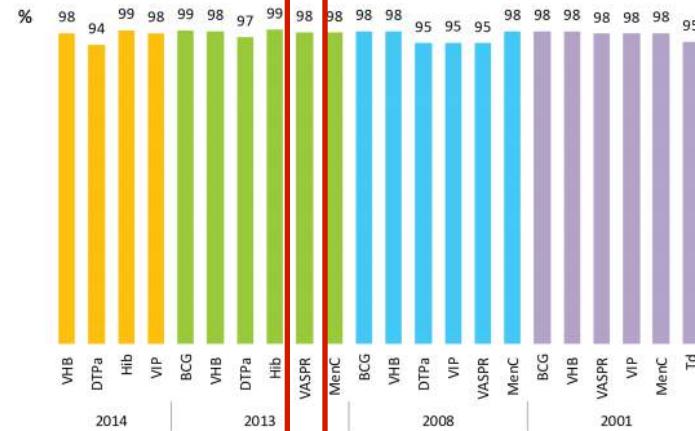
60% non-vaccinated

48% in healthcareworkers

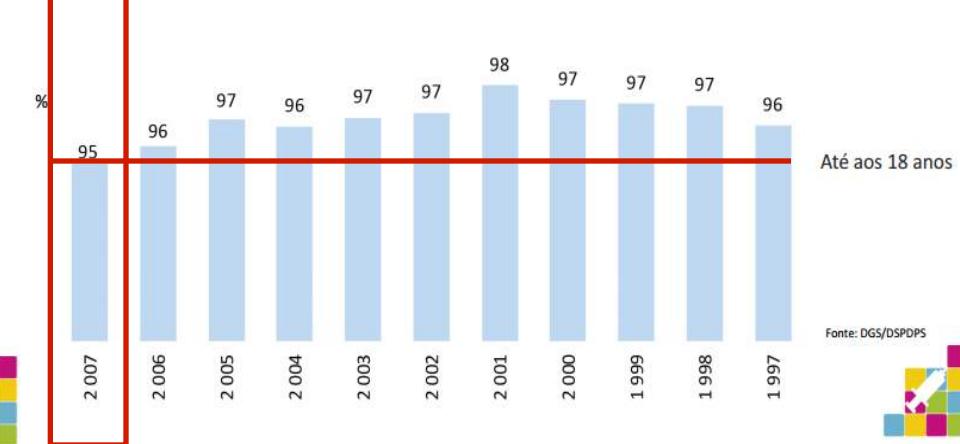
1 death

# MMR VACCINE COVERAGE IN PORTUGAL

## VACCINE COVERAGE BY BIRTH DATE



## VACCINE COVERAGE MMR2 BY BIRTH DATE



PNV cumprido  
Fonte: DGS/DSPDP



Até aos 18 anos

Fonte: DGS/DSPDP

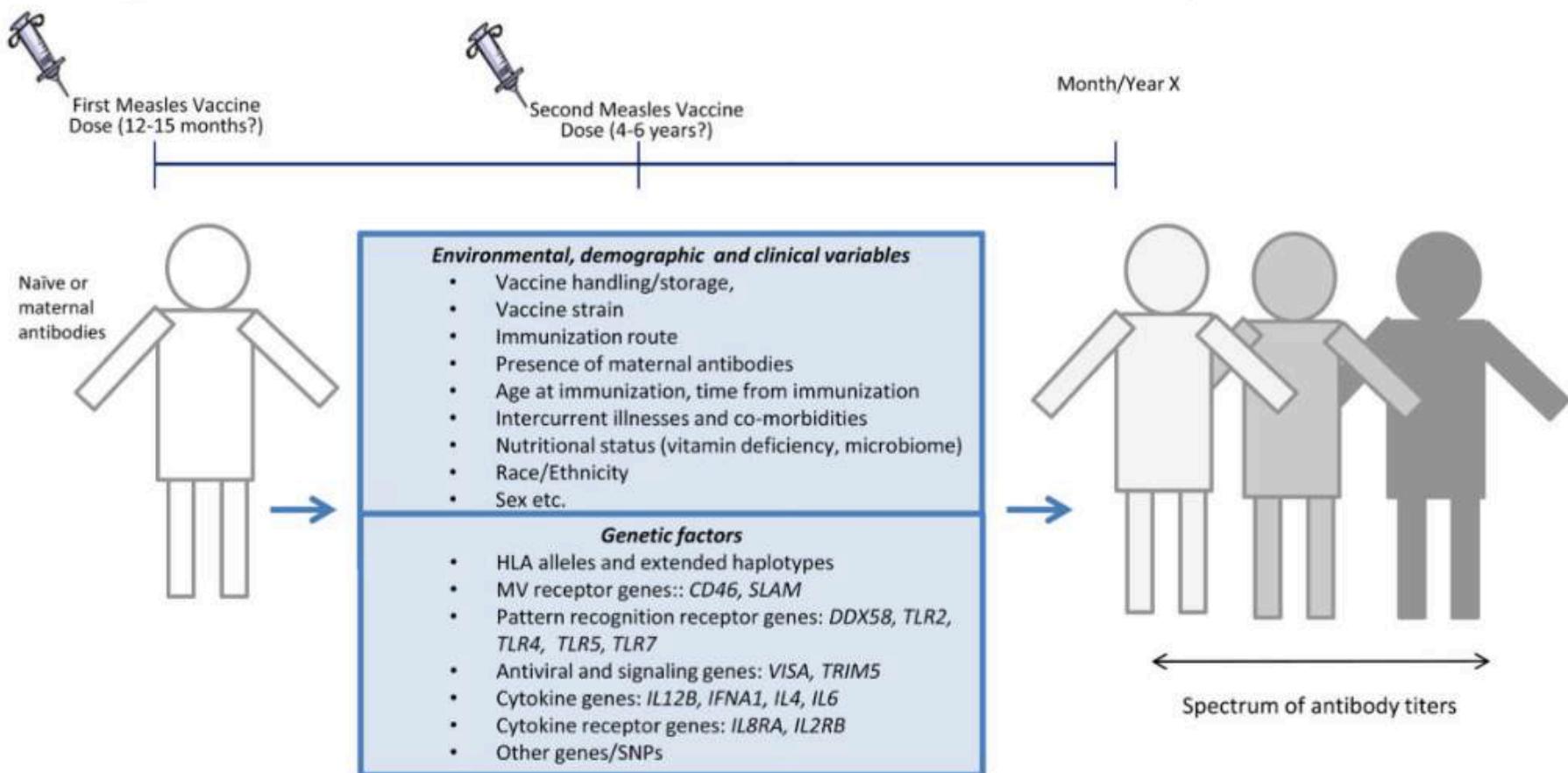


## IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER:

- Seroprevalence – national data
- Vaccine coverage – local and regional
- Immunisation delay
- Vaccine failure

# MMR VACCINE FAILURE – TYPE I AND II

Known genetic and non-genetic factors influencing inter-individual differences in humoral immune responses after measles vaccination



# MEASLES OUTBREAK – CASE DEFINITION

- **Possible case** (clinical criteria)
- **Probable case** (clinical and epidemiological criteria)
- **Confirmed case** (clinical and lab criteria)

| CLINICAL CRITERIA   | LAB CRITERIA  | EPIDEMIOLOGICAL CRITERIA        |
|---|---|---------------------------------|
| Fever and<br>Exanthem and<br>1 of:<br><br>Cough<br>Rhinitis<br>Conjunctivitis | <b>At least one of:</b><br><br>- MeV isolation (sample)<br>- MeV RNA detection (sample)<br>- Specific serum IgM detected<br>- Seroconversion in 2 samples | Epidemiological link identified |

