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Advancing Vaccine Safety Through Evidence, Tools and Collaboration

In recent months, the Safety Platform for Emergency vACcines (SPEAC) has continued to expand the evidence, tools and resources available to support vaccine safety preparedness and response. This issue highlights new Ebola vaccine safety resources, educational tools, training and global engagement.

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New Tools and Resources

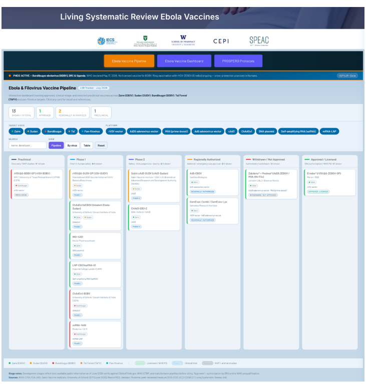
New case definition for acute intraocular inflammation

Brighton Collaboration has published a new case definition for **acute intra-ocular inflammation (aIOI)** in Vaccine. Developed through the CEPI-funded SPEAC project, the definition establishes standardized criteria for assessing and classifying a range of inflammatory intra-ocular conditions.

The definition is designed to support consistent data collection and assessment across clinical trials, background incidence studies, causality assessments and post-licensure pharmacovigilance.

Access the aIOI case definition:
https://brightoncollaboration.org/acute-intraocular-inflammation/

Resources Support Ebola Vaccine Safety Assessment



SPEAC has expanded the resources available to support vaccine safety assessment and preparedness for Ebola vaccines.

An updated Adverse Events of Special Interest (AESI) list for Ebola vaccines provides an evidence-informed resource to support safety monitoring during vaccine development and deployment.

SPEAC has also released the Ebola Vaccines Living Systematic Review Dashboard: Safe in Pregnancy, providing an interactive way to explore the evolving evidence on Ebola vaccination during pregnancy.

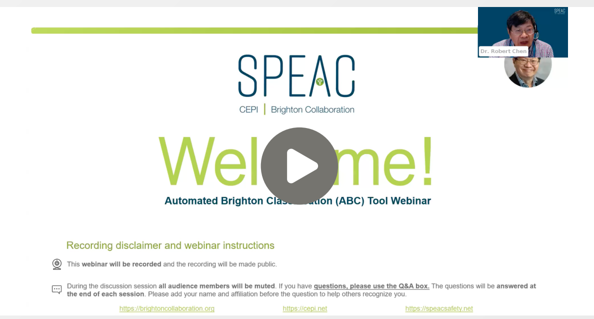
3,515	779	297	88
records screened	full-text articles assessed	publications included	clinical studies included

Updated Ebola AESI List:
https://speacsafety.net/tools/aesi-lists/ebola/

Ebola Vaccines Living Systematic Review Dashboard:
https://safeinpregnancy.org/ebola-vaccines/

ABC Tool Webinar Replay Now Available

Monthly Webinar Series



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Automated Brighton Cla ation (ABC) Tool Webinar

Recording disclaimer and webinar instructions

This **webinar will be recorded** and the recording will be made public.

During the discussion session **all audience members will be muted**. If you have **questions, please use the Q&A box.** The questions will be **answered at the end of each session**. Please add your name and affiliation before the question to help others recognize you.

https://brightoncollaboration.org https://cepi.net https://speacsafety.net

In August, SPEAC hosted a webinar exploring the Automated Brighton Classification (ABC) Tool, an interactive resource supporting standardized application of Brighton Collaboration case definitions and assignment of levels of diagnostic certainty.

Vaccine safety experts demonstrated the tool, discussed its practical application and explored how structured classification can support consistent assessment of potential adverse events. The webinar recording is now available to watch on demand.

The session also kicked off a monthly SPEAC webinar series highlighting the tools, resources and approaches available to support vaccine safety preparedness. Details about upcoming sessions will be announced as they become available.

