

PUBLIC HEALTH GRAND ROUNDS

Theme: A New Public Health Order in the 21st Century

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Omicron and other COVID-19 variants of concern – where are we now?



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All viruses, including SARS-CoV-2 mutate over time naturally. Many of these changes do not have much impact on the virus' properties. However, with time and due to various contributing factors, some changes may result in altered characteristics of the virus including its ability to spread, ability to cause severe disease, performance of vaccines, drugs and diagnostics, as well as other public health and social measures.¹

This webinar aims to discuss COVID-19 Variants of Concern (VOC), with particular focus on Omicron and the risk of new VOC emerging and measures in place to continue monitoring for their emergence in Africa.

About CONCVACT

The African CDC Consortium for COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Trials (CONCVACT) has been established to convene the diverse organizations working across the continent under one umbrella, to help accelerate progress on planned and future COVID-19 vaccine trials that take place in African nations. The CONCVACT is fundamentally an African initiative and is closely aligned with African priorities and interests. Vially, it will partner with, and strengthen the capacity of, relevant institutions and networks throughout the continent. CONCVACT will focus primarily on research and will promote the translation of scientific and clinical findings into substantive regional impact through political and regulatory engagement. In this way, the CONCVACT will provide regional stewardship and strengthen coordination in these urgent and important areas and will not seek to exert control over them.

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