# MEASLES OUTBREAK – LAB DIAGNOSIS

National reference laboratory – INSA

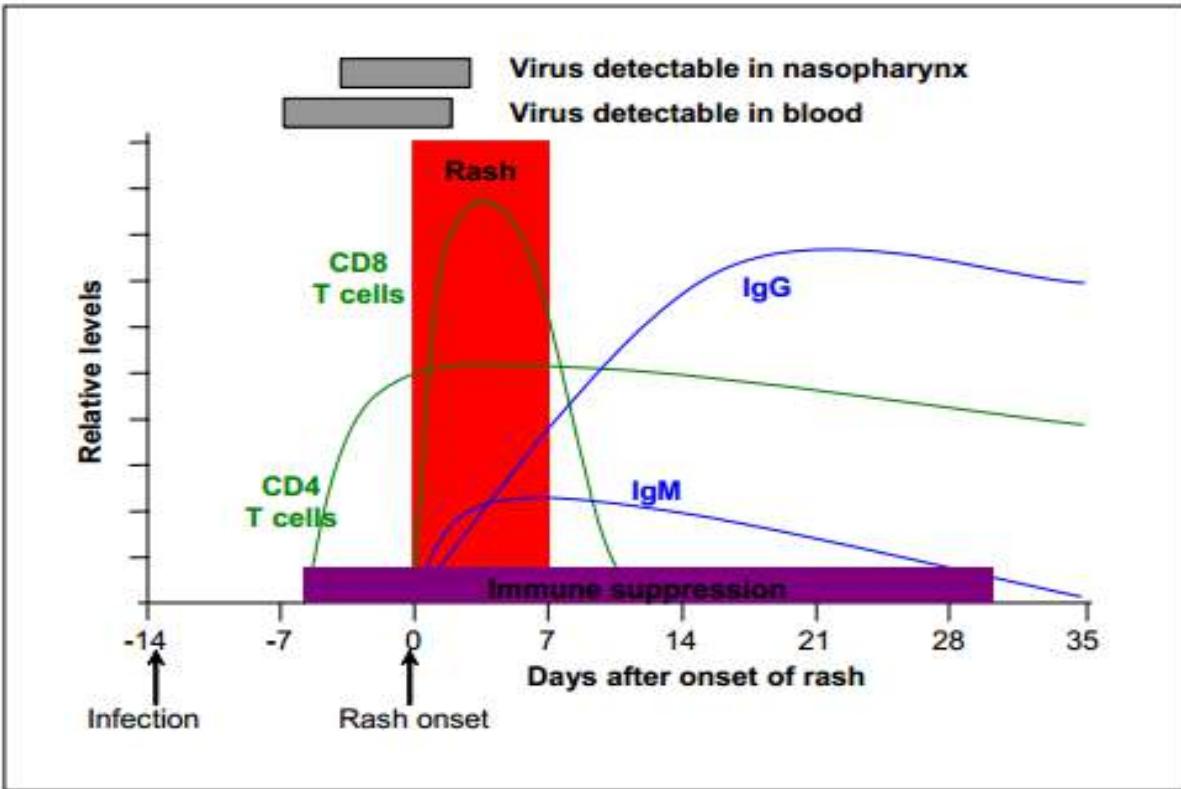
Samples sent free of charge

## 1. Serology

## 2. RT-PCR

## 3. Viral isolation

Genetic analysis



Exanthem < 3 wks

Blood  
Oral fluids / Oropharynx exudate  
Urine

Exanthem > 3 wks

Blood

# MEASLES OUTBREAK: MANAGEMENT IN PORTUGAL

- 1. Isolation of suspected cases**
- 2. Identification and follow-up of contacts**
- 3. Post-exposure vaccination (<72h) and IG**

## CONTACT:

Any person who has shared the same space for any period of time, or being in the same location 30 mins after the patient has exited the location (during the infectious period)

- Cohabitants
- Healthworkers
- Patients in the same space
- Working or school colleagues
- Contacts during trips / transportation

# MEASLES OUTBREAK: MANAGEMENT IN PORTUGAL

## 1. Isolation

## 2. Identification and follow-up of contacts

## 3. Post-exposure vaccination (<72h) and IG

| AGE / CONDITION                         | REQUIRED MMR DOSIS                   |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| ≥6M and <12M                            | 1 dose ("zero dose")                 |
| ≥12M and <18yrs                         | 2 dosis                              |
| ≥18 yrs and born ≥1970                  | 2 dosis                              |
| ≥18 yrs and born <1970*                 | 1 dose                               |
| Healthcare workers                      | 2 dosis                              |
| HIV infection without immunosuppression | In accordance with age and condition |
| Others                                  | In accordance with age/condition     |

\*National Serological Inquiry 2001-2002, >97% of protection

# MEASLES OUTBREAK: MANAGEMENT IN PORTUGAL

## 1. Isolation

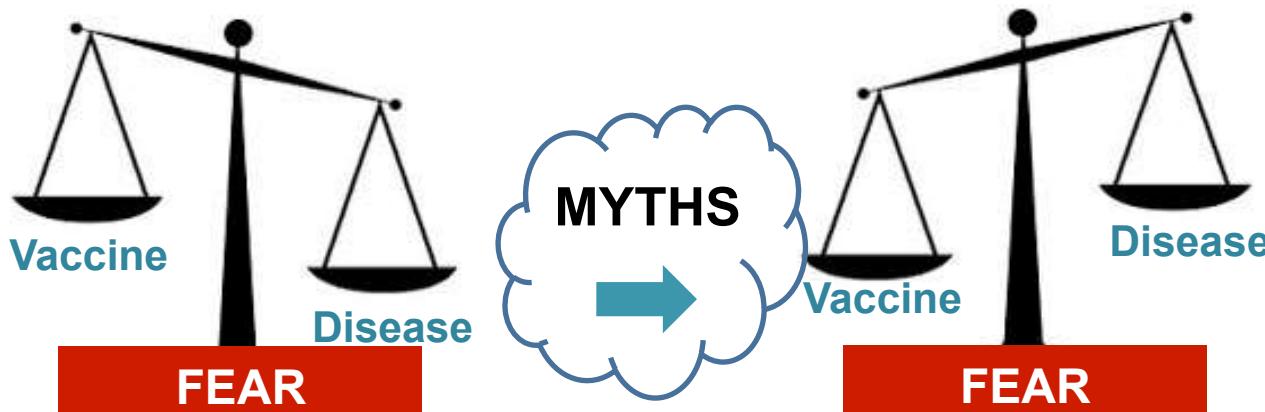
## 2. Identification and contacts follow-up

## 3. Post-exposure vaccination (<72h) and IG

| INDICATIONS FOR POST-EXPOSURE IG ADMINISTRATION                                      |   |
|--|---|
| Until 6 days post-exposure, when MMR is contraindicated or has risk of complications | Children <6M old<br>Pregnant women<br>HIV infection with immunosuppression<br>Severe Imunosuppression |
| Until 6 days post-exposure, when MMR period of administration was overcomed          | Children aged 6M–12M, without vaccine<br>HIV infection without immunosuppression<br>Others            |

# ERADICATION OF MEASLES: REMAINING CHALLENGES

- Fight vaccine coverage asymmetries
- Vaccine delay and false contraindications
- Anti-vaccine movements



## Among 1 Million Children Infected With Measles

- 300 000 Children would have some form of complication, including:
  - 50 000 Cases of pneumonia
  - 80 000 Cases of diarrhea
  - 70 000 Cases of otitis media
  - 1000-3000 Cases of primary measles encephalitis
  - 1000 Cases of acute postinfectious encephalomyelitis
  - 110 Cases of subacute sclerosing panencephalitis
  - 2000 Deaths

## Among 1 Million Children Who Are Vaccinated and Do Not Develop Measles

- 999 966 Children would not experience a serious adverse effect
- 33 Cases of transient thrombocytopenia
- 1 Significant allergic reaction
- <1 (0.22) Case of encephalitis

Unmask

# ERADICATION OF MEASLES: REMAINING CHALLENGES

- Elimination / Eradication is possible
  - ✓ Exclusive human transmission
  - ✓ Effective vaccine
- Management plan: transmission interrupted (south) and  
↓ (Lisbon) in 2 months
- Fight vaccine hesitancy: teaching (not coercion / obligation)

# HEPATITIS A NAD MEASLES OUTBREAK: DISCUSSION



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