Watch the ABC Tool Webinar Replay: https://speacsafety.net/abc-tool-webinar/
Explore the ABC Tool: https://speacsafety.net/abc-tool/

BRAVATO Webinar Explores Vaccine Safety Templates and Benefit-Risk Assessment

On September 24, SPEAC hosted the second webinar in its monthly series, Introduction to the Brighton Collaboration Vaccine Safety Templates & Benefit-Risk Module (BRAVATO).

The session highlighted how the Brighton Collaboration Vaccine Safety Templates and Benefit-Risk Modules (BRAVATO) support standardized vaccine safety summaries and benefit-risk assessment across vaccine research and development settings.

The webinar recording, presentation materials and additional resources are now available on the webinar webpage.

View the BRAVATO Webinar & Resources: https://speacsafety.net/bravato-webinar/

Featured Tool: CEPI Vaccine Safety Intelligence

CEPI VACCINE SAFETY INTELLIGENCE

30+ applications

200+ dashboards

The CEPI Vaccine Safety Intelligence (CVSI) Platform brings vaccine safety evidence, data and tools together in an interactive environment. With more than 30 applications and 200 dashboards spanning vaccine safety, vaccination programs and pathogen epidemiology, CVSI provides a central starting point for exploring SPEAC resources and evidence.

Explore CVSI: https://speacsafety.net/tools/safety-intelligence/

Evidence and Learning

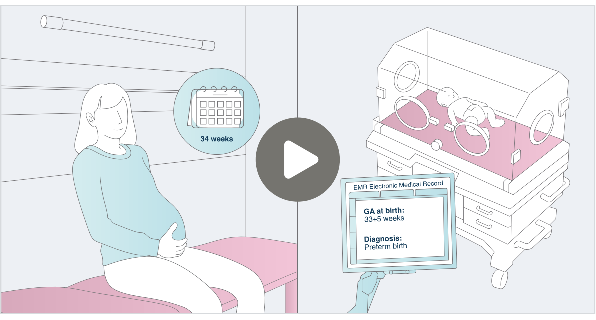
Seven Years of SPEAC: Advancing Vaccine Safety Preparedness

For seven years, SPEAC has worked to strengthen vaccine safety preparedness through evidence, tools, methods and global capacity building.

A new publication reflects on SPEAC's evolution and its work to advance a more proactive approach to vaccine safety, from identifying Adverse Events of Special Interest and strengthening case definitions to developing evidence resources, digital tools and training. It also highlights the collaborations that have helped make high-quality safety information available when it is needed.

Read "Seven Years of SPEAC": https://speacsafety.net/seven-years-of-speac/

New Educational Resource: Preterm Birth Explainer Video



SPEAC's Educational Resource Library continues to grow with a new resource focused on Preterm Birth as an Adverse Event of Special Interest.

The explainer provides an accessible introduction to key concepts involved in identifying and assessing preterm birth in the context of vaccine safety and joins a growing collection of materials designed to make vaccine safety concepts and resources easier to understand and apply.

Explore the Preterm Birth Resource: https://speacsafety.net/educational-resouce-library/

New and Updated Vaccine Safety Resources

Several new and updated resources are now available to support consistent vaccine safety assessment:

Acute Multi-Organ Dysfunction (aMOD)	New Levels of Diagnostic Certainty chart supporting standardized assessment and classification of severe adverse events involving multiple organ systems.
Fetal Vaccinia	Revised Levels of Diagnostic Certainty chart supporting standardized assessment of reported cases.

