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An Introduction to the Contradictions between Medical Science & Immunization Policy

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Preface to This Edition

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Introduction

When my son began his routine vaccination series at age two months, I did not know there were any risks associated with immunizations. But the clinic's literature contained a contradiction: the chances of a serious adverse reaction to the DPT vaccine were 1 in 1750, while his chances of dying from pertussis each year were 1 in several million. When I pointed this out to the physician, he angrily disagreed, and stormed out of the room mumbling, 'I guess I should read that sometime...' Soon thereafter I learned of a child who had been permanently disabled by a vaccine, so I decided to investigate for myself. My findings have so alarmed me that I feel compelled to share them; hence this report.

Health authorities credit vaccines for disease declines, and assure us of their safety and effectiveness. Yet these seemingly rock-solid assumptions are directly contradicted by health statistics, medical studies, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports, and reputable research scientists from around the world. In fact, infectious diseases declined steadily for decades prior to vaccinations, U.S. doctors report thousands of serious vaccine reactions each year including hundreds of deaths and permanent disabilities, fully vaccinated populations have experienced epidemics, and researchers attribute dozens of chronic immunological and neurological conditions to mass immunization programs.

There are hundreds of published medical studies documenting vaccine failure and adverse effects, and dozens of books written by doctors, researchers and independent investigators that reveal serious flaws in immunization theory and practice. Ironically, most pediatricians and parents are completely unaware of these findings. However, this has begun to change in recent years, as a growing number of parents and healthcare providers around the world are becoming aware of the problems and starting to question the use of widespread, mandatory vaccinations.

My point is not to tell anyone whether or not to vaccinate, but rather, with the utmost urgency, to point out some very good reasons why everyone should examine the facts before deciding whether or not to submit to the procedure. As a new parent, I was shocked to discover the absence of a legal mandate or professional ethic requiring pediatricians to be fully informed, and to see first-hand the prevalence of physicians who are applying practices based on incomplete and in some cases, outright mis-information.

Though only a brief introduction, this report contains sufficient evidence to warrant further investigation by all concerned, which I highly recommend. You will find that this is the only way to get an objective view, as the controversy is a highly emotional one.

A note of caution: Be careful trying to discuss this subject with a pediatrician. Most have staked their identities and reputations on the presumed safety and effectiveness of vaccines and thus have difficulty acknowledging evidence to the contrary. The first pediatrician I attempted to share my findings with yelled angrily at me when I calmly brought up the subject. The misconceptions have very deep roots.

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Vaccination Myth 1: Vaccines are completely safe.

The Vaccine Adverse Effects Reporting System (VAERS) of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the U.S. receives about 11,000 reports of serious adverse reactions to vaccination annually, some 1% (112+) of which are deaths from vaccine reactions.[1] The majority of these reports are made by doctors, and the majority of deaths are attributed to the pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine, the 'F' in DPT, often known as the Triple Vaccine in Britain which also includes vaccines for Diphtheria and Tetanus. This figure alone is alarming, yet it is only the tip of the iceberg.' The FDA estimates that only about 10% of adverse reactions are reported,[2] a figure supported by two National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) investigations. [3] In fact, the NVIC reported that in New York, only one out of 40 doctors' offices [2.5%] confirmed that they report a death or injury following vaccination,' - 97.5% of vaccine related deaths and disabilities go unreported there. Implications about the integrity of medical professionals aside (doctors are legally required to report serious adverse events), these findings suggest that vaccine deaths actually occurring each year may be well over 1,000.

With pertussis, the number of vaccine-related deaths dwarfs the number of disease deaths, which have been about 10 annually for recent years according to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), and only 8 in 1993, the last peak-incidence year (pertussis runs in 3-4 year cycles, though vaccination certainly doesn't). Simply put, the vaccine is 100 times more deadly than the disease. Given the many instances in which highly vaccinated populations have contracted disease (see Myth 2), and the fact that the vast majority of disease decline this century occurred before compulsory vaccinations (pertussis deaths declined 79% prior to vaccines - see Myth 3), this comparison is a valid one - and this enormous number of vaccine casualties can hardly be considered a necessary sacrifice for the benefit of a disease-free society.

