



***Process of Polio Eradication in Nepal***

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**Time** : 12:30 – 14:00  
*(sandwich lunch from 12:30 to 12:45; seminar begins at 12:45)*  
**Venue** : SR2, G/F, Laboratory Block, Faculty of Medicine Building, 21  
Sassoon Road

**Abstract:**

Nepal, a low income country, has been polio free since August 2010. This seminar will discuss the process involved and the measures taken for improving population immunity in high risk areas, border areas and high risk population towards this achievement. Recent experience on switching trivalent oral polio vaccine (tOPV) to bivalent OPV (bOPV) and the rationale behind it will also be shared. This talk will be more of informal and interactive in nature and will focus on innovative practices in maintaining cold chain and the lessons learned.

**Bio-sketch:**

Dr Badri Raj Pande is a paediatrician by training and has been actively involved in public health for nearly half a century. He joined government service and held various positions, viz Paediatrician at Kanti Children Hospital, Executive Director at Nepal Family Planning & Child Health, Member-Secretary of National Commission on Population at Chief Health Planning Division, Ministry of Health during the period 1959 to 1988. Later, he joined international service working in Eastern Mediterranean and South East Asia Regions of WHO. Dr Pande has received many awards from Nepal government as well as from the WHO on Health for All in 1988 and in 2014: Support to Polio-Free Certification in South East Asia Region and Life Time Achievement Awards from the Family Planning Association of Nepal and from Nepal Paediatric Society respectively. The Ministry of Health & Population of Nepal felicitated Dr Pande for expanding family planning nationwide effectively on the occasion of the First National Family Planning Day in 2014.