Training and Capacity Strengthening

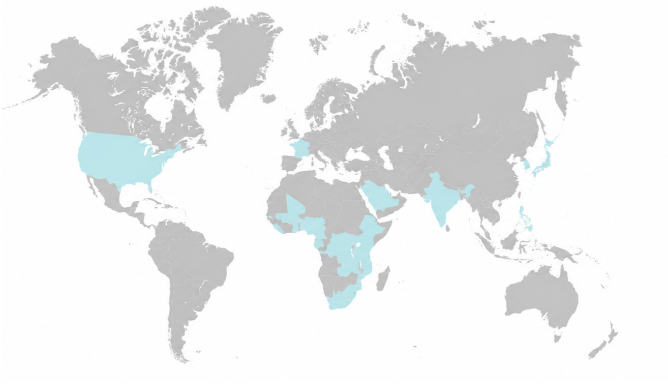
Another DSMB Training Cohort Completes the Program

SPEAC continues to strengthen global capacity for independent vaccine safety oversight through its Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) training program.

The May-August 2026 cohort included 19 participants, all of whom successfully completed the program. The latest cohort builds on previous SPEAC training initiatives and helps expand the pool of experts equipped to contribute effectively to DSMBs overseeing vaccine clinical trials and other research.

SPEAC has also introduced an automated certificate process to streamline recognition of participants who successfully complete the training.

19 enrolled / 19 completed



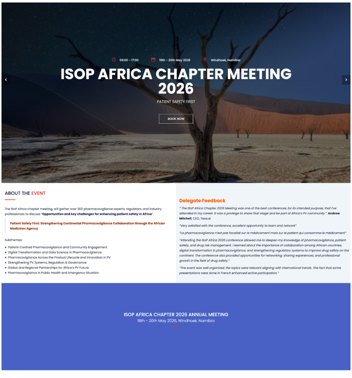
Events and Engagement

SPEAC at the ISoP Africa Chapter Meeting

SPEAC contributed to the May 2026 International Society of Pharmacovigilance (ISoP) Africa Chapter Meeting in Windhoek, Namibia, sharing work focused on strengthening safety surveillance in Africa and other low- and middle-income countries.

Contributions included a presentation by **Dale Nordenberg** on Brighton Collaboration case definitions and MedDRA, along with a scientific poster, ***Active Safety Surveillance of Vaccines and Medicines in Africa and Other LMICs: Updated Landscape Assessment(2013–2025) and Interactive Dashboard,*** developed by SPEAC and collaborating researchers.

The meeting provided an opportunity to share resources and approaches supporting standardized vaccine safety monitoring.


09:00 - 17:00 19th - 20th May 2026 Windhoek, Namibia

ISOP AFRICA CHAPTER MEETING 2026

PATIENT SAFETY FIRST

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ABOUT THE EVENT

The ISoP Africa chapter meeting, will gather over 300 pharmacovigilance experts, regulators, and industry professionals to discuss "**Opportunities and key challenges for enhancing patient safety in Africa**".

> **Patient Safety First: Strengthening Continental Pharmacovigilance Collaboration through the African Medicines Agency**

Subthemes:

- Patient-Centred Pharmacovigilance and Community Engagement
- Digital Transformation and Data Science in Pharmacovigilance
- Pharmacovigilance Across the Product Lifecycle and Innovation in PV
- Strengthening PV Systems, Regulation & Governance
- Global and Regional Partnerships for Africa's PV Future
- Pharmacovigilance in Public Health and Emergency Situation

Delegate Feedback

" The ISoP Africa Chapter 2026 Meeting was one of the best conferences, for its intended purpose, that I've attended in my career. It was a privilege to share that stage and be part of Africa's PV community." **Andrew Mitchell**, CEO, Yeza.ai

"Very satisfied with the conference, excellent opportunity to learn and network"

"La pharmacovigilance n'est pas focalisé sur le médicament mais sur le patient qui consomme le médicament"

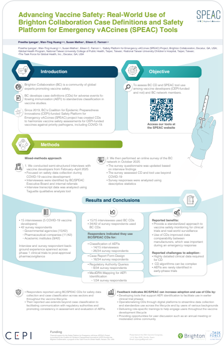
"Attending the ISoP Africa 2026 conference allowed me to deepen my knowledge of pharmacovigilance, patient safety, and drug risk management. I learned about the importance of collaboration among African countries, digital transformation in pharmacovigilance, and strengthening regulatory systems to improve drug safety on the continent. The conference also provided opportunities for networking, sharing experiences, and professional growth in the field of drug safety."

