MYTH BUSTING

VACCINE REPORT

Focus on Childhood Vaccines: Are they safe, effective or necessary?

MYTH: Everyone gets their children vaccinated.

FACT: A growing number of parents are rejecting vaccination for their children.

They are doing this with the desire to have healthy, robust, happy children who will grow into strong, healthy adults.

MYTH: Vaccination is safe.

FACT: The U.S. government has so far paid out over \$2 billion dollars to compensate the victims of vaccination.

The U.S. government's special "Vaccine Court" has been overwhelmed with over 5000 cases of parents who claim their child became autistic after receiving routine shots. The evidence indicates that this is just the tip of the iceberg.

MYTH: Vaccinated children are healthier than non-vaccinated children.

FACT: There is no proof vaccinated children are healthier than non-vaccinated children.

No major study has compared vaccinated and nonvaccinated children to see which are healthier. Are vaccinated children healthier than non-vaccinated children? In fact, the opposite appears to be true. Autism, allergies, asthma, attention deficit disorder, diabetes, dyslexia, tumors and so many other conditions are prevalent in vaccinated children, yet rare in vaccine-free children.

[Pearce N et al. Is infant immunization a risk factor for childhood asthma or allergy? *Epidemiology*. 1997;8:678-680.]

[McKeever TM, Lewis SA, Smith C. Does vaccination increase the risk of developing allergic disease?: A birth cohort study. *Thorax*. 2002;57:Supplement III.]

[Cantwell A, Rudnick P. No autism in never-vaccinated children. http://www.rense.com/general85/cant.htm] [Testimony of Philip Incao, MD. Hepatitis B vaccination testimony in Ohio. March 1, 1999.]

[Ronne T. Measles virus infection without rash leads to disease in adult life. *The Lancet*. 1985;1(8419):1-5.]

Research comparing vaccinated and non-vaccinated populations has been avoided by pharmaceutical companies and government agencies. However, some smaller studies by independent scientists are most revealing. For example, in one study of vaccinated children, 23.1% had asthma and 30% had allergic illnesses. Among the non-vaccinated children there was a zero incidence of asthma or allergies.

[Pearce N et al.Is infant immunization a risk factor for childhood asthma or allergy? *Epidemiology*. 1997;8:678-680.]

In another study, vaccinated children had 14 times more asthma and 9.4 times more eczema than nonvaccinated children.

[McKeever TM, Lewis SA, Smith C. Does vaccination increase the risk of developing allergic disease? A birth cohort study. *Thorax*. 2002;57:Supplement III.]

Clinicians (and parents) have long noticed the increase in health problems caused by vaccines. Philip Incao, M.D. observed, after 40 years of practicing medicine, "In my medical career I've treated vaccinated and nonvaccinated children and the non-vaccinated children are far healthier than the vaccinated ones."

[Personal communication with author. February 13, 2006.]

MYTH: Vaccine research compares vaccinated to non-vaccinated children.

FACT: Vaccinated children are not compared to non-vaccinated children in safety tests.

Here we find a bit of statistical manipulation. When pharmaceutical companies research vaccine "safety" they compare children vaccinated with a previously approved vaccine to children vaccinated with the new vaccine. In other words, vaccinated children are compared to vaccinated children. Their logic is that if the number of deaths and injuries is similar in both groups, the new vaccine is approved. All this says is that the new vaccine is no more dangerous than the approved product, which is likely to be dangerous to begin with.

MYTH: Vaccines mimic normal exposure to disease.

FACT: Vaccinations introduce toxins in an unnatural manner.

Germs normally enter the body through the nose and mouth and are filtered through numerous layers of immune system defenses (e.g. skin, mucous membranes, digestive system). When a vaccine is injected, the toxins bypass these layers of the immune system, thus preventing the body's total immune response (fever, rash, diarrhea, etc.). Further, vaccination introduces harmful substances directly into the blood where they have access to the internal organs. These substances are listed below.

MYTH: Vaccines are merely filled with very dilute solutions of germs.

FACT: Vaccines are filled with toxic materials.

