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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AEFI	Adverse Events Following Immunization
CIOMS	Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences
CRPS	Complex Regional Pain Syndrome
DNSR	Dissociative Neurological Symptom Reaction
HPV	Human Papillomavirus
ICD	International Classification of Diseases
ISRR	Immunization Stress-Related Response
POTS	Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The cause-specific definitions of an “adverse event following immunization” (AEFI) of the Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS) and WHO include anxiety-related reactions. It is proposed that an alternative term be used: “immunization stress-related response” (ISRR). Many immunization programme managers and health care professionals are not well trained to recognize or manage this type of AEFI, as prevention, management and communication strategies have not been well defined. The objective of this document is to equip programme managers at local, regional and national levels and health care professionals with the technical knowledge to prevent identify, manage and respond to both individual and clusters of ISRR.

This synopsis outlines the framework of the contents in the manual on immunization stress-related responses. This manual was developed by the World Health Organization for program managers and health professionals to prevent, identify and respond to stress-related responses following immunization. Comprehensive information is available in the main document.



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