"The event was well organized, the topics were relevant aligning with international trends. The fact that some presentations were done in French enhanced active participation."

ISOP AFRICA CHAPTER 2026 ANNUAL MEETING
18th - 20th May 2026, Windhoek, Namibia

SPEAC at the 20th Vaccine Congress

Preetha Iyengar represented SPEAC at the 20th Vaccine Congress, held September 14–16 in Seville, Spain, sharing work on the practical application of vaccine safety tools and methods.


Advancing Vaccine Safety: Real-World Use of Brighton Collaboration Case Definitions and Safety Platform for Emergency vACcines (SPEAC) Tools

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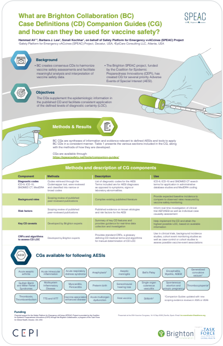
What are Brighton Collaboration (BC) Case Definitions (CD) Companion Guides (CG) and how can they be used for vaccine safety?

Background

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Methods and description of CG components

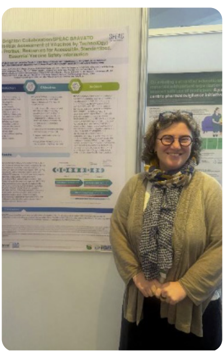
CGs available for following AESIs

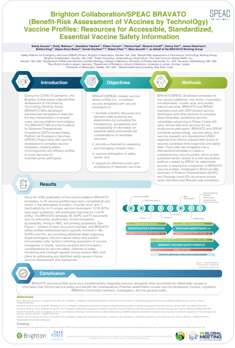
Presentations highlighted SPEAC Companion Guides and the real-world use of Brighton Collaboration case definitions and SPEAC tools to support standardized vaccine safety assessment.

The congress provided opportunities to engage with researchers, vaccine developers and public health professionals working across vaccine development and safety.

SPEAC at the ISoP 2026 Annual Meeting

At the ISoP Annual Meeting in San José, Costa Rica, **Shelly Karuna** shared work highlighting SPEAC and Brighton Collaboration resources designed to support vaccine safety assessment.




Brighton Collaboration/SPEAC BRAVATO (Benefit-Risk Assessment of VAccines by TechnolOgy) Vaccine Profiles: Resources for Accessible, Standardized, Essential Vaccine Safety Information

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Poster presentations covered three areas:

- BRAVATO Vaccine Profiles and their role in structured vaccine benefit-risk assessment
- Companion Guides supporting the application of Brighton Collaboration case definitions
- SPEAC Educational Resources designed to strengthen understanding and application of vaccine safety methods

Together, the presentations demonstrated how SPEAC resources can support consistent, evidence-informed approaches to vaccine safety assessment.

Read More About SPEAC's Recent Conference Activities
ISoP Annual meeting: https://www.isop2026costarica.org/
Pero si del ISoP Africa meeting: https://isopafrica.com/

Team Updates

SPEAC has seen several changes to its project team in recent months.

Thank You to Anita Renahan-White

SPEAC extends its sincere thanks to Anita Renahan-White for her contributions to the project and its work with partners. We are grateful for her contributions and wish her all the best in her next chapter.

Welcome Joanna Pritchard and Katrina Farber

Following Anita's departure, Joanna Pritchard has been serving as SPEAC's Associate Deputy Director, supporting the project's ongoing work and coordination across its activities and partnerships.

We also welcome Katrina Farber as Project Manager. Katrina joins the team to support project coordination and implementation as SPEAC continues its work to strengthen vaccine safety preparedness globally.

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