Unfortunately, the vaccine-related deaths story doesn't end here. Both national and international studies have shown vaccination to be a cause of SIDS [4,5] (SIDS is Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, 'a catch-all' diagnosis given when the specific cause of death is unknown; estimates range from 5 - 10,000 cases each year in the U.S.). One study found the peak incidence of SIDS occurred at the ages of 2 and 4 months in the U.S., precisely when the first two routine immunizations are given,[4] while another found a clear pattern of correlation extending three weeks after immunization. Another study found that 3,000 children die within 4 days of vaccination each year in the U.S. (amazingly, the authors reported no SIDS/vaccine relationship), while yet another researcher's studies led to the conclusion that half of SIDS cases - that would be 2500 to 5000 infant deaths in the U.S. each year - are caused by vaccines.[4]

There are studies that claimed to find no SIDS-vaccine relationship. However, many of these were invalidated by yet another study which found that confounding' had skewed their results in favor of the vaccine.[6] Shouldn't we err on the side of caution? Shouldn't any credible correlation between vaccines and infant deaths be just cause for meticulous, widespread monitoring of the vaccination status of all SIDS cases? In the mid 70s Japan raised their vaccination age from 2 months to 2 years; their incidence of SIDS dropped dramatically. In spite of this, the U.S. medical community has chosen a posture of denial. Coroners refuse to check the vaccination status of SIDS victims, and unsuspecting families continue to pay the price, unaware of the dangers and denied the right to make a choice.

Low adverse event reporting also suggests that the total number of adverse reactions actually occurring each year may be more than 100,000. Due to doctors' failure to report, no one knows how many of these are permanent disabilities, but statistics suggest that it is several times the number of deaths (see petitions' below). This concern is reinforced by a study which revealed that 1 in 175 children who completed the full DPT series suffered severe reactions' [7] and a Dr's report for attorneys which found that 1 in 300 DPT immunizations resulted in seizures. [8]

England actually saw a drop in pertussis deaths when vaccination rates dropped from 80% to 30% in the mid 70s. Swedish epidemiologist B. Trollfors' study of pertussis vaccine efficacy and toxicity around the world found that pertussis-associated mortality is currently very low in industrialised countries and no difference can be discerned when countries with high, low, and zero immunisation rates were compared.' He also found that England, Wales, and West Germany had more pertussis fatalities in 1970 when the immunization rate was high than during the last half of 1980, when rates had fallen. [9]

Vaccinations cost us much more than just the lives and health of our children. The U.S. Federal Government's National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (NVICP) has paid out over \$724.4 million to parents of vaccine injured and killed children, in taxpayer dollars. The NVICP has received over 5000 petitions since 1988, including over 700 for vaccine-related deaths, and there are still some two thousand total death and injury cases pending that may take years to resolve. [10] Meanwhile, pharmaceutical companies have a captive market: vaccines are legally mandated in all 50 U.S. states (though legally avoidable in most; see Myth 9), yet these same companies are immune' from accountability for the consequences of their products. Furthermore, they have been allowed to use gag orders' as a leverage tool in vaccine damage legal settlements to prevent disclosure of information to the public about vaccination dangers. Such arrangements are clearly unethical; they force a non-consenting American public to pay for vaccine manufacturer's liabilities, while attempting to ensure that this same public will remain ignorant of the dangers of their products.

It is interesting to note that insurance companies (who do the best liability studies) refuse to cover vaccine adverse reactions. Profits appear to dictate both the pharmaceutical and insurance companies' positions. Vaccination Truth 1: Vaccination causes significant death and disability at an astounding personal and financial cost to families and taxpayers

Vaccination Myth 2: Vaccines are very effective.

