

Cost-Effectiveness of 13-Valent Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine in Filipino Adults Aged ≥50 Years

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INTRODUCTION

- The Philippines' national immunization program (NIP) recommends use of 23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPV23) among seniors aged 60 years and again at age 65 years to protect against invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD) and non-bacteremic pneumococcal pneumonia (NBPP)¹
- Additionally, local clinical practice guidelines in the Philippines recommend 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13) or PPV23 among adults aged ≥50 years who are at elevated risk of pneumococcal disease due to underlying conditions²
- Despite recommendations, implementation of vaccination is not widespread likely due to lack of funding

OBJECTIVE

- To evaluate the impact of an alternative pneumococcal vaccination recommendation and of expanding the NIP to include select younger adults, we conducted a cost-effectiveness analysis comparing use of single-dose PCV13 vs. two doses of PPV23 (administered five years apart; "PPV23+PPV23") among adults aged 50-59 years at elevated risk of pneumococcal disease and all adults aged 60-99 years in the Philippines

METHODS

Model Overview

- Lifetime risks and costs of IPD (including bacteremia and meningitis) and NBPP were projected using a probabilistic cohort model with a Markov-type process
- Model population included adults aged 50-59 years at moderate or high risk of disease and all adults aged 60-99 years in the Philippines (N=12.8M)³⁻⁵:
 - Population is characterized by age (1-yr increments) and risk profile (low-risk [immunocompetent without chronic medical conditions], moderate-risk [immunocompetent with ≥1 chronic medical condition], high-risk [immunocompromised])^{6,7}
- Vaccination strategies included a single dose of PCV13 or, alternatively, PPV23 at model entry; patients receiving PPV23 received a second dose of PPV23 five years later (if alive)
- Clinical and economic outcomes for each strategy are projected annually based on age, risk profile, disease/fatality rates, vaccination status/type, time since vaccination, and unit costs and include: cases of IPD and NBPP, deaths due to IPD and inpatient NBPP, life-years (LYs) and quality-adjusted LYs (QALYs), and costs of vaccination and medical treatment for IPD and NBPP, and non-medical costs

Model Parameters

- Model population comprised all adults aged 50-59 years at moderate or high-risk of disease and all adults aged 60-99 years (50-59y, n=3.4M; 60-64y, n=3.7M; 65-74y, n=3.8M; 75-84y, n=1.6M; 85-99y, n=0.3M)
- Proportion of disease that is vaccine-type (VT)⁸ was assumed to remain the same over the modelling horizon due to low uptake of PCVs among children (i.e., no herd effects from pediatric vaccination)
- PCV13 effectiveness (VE-PCV13) was assumed to be durable for 5 years and to wane to 0% by year 16⁹⁻¹¹
- VE-PPV23 vs. VT-IPD was assumed to wane to 0% by year 10¹²; VE-PPV23 vs. VT-NBPP assumed to wane to 0% by year 5¹³
- Utility reductions for persons with IPD, inpatient NBPP, and outpatient NBPP were 0.13, 0.13, and 0.004, respectively, in the year in which the illness occurred^{14,15}
- Costs included medical care costs (bacteremia, ₱21,725; meningitis, ₱23,676; inpatient NBPP, ₱14,118; outpatient NBPP, ₱692-₱742)^{16,17}, vaccine price (confidential; PCV13 price=1.7x PPV23 price), and vaccine administration fee (PPV23: ₱40, PCV13: ₱65)¹⁸
- Vaccine uptake was assumed to be 10%¹⁸
- Other model inputs are summarized in Table 1

Analyses

- Cost-effectiveness was calculated in terms of cost per QALY gained and evaluated using a 1x GDP per capita willingness-to-pay (WTP) threshold
- Benefits and costs were discounted at 7% annually
- Analyses were conducted from healthcare system and societal perspectives
- Probabilistic sensitivity analyses (PSA; 1,000 replications) were conducted from the societal perspective to account for uncertainty surrounding estimates of key model parameters

