

THE FBK STUDY ON THE SPREAD OF MEASLES FEATURED ON THE BBC

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Stefano Merler, author of a paper published in the journal "The Lancet Infectious Diseases", was interviewed

They will be talking about the measles studies conducted by **Trento based Fondazione Bruno Kessle**r on the **BBC**'s "Health Check" show on health issues.

In a report on new vaccine standards, radio journalist Irene Caselli interviewed the head of the DPCS Research Unit (FBK), **Stefano Merler**, author of a study on the spread of measles recently published in the scientific journal of the sector "**The Lancet Infectious Diseases**".

You can listen to the interview on the BBC site (Time code 13.30).

The work "Measles Immunity Gaps and Progress Towards Elimination: Multi-Country Modeling Analysis" is the result of a collaboration between the researchers from Trento based Fondazione Bruno Kessler and the Bocconi University in Milan. The authors, Filippo Trentini, Piero Poletti, Stefano Merler and Alessia Melegaro, have built a model to describe the epidemiological trends of measles in nine countries, all of them having a wide variety of characters: Australia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Ireland, Italy, South Korea, Singapore, United Kingdom, United States. **The study expands on an approach developed by FBK researchers that shows how the measles spread dynamics strongly depend not only on the country's sociodemographic characteristics but also on their vaccination policies.**

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