The medical literature has a surprising number of studies documenting vaccine failure. Measles, mumps, small pox, polio and Hib outbreaks have all occurred in vaccinated populations. [11, 12, 13, 14, 15] In 1989 the CDC reported: Among school-aged children [measles] outbreaks have occurred in schools with vaccination levels of greater than 98 percent.[16][They] have occurred in all parts of the country, including areas that had not reported measles for years.' [17] The CDC even reported a measles outbreak in a documented 100 percent vaccinated population. [18] A study examining this phenomenon concluded:

The apparent paradox is that as measles immunization rates rise to high levels in a population, measles becomes a disease of immunized persons.' [19] A more recent study found that measles produces immune suppression which contributes to an increased susceptibility to other infections.[19a]

These studies suggest that the goal of complete immunization is actually counterproductive, a notion underscored by instances in which epidemics followed complete immunization of entire countries. Japan experienced yearly increases in small pox following the introduction of compulsory vaccines in 1872. By 1892, there were 29,979 deaths, and all had been vaccinated. [20] Early in this century, the Philippines experienced their worst smallpox epidemic ever after 8 million people received 24.5 million vaccine doses; the death rate quadrupled as a result. [21] In 1989, the country of

Oman experienced a widespread polio outbreak six months after achieving complete vaccination. [22] In the U.S. in 1986, 90% of 1300 pertussis cases in Kansas were adequately vaccinated.' [23] 72% of pertussis cases in the 1993 Chicago outbreak were fully up to date with their vaccinations.[24]

Vaccination Truth 2: Evidence suggests that vaccination is an unreliable means of preventing disease.

Vaccination Myth 3: Vaccines are the main reason for low disease rates in the U.S. today.

According to the British Association for the Advancement of Science, childhood diseases decreased 90% between 1850 and 1940, paralleling improved sanitation and hygienic practices, well before mandatory vaccination programs. Infectious disease deaths in the U.S. and England declined steadily by an average of about 80% during this century (measles mortality declined over 97%) prior to vaccinations. [25] In Great Britain, the polio epidemics peaked in 1950, and had declined 82% by the time the vaccine was introduced in 1956. Thus, at best, vaccinations can be credited with only a small percentage of the overall decline in disease related deaths this century.

Yet even this small portion is questionable, as the rate of decline remained virtually the same after vaccines were introduced. Furthermore, European countries that refused immunization for small pox and polio saw the epidemics end along with those countries that mandated it. (In fact, both small pox and polio immunization campaigns were followed initially by significant disease incidence increases; during smallpox vaccination campaigns, other infectious

diseases continued their declines in the absence of vaccines. In England and Wales, smallpox disease and vaccination rates eventually declined simultaneously over a period of several decades.[26]

It is thus impossible to say whether or not vaccinations contributed to the continuing decline in disease death rates, or if the same forces which brought about the initial declines- improved sanitation, hygiene, improvements in diet, natural disease cycles- were simply unaffected by the vaccination programs. Underscoring this conclusion was a recent World Health Organization report which found that the disease and mortality rates in third world countries have no direct correlation with immunization procedures or medical treatment, but are closely related to the standard of hygiene and diet. [27] Credit given to vaccinations for our current disease incidence has simply been grossly exaggerated, if not outright misplaced.

Supporters of vaccination point to incidence statistics rather than mortality as proof of vaccine effectiveness. However, statisticians tell us that mortality statistics can be a better measure of incidence than the incidence figures themselves, for the simple reason that the quality of reporting and record-keeping is much higher on fatalities.[28] For instance, a recent survey in New York City revealed that only 3.2% of pediatricians were actually reporting measles cases to the health department. In 1974, the CDC determined that there were 36 cases of measles in Georgia, while the Georgia State Surveillance System reported 660 cases.[29] In 1982, Maryland state health officials blamed a whooping cough epidemic on a television program, D.R.T.

- Vaccine Roulette,' which warned of the dangers of DPT; however, when former top virologist for the U.S. Division of Biological Standards, Dr .1. Anthony Morris, analyzed the 41 cases, only 5 were confirmed and all had been vaccinated. [30] Such instances as these demonstrate the fallacy of incidence figures, yet those who support vaccination tend to rely on them indiscriminately.

Vaccination Truth 3: It is unclear what impact vaccines had on the infectious disease declines that occurred throughout this century.

Vaccination Myth 4: Vaccination is based on sound immunization theory and practice.

The clinical evidence for vaccinations is their ability to stimulate antibody production in the recipient, a fact which is not disputed. What is not clear, however, is whether or not such antibody production constitutes immunity. For example, agammaglobulin-anaemic children are incapable of producing antibodies, yet they recover from infectious diseases almost as quickly as other children.[31] Furthermore, a study published by the British Medical Council in 1950 during a diphtheria epidemic concluded that there was no relationship between antibody count and disease incidence; researchers found resistant people with extremely low antibody counts and sick people with high counts. [32] Natural immunization is a complex phenomenon involving many organs and systems; it cannot be fully replicated by the artificial stimulation of antibody production.