Table 1: Base case model input values, by age and risk

	50-64 Years		65-74 Years		75-84 Years		85-99 Years		Low	Mod	High
	Mod	High	Low	Mod	High	Low	Mod	High			
Incidence of bacteremia (per 100K) ^{19,20}	21.1	37.0	11.0	31.1	49.8	13.9	38.9	60.1	16.7	46.7	70.5
Incidence of meningitis (per 100K) ^{19,20}	5.2	9.2	2.7	7.6	12.2	3.4	9.5	14.6	4.1	11.3	17.0
Incidence of inpatient NBPP (per 100K) ^{3,18,20}	18.5	34.6	11.6	35.2	47.2	15.3	46.2	62.0	17.9	54.0	72.4
Incidence of outpatient NBPP (per 100K) ^{3,18,20,21}	12.3	23.1	7.7	23.4	31.8	10.2	30.7	41.7	11.9	35.9	48.7
General population mortality (per 100) ²²	1.5	1.9	3.4	5.1	6.7	5.0	7.4	9.7	6.3	9.5	12.4
Case-fatality rate for bacteremia (per 100) ^{19,23}	29.3	30.6	36.4	38.2	39.9	42.9	45.0	47.1	49.2	51.6	54.0
Case-fatality rate for meningitis (per 100) ^{19,23}	26.3	27.5	32.7	34.3	35.9	38.6	40.5	42.3	44.2	46.4	48.6
Case-fatality rate for inpatient NBPP (per 100) ^{24,25}	5.7	12.4	3.9	5.7	8.5	5.0	6.2	6.6	5.9	6.0	7.9
Yr. 1 VE-PCV13 vs. VT-IPD (%) ^{9,10,26,27}	79.2	63.3	75.0	75.0	60.0	75.0	75.0	60.0	75.0	75.0	60.0
Yr. 1 VE-PCV13 vs. VT-NBPP (%) ^{9,10,26,27}	51.3	41.1	45.0	45.0	36.0	45.0	45.0	36.0	45.0	45.0	36.0
Yr. 1 VE-PPV23 vs. VT-IPD (%) ^{12,28}	32.3	16.8	55.7	30.9	16.1	50.8	28.1	14.6	37.9	20.5	10.6
Yr. 1 VE-PPV23 vs. VT-NBPP (%) ¹³	24.0	12.5	41.3	22.9	11.9	37.6	20.8	10.8	28.1	15.2	7.9
General population health utility ^{29,30}	0.76	0.64	0.72	0.72	0.55	0.67	0.67	0.53	0.51	0.51	0.48

RESULTS

- Use of single-dose PCV13 vs. two doses of PPV23 would result in fewer cases and deaths, thus reducing clinical burden of pneumococcal disease and yielding 1,058 additional QALYs (Table 2)
- From the healthcare system perspective, total costs increased by ₱33.6M (net of ₱18.1M reduction in medical care costs and ₱51.7M increase in vaccination costs); the incremental cost-effectiveness ratio (ICER) was ₱31,791/QALY
- From the societal perspective, total costs increased by ₱26.8M (net of ₱18.1M reduction in medical care costs, ₱6.9M reduction in non-medical costs, and ₱51.7M increase in vaccination costs); the ICER was ₱25,308/QALY
- In PSA, 99.2% of replications were below the cost-effective threshold of ₱190,000/QALY (Figures 1 and 2)

Table 2: Base case results

	PCV13	PPV23+PPV23	Difference
No. cases			
IPD	76,317	77,149	-832
Inpatient NBPP	66,322	66,978	-656
Outpatient NBPP	44,225	44,662	-437
No. deaths	36,683	37,059	-376
No. LYs/QALYs (discounted)			
LYs	111,377,592	111,375,999	1,593
QALYs	75,327,963	75,326,905	1,058
Costs (millions)			
Medical care	₱1,240.5	₱1,258.5	-₱18.1
Vaccination	₱969.3	₱917.6	₱51.7
Non-medical	₱466.5	₱473.3	-₱6.9
Total healthcare costs (medical + vaccination)	₱2,209.8	₱2,176.1	₱33.6
Total societal costs (medical + vaccination + non-medical)	₱2,676.2	₱2,649.5	₱26.8
Healthcare system perspective			
Cost per LY	--	--	₱21,108
Cost per QALY	--	--	₱31,791
Societal perspective			
Cost per LY	--	--	₱16,804
Cost per QALY	--	--	₱25,308

