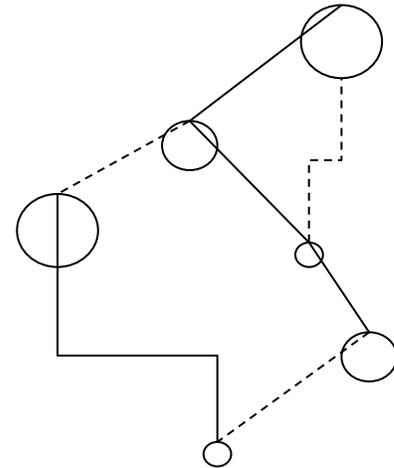


Using Social Media to Reach the Elderly in the Philippines

Innovative and effective strategies of enhancing vaccine confidence and uptake and risk communication and community engagement with an emphasis on high-risk and vulnerable groups

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The Problem

Situation overview

Describe in a few points the context

Our 85-year-old mother and grandmother was reluctant to have a COVID vaccine for fear of adverse events following immunization, insisted that she is not used to being vaccinated, and said that she would just stay home to avoid COVID

Explain briefly how you diagnosed the reasons for low uptake

She was scared because of reports from media and other friends saying that the vaccine can cause harm

Problem statement

Elderly are vulnerable and at high risk for serious COVID

Communication and support strategies require adaptation to specific needs of vulnerable groups

The Solution

Actions

Describe briefly how you selected the interventions used

Since her son is known to us we thought of an occasion, Mothers Day to show her that her son wanted her to be safe by being vaccinated and asked the expert panel to talk to her and convince her to get the COVID vaccine

Explain briefly what you did

We featured her in our podcast program for Facebook users to air her concerns and talk to several experts who are vaccinologists, some of which were known to her.

Primary group engaged: *specifically indicate if/how you engaged high-risk and vulnerable groups*

...Through Social media and Facebook contacts, we encouraged people to join us every Saturday night and let us know their problems and talk to real experts to give their advice. We also feature an intermission dance and some relaxation exercises at times to relieve the stresses they feel.

Measurement

Describe how you measured outcomes

Not long after our podcast the son told us his mom was happy to be vaccinated and we had her again on the subsequent podcast to tell her story.





Outcomes and Key Learnings

Outcomes and Impact

Describe briefly the results of the interventions

She got the vaccine and said she felt loved by our group

Were you able to measure impact? How?

Yes in many ways if we get a success story like this, meaning people say they are convinced that the vaccine will be safe and working effectively and willing to tell others about it, we are indeed happy and grateful.

We believe that gradually, the numbers of those vaccine hesitant are decreasing in our country but we have to continue to get the right information to people and discriminate against fake news and disinformation.

Key Learnings

Provide tips and learnings on what worked with this approach

The Mom felt that her son really wanted her to be safe and will get the experts to listen and talk to her

What were the enabling factors to ensure success?

Son was expressing his love and concern for his mom and made the special occasion of Mothers Day to express his feelings.

Think about how this approach could be applied in other contexts – what should colleagues know to adapt it?

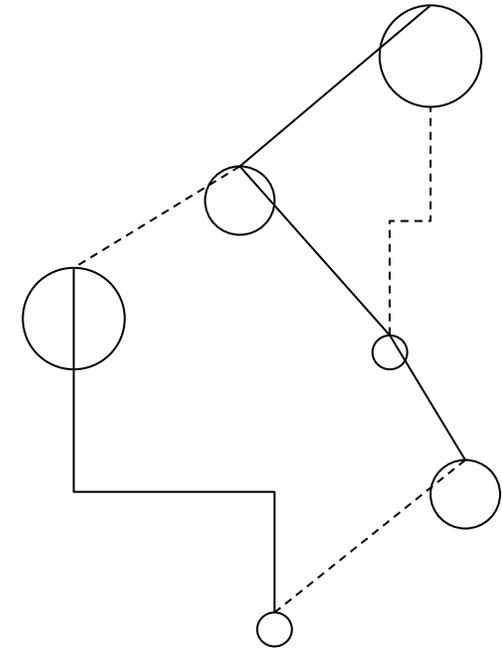
Understanding the nature and feelings of family and loved ones would be beneficial to make those hesitant to feel better secure and perhaps choosing special occasions and demonstrations of love and affection would really help.



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