Research also indicates that vaccination commits immune cells to the specific antigens involved in the vaccine, rendering them incapable of reacting to other infections. Our immunological reserve may thus actually be reduced, causing a generally lowered resistance.

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Another component of immunization theory is herd immunity,' which states that when enough people in a community are immunized, all are protected. As Myth 2 revealed, there are many documented instances showing just the opposite - fully vaccinated populations do contract diseases; with measles, this actually seems to be the direct result of high vaccination rates.[19] A Minnesota state epidemiologist concluded that the Hib vaccine increases the risk of illness when a study revealed that vaccinated children were five times more likely to contract meningitis than unvaccinated children.

Carefully selected epidemiological studies are yet another justification for vaccination programs. However, many of these may not be legitimate sources from which to draw conclusions about vaccine effectiveness. For example, if 100 people are vaccinated and 5 contract the disease, the vaccine is declared to be 95% effective. But if only 10 of the 100 were actually exposed to the disease, then the vaccine was really only 50% effective. Since no one is willing to directly expose an entire population to disease - even a fully vaccinated one - vaccine effectiveness rates may not indicate a vaccine's true effectiveness.

Yet another surprising concern about immunization practice is its assumption that all children, regardless of age, are virtually the same. An 8 pound 2 month old receives the same dosage as a 40 pound five year old. Infants with immature, undeveloped immune systems may receive five or more times the dosage (relative to body weight) as older children. Furthermore, the number of units' within doses has been found upon random testing to range from 1/2 to 3 times what the label indicates; manufacturing quality controls appear to tolerate a rather large margin of error.

Hot Lots' - vaccine lots with disproportionately high death and disability rates - have been identified repeatedly by the NVIC but the FDA refuses to intervene to prevent further unnecessary injury and deaths. In fact, they have never recalled a vaccine lot due to adverse reactions. Some would call this infanticide.

Finally, vaccination practice assumes that all recipients, regardless of race, culture, diet, geographic location or any other circumstances, will respond the same. This was perhaps never more dramatically disproved than an instance a few years ago in Australia's Northern Territory, where stepped-up immunization campaigns resulted in an incredible 50% infant mortality rate in the native aborigines.[34] Researcher A. Kalokerinos, M.D. discovered that the aborigine's vitamin C deficient junk food diet was a critical factor (studies had already shown that vaccination depletes vitamin C reserves; children in shock or collapse often recovered in a matter of minutes when given vitamin C injections). He considered it amazing that as many survived as did. One must wonder about the lives of the survivors, though, for if half died, surely the other half did not escape unaffected.

Almost as troubling was a very recent study in the New England Journal of Medicine which revealed that a substantial number of Romanian children were contracting polio from the vaccine, a less common phenomena in most developed countries. Correlations with injections of antibiotics were found: a single injection within one month of vaccination raised the risk of polio 8 times, 2 to 9 injections raised the risk 27- fold, and 10 or more injections raised the risk 182 times [Washington Post, February 22. 1995].

What other factors not accounted for in vaccination theory will surface unexpectedly to reveal unforeseen or previously overlooked consequences? We will not begin to fully comprehend the scope of this danger until researchers begin looking and reporting in earnest. In the meantime, entire countries' populations are unwitting gamblers in a game that many might very well choose not to play if they were given all the rules' in advance. Vaccination Truth 4: Many of the assumptions upon which immunization theory and practice are based have been proven false in their application.

Vaccination Myth 5: Childhood diseases are extremely dangerous.

Most childhood infectious diseases have few serious consequences in today's modern world. Even conservative CDC (Centers for Disease Control) statistics for pertussis during 1992-94 indicate a 99.8% recovery rate. In fact, when hundreds of pertussis cases occurred in Ohio and Chicago in the fall 1993 outbreak, an infectious disease expert from Cincinnati Children's Hospital said, 'The disease was very mild, no one died, and no one went to the intensive care unit.'

The vast majority of the time, childhood infectious diseases are benign and self-limiting. They also may impart lifelong immunity, whereas vaccine- induced immunity is only temporary. In fact, the temporary nature of vaccine immunity can create a more dangerous situation in a child's future. For example, the new chicken pox vaccine has an effectiveness estimated at 6 - 10 years. If effective, it will postpone the child's vulnerability until adulthood, when death from the disease is 20 times more likely.

About half of measles cases in the late 1980s resurgence were in adolescents and adults, most of whom were vaccinated as children[35] and the recommended booster shots may provide protection for less than 6 months.[36] Furthermore, some healthcare professionals are concerned that the virus from the chicken pox vaccine may reactivate later in life in the form of herpes zoster (shingles) or other immune system disorders.' [37] Dr A. Lavin of the Dept. of Pediatrics, St. Luke's Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio, strongly opposed licensing the new vaccine, 'Until we actually know... the risks involved in injecting mutated DNA (herpes virus) into the host genome [children].'[38] The truth is, no-one knows, but the vaccine is now licensed and recommended by health authorities.

Not only are most infectious diseases rarely dangerous, but they can actually play a vital role in the development of a strong, healthy immune system. Persons who have not had measles have a higher incidence of certain skin diseases, degenerative diseases of bone and cartilage, and certain tumors, while absence of mumps has been linked to higher risks of ovarian cancer.

Vaccination truth 5: Dangers of childhood diseases are greatly exaggerated in order to scare parents into compliance with a questionable but profitable procedure.

Vaccination Myth 6: Polio was one of the clearly great vaccination success stories.

Six New England states reported increases in polio one year after the Salk vaccine was introduced, ranging from more than doubling in Vermont to Massachusetts' astounding increase of 642%. In 1959, 77.5% of Massachusetts' paralytic cases had received 3 doses of IPV (Injected Polio Vaccine). During 1962 U.S. Congressional hearings, Dr

Bernard Greenberg, head of the Dept. of Biostatistics for the University of North Carolina School of Public Health, testified that not only did the cases of polio increase substantially after mandatory vaccinations (50% increase from 1957 to 1958, 80% increase from 1958 to 1959), but that the statistics were manipulated by the Public Health Service to give the opposite impression.[39]

According to researcher-author Dr Viera Scheibner, 90% of polio cases were eliminated from statistics by health authorities' redefinition of the disease when the vaccine was introduced, while in reality the Salk vaccine was continuing to cause paralytic polio in several countries at a time when there were no epidemics being caused by the wild virus. (For example, in the U.S., thousands of cases of viral and aseptic meningitis are reported each year - these were routinely diagnosed as polio before the Salk vaccine; the number of cases needed to declare an epidemic was raised from 20 to 35 and the requirement for inclusion in paralysis statistics was changed from symptoms for 24 hours to symptoms for over 60 days. It is no wonder that polio decreased radically after vaccines - at least on paper.) In 1985, the CDC reported that 87% of the cases of polio in the U.S. between 1973 and 1983 were caused by the vaccine and later declared that all but a few imported cases since were caused by the vaccine - and most of the imported cases occurred in fully immunized individuals.

Jonas Salk, inventor of the IPV (Injected Polio Vaccine), testified before a Senate subcommittee that nearly all polio outbreaks since 1961 were caused by the oral polio vaccine. At a workshop on polio vaccines sponsored by the Institute of Medicine and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr Samuel Katz of Duke University cited the estimated 8-10 annual U.S. cases of vaccine-associated paralytic polio (VAPP) in people who have taken the oral polio vaccine, and the [four year] absence of wild polio from the western hemisphere. Jessica Scheer of the National Rehabilitation Hospital Research Center in Washington, D.C., pointed out that most parents are unaware that polio vaccination in this country entails a small number of human sacrifices each year.' Compounding this contradiction are low adverse event reporting and the NVIC's experiences with confirming and correcting misdiagnoses of vaccine reactions, which suggest that the actual number of VAPP sacrifices' may be many times higher than the number cited by the CDC.

Vaccination Truth 6: Vaccines caused substantial increases in polio after years of steady declines, and they are the sole cause of polio in the U.S. today.

Vaccination Myth 7: My child had no short-term reaction to vaccination, so there is nothing to worry about.

The documented long term adverse effects of vaccines include chronic immunological and neurological disorders such as autism, hyperactivity, attention deficit disorders, dyslexia, allergies, cancer, and other conditions, many of which barely existed 30 years ago before mass vaccination programs. Vaccine components include known carcinogens such as thimersol, aluminum phosphate, and formaldehyde (the Poisons Information Centre in Australia claims there is no acceptable safe amount of formaldehyde which can be injected into a living human body). Medical historian, researcher and author Harris Couiter, Ph.D. explained that his extensive research revealed childhood immunization to be ...causing a low- grade encephalitis in infants on a much wider scale than public health authorities were willing to admit, about 15-20% of all children.' He points out that the sequelae [conditions known to result from a disease] of encephalitis [inflammation of the brain, a known side-effect of vaccination]: autism, learning disabilities, minimal and not-so-minimal brain damage, seizures, epilepsy, sleeping and eating disorders, sexual disorders, asthma, cot death, diabetes, obesity and impulsive violence, are precisely the disorders which afflict contemporary society. Many of these conditions were formerly relatively rare, but they have become more common as childhood vaccination programs have expanded. Coulter also points out that ...pertussis toxoid is used to create encephalitis in lab animals.'

A German study found correlations between vaccinations and 22 neurological conditions including attention deficit and epilepsy. The dilemma is that viral elements in vaccines may persist and mutate in the human body for years, with unknown consequences. Millions of children are partaking in an enormous, crude experiment; and no sincere, organized effort is being made by the medical community to track the negative side-effects or to determine the long term consequences.

Vaccination truth 7: The long term adverse effects of vaccinations have been virtually ignored, in spite of direct correlations with many chronic conditions

Vaccination Myth 8: Vaccines are the only disease prevention option available.

Most parents feel compelled to take some disease-preventing action for their children. While there is no 100% guarantee anywhere, there are viable alternatives. Historically, homeopathy has been more effective than mainstream' allopathic medicine in treating and preventing disease. In a U.S. cholera outbreak in 1849, allopathic medicine saw a 48-60% death rate, while homeopathic hospitals had a documented death rate of only 3%.[40] Roughly similar statistics still hold true for cholera today.[41] Recent epidemiological studies show homeopathic

remedies as equalling or surpassing standard vaccinations in preventing disease. There are reports in which populations that were treated homeopathically after exposure had a 100% success rate - none of the treated caught the disease.[42]

There are homeopathic kits available for disease prevention. [43] Homeopathic remedies can also be taken only during times of increased risk (outbreaks, travelling, etc.), and have proven highly effective in such instances. And since these remedies have no toxic components, they have no side effects. In addition, homeopathy has been effective in reversing some of the disability caused by vaccine reactions, as well as many other chronic conditions with which allopathic medicine has had little success.

Vaccination Truth 8

Documented safe and effective alternatives to vaccination have been available for decades but suppressed by the medical establishment.

Vaccination Myth 9: Vaccinations are a legal requirement and thus unavoidable.

All 50 states in the U.S. allow for exemption of vaccination on medical grounds and most on religious or philosophical ones. In the UK there is no legal requirement to have your child vaccinated, nor is there a requirement for a child to be vaccinated before attending playgroups, nursery or school. However, as GPs receive a bonus payment for a high vaccination uptake amongst their patients, pressure can be intense and patients have been required to change to more sympathetic GPs.

If you have problems either with your GP or in finding a more sympathetic one, contact your local Family Practitioner Committee whose address appears on your NHS medical card.

Vaccination Truth 9: There are no legal requirements for vaccination in the UK and the refusal to have your child vaccinated is not a justifiable reason to be struck off a GP's list .

Vaccination Myth 10: Public health officials always place health above all other concerns.

Vaccination history is riddled with documented instances of deceit designed to portray vaccines as mighty disease conquerors, when in fact many times they have actually delayed and even reversed disease declines. The UK's Department of Health admitted that vaccination status determined the diagnosis of subsequent diseases: Those found in vaccinated patients received alternate diagnoses; hospital records and death certificates were falsified. Today, many doctors are still reluctant to diagnose diseases in vaccinated children, and so the 'Myth' about vaccine success continues.