Figure 1: PSA scatterplot

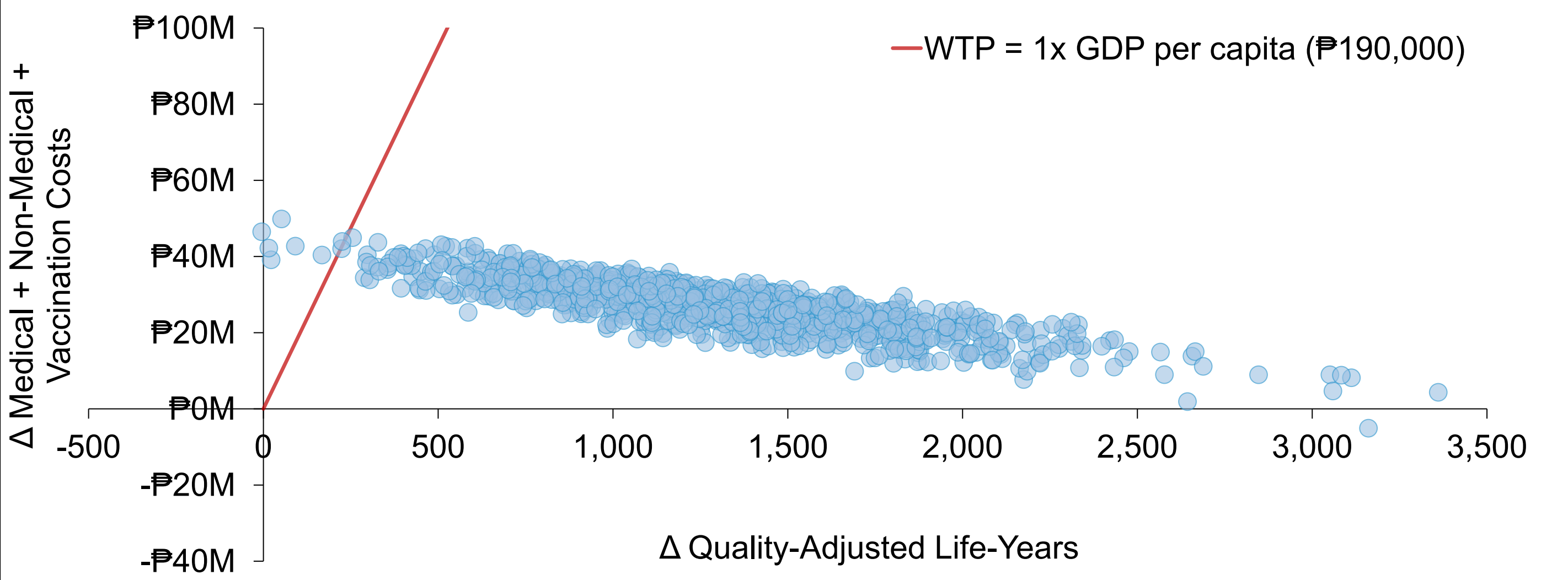
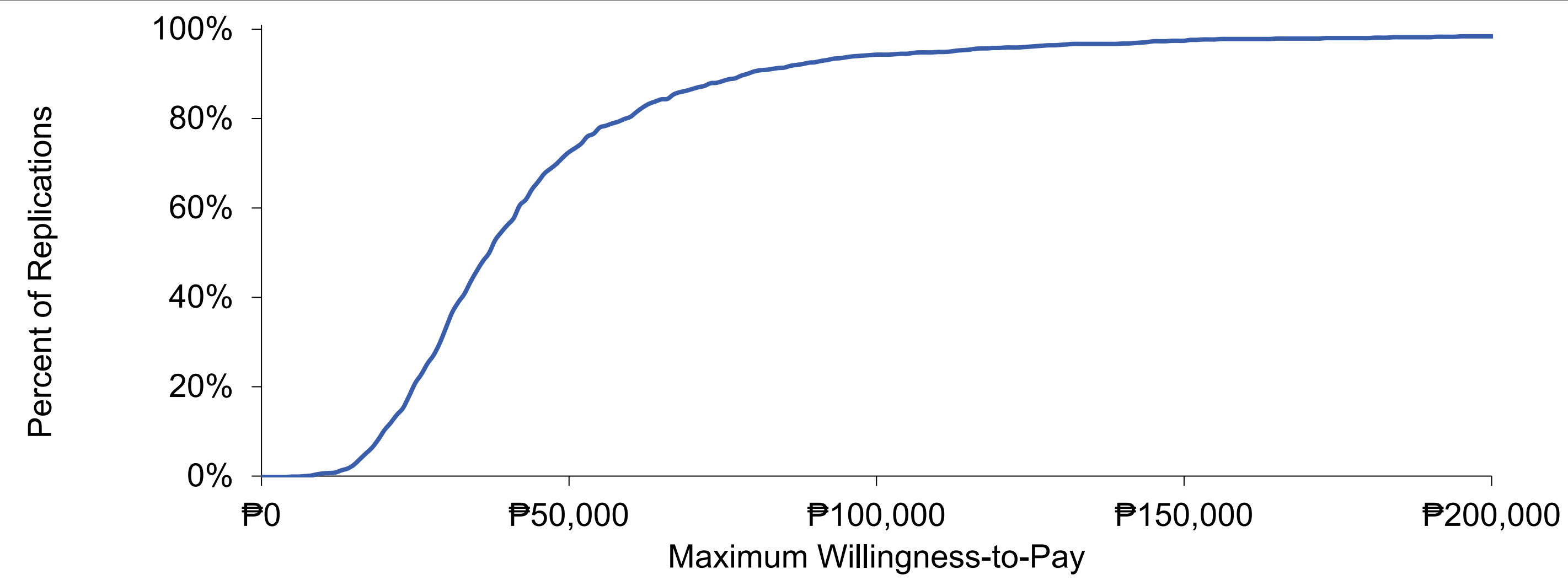


Figure 2: PSA cost-effectiveness acceptability curve



CONCLUSIONS

- Use of single-dose PCV13 (vs. two doses of PPV23) among adults aged 50-59 years with underlying medical conditions and all adults aged 60-99 years in the Philippines would reduce pneumococcal disease burden and be cost-effective (under 1x GDP per capita threshold) from the healthcare system and societal perspectives

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