**The Role of Adult Vaccination as Part of Healthy Ageing**

**What is Healthy Ageing?**

Healthy Ageing: the process of developing and maintaining the functional ability that enables well-being in older age.

- By 2050, roughly 34% of Europe’s population will be aged over 60.
- 23% of disease globally occurs in those aged >60.

**The Burden of Vaccine Preventable Diseases**

There are approximately ~20 vaccines available to protect against a range of serious diseases.

- Vaccine preventable diseases kill ~350x more adults than children.
- Adults 65 years and older account for ~88% of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza.

**Why are we ignoring the role of vaccination?**

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**Overcoming barriers to adult vaccination**

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- Most adults would receive the influenza or pneumococcal vaccine if recommended by their HCP.

- ~1.7 million influenza cases would be averted every year in the EU if there was 75% vaccine coverage.

References: