**ALBIE DE FREY**

**VACCINES IN TRAVEL MEDICINE**

Less than five percent of travel related diseases are vaccine preventable but that does not mean that vaccines are not a very important part of the armamentarium of the travel health practitioner. Conversely, immunisation is arguably the most important, life-saving medical intervention in human history and perhaps only less important than the provision of safe drinking water and sanitation. Travel health practitioners therefor have a very important role to play in the public health arena as many people, particularly in the current climate of vaccine hesitancy and refusal, seldom consult a health care provider with the explicit goal of seeking vaccination. A visit to a travel clinic is therefore an opportunity for immunisation advocacy not only in the context of travel but more importantly in the promotion of good public health to the benefit of individual travellers as well as the public at large.

Delegates will learn about:

1. The role of so called “travel vaccines” in the context of public health promotion
2. Gain perspective on the place of immunisation in the context of travel health
3. Obtain an understanding of the difference between vaccination as a requirement of the International Health Regulations / country requirements vs personal protection.