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Her present research interests are register-based vaccine impact studies, evidence based policy/decision making, vaccine safety, hesitancy, SARS-CoV-2, RSV, influenza and pneumococcus. She coordinates the IMI funded consortia work packages on Preparation for future RSV product assessment of PROMISE (www.imi-promise.eu), and Field studies and Communication for DRIVE on brand specific influenza vaccine effectiveness (www.drive-eu.org; ended June 2022). She co-led the EU DG Sante funded Joint Action Vaccines (<https://eu-jav.com/>) work package on Vaccine Hesitancy which ended in March 2022.

She has authored more than 170 original articles. She teaches, giving over 30 invited lectures annually and guiding elective, graduate and PhD students. She

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She has served on expert committees evaluating several vaccines in Finland, and as an advisor to the EU, IMI/IHI, IVI, WHO, GAVI, SIDA/SRC, and the Finnish MOFA. She chaired the WHO SAGE external evaluation (EAGSE), is presently Vice chair of WHO SAGE, Chair of the WHO SAGE working group on COVID-19 vaccines, and WHO SAGE subgroup on Influenza Vaccines. She chaired EPIET in 1998-2001 and EDCTP in 2002-3. She was a member of the WHO GACVS (2006-2012). Presently she is member of the ECDC NITAG coordinating committee, and is Vice Chair and Board Member of the International Vaccine Institute. She belongs to the Faculty of ADVAC since 2000, initiated the EPIET vaccine module in 1997 and the Finnish Diploma Course on Global Health in 2000. She also initiated the Finnish Vaccinators Manual and Finnish Travel Health Advisory.