However, individual doctors may not be wholly to blame. As medical students, few have reason to question the information taught (which does not address the information presented here). Ironically, medicine is a field which demands conformity; there is little tolerance for opinions opposing the status quo. Doctors cannot warn you about what they themselves do not know, and with little time for further education once they begin practice, they are, in a sense, held captive by a system which discourages them from acquiring information independently and forming their own opinions. Those few that dare to question the status quo are frequently ostracized, and in any case, they are still legally bound to adhere to the system's legal mandates.

Summary

In the December 1994 Medical Post, Canadian author of the best-seller Medical Mafia, Guylaine Lanctot, M.D. stated, 'The medical authorities keep lying. Vaccination has been a disaster on the immune system. It actually causes a lot of illnesses. We are actually changing our genetic code through vaccination...10 years from now we will know that the biggest crime against humanity was vaccines.' After an extensive study of the medical literature on vaccination, Dr Viera Scheibner concluded that there is no evidence whatsoever of the ability of vaccines to prevent any diseases. To the contrary, there is a great wealth of evidence that they cause serious side effects.' John B. Classen, M.D., M.B.A. has stated, 'My data proves that the studies used to support immunization are so flawed that it is impossible to say if immunization provides a net benefit to anyone or to society in general. This question can only be determined by proper studies which have never been performed. The flaw of previous studies is that there was no long term follow up and chronic toxicity was not looked at. The American Society of Microbiology has promoted my research...and thus acknowledges the need for proper studies.'

To some these may seem like radical positions, but they are not unfounded. The continued denial of the evidence against vaccines only perpetuates the 'Myths' and their negative consequences on our children and society. Aggressive and comprehensive scientific investigation is clearly warranted, yet immunization programs continue to

expand in the absence of such research. Manufacturer profits are guaranteed, while accountability for the negative effects is conspicuously absent. This is especially sad given the readily available safe and effective alternatives.

Meanwhile, the race is on. According to the NVIC, there are over 250 new vaccines being developed for everything from earaches to birth control to diarrhoea, with about 100 of these already in clinical trials. Researchers are working on vaccine delivery through nasal sprays, mosquitoes (yes, mosquitoes), and the fruits of transgenic plants in which vaccine viruses are grown. With every child (and adult, for that matter) on the planet a potential required recipient of multiple doses, and every healthcare system and government a potential buyer, it is little wonder that countless millions of dollars are spent nurturing the growing multi-billion dollar vaccine industry. Without public outcry, we will see more and more new vaccines required of us and our children. And while profits are readily calculable, the real human costs are being ignored.

Whatever your personal vaccination decision, make it an informed one; you have that right and responsibility. It is a difficult issue, but there is more than enough at stake to justify whatever time and energy it takes.

Do not use this booklet alone to make your vaccination decision: FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF!

What You Can Do

Find Out More

Read...

Vaccination and Immunisation: Dangers, Delusions and Alternatives by Leon Chaitow, CW Daniel, 1991, ISBN 0 85207 191 4

The Immunisation Decision by Randall Neustaedter, North Atlantic Books, 1990, ISBN 1 55643 071 X

The Vaccine Guide by Randall Neustaedter, North Atlantic Books, 1996, ISBN 1 55663 215 1

Vaccination: The Medical Assault on the Immune System by Viera Scheibner, published in Australia by the author, 1993, ISBN 0646 15124 X

Vaccines: Are They Really Safe and Effective by Neil 7. Miller, ISBN 1-881217-10-8

The Vaccination Bible, available by post for £6.95 from What Doctors Don't Tell You, 4 Wallace Rd, London N1 2PG
Tel: 0171 354 4592

An Educated Decision: One Approach to the Vaccination Problem using Homoeopathy by Christina Head, The Lavender Hill Homoeopathic Centre, 1995

The World Travellers' Manual of Homoeopathy by Dr Cohn Lessell, CW Daniel, 1993, ISBN 0 85207 242 2

A Handbook of Homoeopathic Alternatives to Immunisation by Susan Curtis, Winter Press, 1994, ISBN 1 874581 02 9

Mass Immunisation: A Point in Question by Trevor Gunn, Cutting Edge Publications, 1992, ISBN 0 9517657 1 X

Vaccination, Social Violence and
Criminality: The Medical Assault on the
American Brain by Harris Coulter, North
Atlantic Books, 1990, ISBN 1 55643 084 1

You may be able to borrow the above books through your local library. To purchase them try your local bookseller, Hehios Pharmacy or Minerva Books (they both offer a mail-order service - see Addresses below).

