Eradication of poliomyelitis will not be easy. Vaccines and vaccine manufacture are part of the solution but part of the problem too.
Eradication of polio

For:
1. two good vaccines
2. no animal reservoir

Against:
1. silent infections
2. vaccine issues
3. tropical countries
4. money, management, logistics, politics, sociology
5. What is eradication?
Polio Eradication

1988
350,000 cases

Progress 1988-2000

>99% decline in cases

2000
2,797 cases

Polio Eradication
Wild Poliovirus*, 15 Apr 2002 to 14 Apr 2003

Data in WHO HQ as of 15 April 2003.

*Excludes viruses detected from environmental surveillance and vaccine derived polio viruses.

Endemic countries

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Wild Poliovirus*, 13 Jul 2004 to 12 Jul 2005

- Wild virus type 1
- Wild virus type 3
- Wild virus type 1 & 3

Endemic countries
Re-established transmission countries
Case or outbreak following importation

*Excludes viruses detected from environmental surveillance and vaccine derived polio viruses.
Data in WHO HQ as of 12 Jul 2005

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If one country has polio the world is at risk.
cVDPVs: circulating vaccine derived poliovirus strains which cause outbreaks

Arise where vaccine coverage is poor or patchy. Outbreaks in Hispaniola, Egypt, Madagascar, Phillipines, China, Nigeria, etc
Relationship Between Sabin 1-Derived Isolates from Haiti and the Dominican Republic to Type 1 Wild Polioviruses

VP1 (906 nt)
The Gravity of the Problem in Nigeria: type 2 circulating Vaccine-derived Poliovirus (cVDPV)

dots are randomly placed within districts

Data in WHO HQ as of 04 Jun 2008

Rolling 6 months map: 5 Dec 2007 – 4 Jun 2008

\[ cVDPV \ (28 \text{ cases}) \]
Hypogammaglobulinaemic patients can become chronic excreters of poliovirus after receiving OPV by mistake. The world record so far is over twenty five years.
Live oral polio vaccine can revert to circulating paralytic poliovirus. Prolonged excretion of poliovirus is possible.
Solution to the OPV issue

Stop using OPV to prevent new VDPVs. Immunise with IPV to maintain protection.
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Total: 137.3 375

1) Include both standalone and Combo IPV use. Assumes non-Hexa IPV users will shift to Hexa in 2011
2) Excluding GAVI countries
3) Top 5 countries representing 87% of birth cohort
4) Top 3 countries representing 75% of birth cohort. Top 5 (plus Chile and Dominican Republic) represent 91% of birth cohort
5) Top 5 countries representing 87% of birth cohort
6) Top 5 representing 43% and top 10 (plus Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Serbia, Afghanistan, Vietnam) represent 61% of birth cohort
7) Representing tentative use in post-eradication
IPV manufacture

Grow wild type virus
Treat with diluted formalin for twelve days
Use
The Cutter Incident (1955)

Poliomyelitis in 60 recipients and 89 contacts of vaccine.

Live virus isolated from vaccine. Occurred within seven days of the licence being granted.

Founding of the Biologica ls arm of FDA as we know it.
IPV production systems are the biggest single concentration of poliovirus on the planet. Escapes have been documented in the past. Although facilities have improved the entry of new manufacturers is possible. This may be the most likely source of polio re-emergence if the wild type is truly eradicated.

At the moment there are four manufacturers of licensed IPV, all in Europe.
Reasons to use the Sabin strains

1. Safer than wild type
2. Provide a base for restarting OPV production in an emergency.
61st World Health Assembly resolution on longterm poliovirus risk management

Implications for GAPIII:

- Formally acknowledges goal of safer and more affordable IPV production
- Safeguards revised and re-organized
- Timing of safeguard implementation adjusted

Strains used for preparation of Inactivated Polio Vaccine

| Serotype Strain Source Year Origin Case |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Mahoney Stool 1941 USA Healthy |
| 2 | MEF-1 CNS 1942 Middle East Paralytic |
| 3 | Saukett Stool 1950 USA Paralytic |
Some issues

1. Assays.
2. Efficacy.
3. Yields and production.
5. Combination vaccines and interactions.
6. CONTAINMENT.
Developing country production

Interest by a number of vaccine manufacturers in the developing world to produce sIPV.

Large countries seem to be especially interested in producing sIPV, including China, India and others.

To produce sIPV safely, prospective manufacturer needs to make substantial capital and human resource investments to meet not only the GMP but also the containment requirements for sIPV.

Production in developing countries could lead to substantial reductions in cost of sIPV production.

WHO/UNICEF Consultation meeting 2007
Prequalification (WHO)

Six functions of the National Regulatory Authority:

• Licensing
• Surveillance of vaccine performance
• Lot release
• Lab access
• GMP inspections
• Clinical evaluation
Design of mutilated strains
Summary
Polio is very nearly eradicated. Vaccination will continue for some time, particularly with IPV. It is unlikely that production will be confined to the existing manufacturers. This has pluses and minuses which might be addressable.