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### Annelies Wilder-Smith: The Ups and Downs of Dengue Vaccination



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Her special research interests include travel health, vaccine preventable and emerging infectious diseases, in particular dengue, Zika, yellow fever, chikungunya, influenza and meningococcal disease. With a career spanning almost three decades, she has led and co-lead various clinical trials, published more than 260 scientific papers, edited and co-edited textbooks and travel medicine books, served on various editorial boards and scientific committees, including being editorial consultant to The Lancet. Her awards include the Myrone Levine Vaccinology Prize, the Honor Group Award for exemplary leadership and coordination in determining and communicating global yellow fever risk presented at the CDC Award Ceremony, the Mercator Professorship award by the German Research Foundation and the Ashdown Oration Award by the Australian College of Travel Medicine. She is the Principal Investigator of an EU funded international consortium called "ZikaPLAN" (<https://zikaplan.tghn.org/>), and recently completed another 4 year research project on dengue, also funded by the European Commission.

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