Obtain a copy of the Vaccination Resource Directory (publishers, books, tapes, videos, newsletters, U.S. government agencies, nonprofits, vaccination alternatives, internet and W~MN sources, etc.), by downloading it free from the Informed Parents Vaccination Home Page on the World Wide Web at:
www.unc.edu/~aphilhip/www/vaccine/informed.htm

Contact...

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Established in 1992 by a group of parents to give support and information to other parents about vaccination. The website for the Informed Parent is:

www.creation.lway.co.uk/theinformedparent/

JABS (Justice, Awareness and Basic
Support)

1 Gawsworth Rd., Golborne, Warrington,

Cheshire WA3 3RF Tel: 01942 713565 or

01204 796433 or 0191 2623360

A self-help group to promote understanding about vaccination and to offer support to any parent who has a health problem after vaccination.

Use Alternatives

If you want an alternative to vaccination, Homeopathic remedies have been successfully used for prophylaxis against disease for many years although there have been few clinical trials. What there is, is impressive; for instance in one, conducted by the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy in 1996, Dengueinum 30 was administered to no less than 39,200 people in the Delhi area, during an epidemic of Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever. Follow-up of 23,520 persons was done 10 days after administration of the prophylactic and only 5 cases (0.127%) had developed mild symptoms, with the rest showing no signs or symptoms of the disease.

Either go and see a professional homeopath (see Address below) or for remedies as prophylaxis for diseases abroad, you can obtain a Traveller's Kit of homeopathic remedies from Helios Homoeopathic Pharmacy (see Address below). Also see specific books above for more information.

Boost Immunity

Many studies have shown that diet, exercise, homeopathy etc. all increase health and resistance to disease.

Further copies of this booklet, homoeopathic remedies and kits can be obtained from Helios Homoeopathic Pharmacy, 97 Camden Rd, Tunbridge Wells TN1 2QR Tel: 01892 537254

Books can also be ordered from Minerva Homoeopathic Books, 173 Fulham Palace
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Spread the Word

Talk about vaccination with other parents and discuss your concerns. Lend this book, photocopy it, buy more and send them to friends and health professionals. Make sure that this is an issue about which there is more and more open debate.

Addresses

A register of homoeopaths can be obtained free of charge from The Society of Homoeopaths, 2 Artizan Rd, Northampton NN1 4HU Tel: 01604 621400
[also see the "find a practitioner" part of this website]

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Preface

Ian Phillips, the author of this booklet, lives and works in the USA. Hence much of his experience and data comes from North America. However, the issues raised by vaccination are global, with implications for citizens of every country.

Each country has different statutory regulations, a different range of vaccinations on offer (e.g. Sweden stopped vaccinating against whooping cough in 1979) and a different philosophy regarding the promotion of each vaccine. Although written from a U.S. perspective, the issues are common to the UK. Vaccination is not compulsory in the UK but there are still huge pressures on parents to have their children vaccinated and a distinct lack of widely available literature on the adverse effects of vaccination. Vaccination in the UK is still regarded by most health professionals and the public at large as being necessary and beneficial.

We have published this booklet in order to readdress the balance and to make this information available to all. This booklet is produced and distributed at cost for the benefit of all children, everywhere.

We have added a section at the end of this booklet to point you towards further reading material, contact groups and other paths you might want to follow.

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Letter from Alan Philips

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Wayne,

Please feel free to repost my article, Dispelling Vaccination Myths. This article has had a most curious and wonderful life of its own; after being turned down for my one attempt to get it published, I have had requests from around the world in newsletters, newspapers, for profit and nonprofit organizations, publishers, national/international magazines, journals, etc., not to mention of course an increasing number of websites. Thanks for supporting this work, I'm delighted to know that there is a growing intn'l network of supporters raising awareness.

Cheers,

Alan Phillips,

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P.S. If you wish to include any info about me (optional), I'm currently a law student on academic scholarship at the University of North Carolina, and am on the Dean's List.