Our children are injected with toxic chemicals. Among them are formaldehyde, mercury (dangerous even in "trace" amounts), aluminum, phenol (carbolic acid), borax (ant killer), ethylene glycol (antifreeze), dye, acetone, latex, MSG, glycerol, polysorbate 80/20, sorbitol, antibiotics, human fetal cells, as well as monkey, cow, chick, pig, sheep and dog tissues and cells, and animal, bacterial and viral DNA.[*Physicians Desk Reference*.2009.] This is only a partial list. Parents who are very careful about their child avoiding junk food with artificial colors and flavors would be shocked to find out what is injected into their child's bloodstream.

MYTH: Vaccines are responsible for the drop in mortality from infectious diseases.

FACT: Deaths from infectious diseases had dropped dramatically before vaccination.

Deaths from measles, pertussis (whooping cough) and other diseases that had claimed many lives early in the 20th century had dropped by 95%-98% by the 1960s before mass vaccination campaigns.

[Illich I. Chapter 1: The Epidemics of Modern Medicine in *Medical Nemesis*. NY: Bantam Books. 1976.]

As clean water, fresh food, better sanitation and less crowded housing all contributed to an improved standard of living, deaths from childhood diseases dramatically decreased naturally.

MYTH: Childhood diseases are usually dangerous and should be feared.

FACT: Childhood diseases strengthen and mature a child's immune system.

Numerous studies reveal that infectious diseases of childhood are in fact beneficial for long-term health. While fevers, rashes, diarrhea, vomiting, pustules, malaise and other symptoms are uncomfortable to children and scary to parents, the result is a healthier, stronger child. Developmental growth spurts have often been seen after a childhood illness.

For example, one study revealed that childhood diseases are associated with a lower cancer risk in adulthood. [Albonico HU, Braker HU, Husler J. Febrile infectious childhood diseases in the history of cancer patients and matched controls. *Medical Hypotheses*. 1998;51(4):315-320.]

In another study, a history of common colds or influenza was associated with a decreased risk of stomach, colon, rectal and ovarian cancers. [Abel U, Becker N, Angerer R et al. Common infections in the history of cancer patients and controls. *J Cancer Res Clin Oncol*. 1991;117(4):339-344.] Other researchers found that having two childhood viral infections reduced the risk of heart disease by 40%; four infections was associated with a 60% decreased risk; and six infections lowered the risk by as much as 90%!

[Pesonen E. "Hygiene hypothesis" linked to heart disease risk. IV World Congress of Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery, September 2005.]

In almost every case, the best approach to treating childhood infectious disease is to let the illness run its course. Provide comfort and nourishment so that the child's own immune system can do its job. Once the crisis is past we find a child who will be healthier for the rest of his/her life. This is an ancient understanding that goes back to Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine, who said, "Diseases are crises of purification, of toxic elimination. Symptoms are the natural defenses of the body. We call them diseases, but in fact they are the cure of diseases."

MYTH: Vaccines prevent disease. **FACT:** Outbreaks and epidemics occur in

vaccinated populations. This is a common occurrence.

Fully vaccinated children come down with the disease they were vaccinated against. As one study reported, "[Pertussis] infections are common in an immunized population ... more prevalent than previously documented."

[He Q, Vijanen MK, Arvilommi H et al. Whooping cough caused by Bordetella pertussi and Bordetella parapertussis in an immunized population. *JAMA*. 1998;280:635-637.]

MYTH: The benefits of vaccination outweigh the risks.

FACT: There is no proof that the purported benefits of vaccination are greater than the risks.

This is perhaps the most important criticism of vaccination. No one knows what the chances are that a child may be hurt or even killed from a vaccine because, in order to do a risk/benefit analysis, we need to know how many children are being hurt. We do not know this because doctors rarely report vaccine injury. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), "Doctors underreport adverse vaccine reactions by 90%."

[Vaccine Injury Compensation: A Failed Experiment in Tort Reform? Statement of the National Vaccine Information Center, Barbara Loe Fisher, Co-founder & President, Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines, November 18, 2008.]

This percentage may actually be conservative. In a meeting at the Institute of Medicine in Washington, D.C., James Froeschle of Connaught Laboratories dropped this bombshell: "The company estimates about a 50-fold underreporting of adverse events."

[Adverse events associated with childhood vaccines, evidence bearing on causality. Washington DC: Institute of Medicine presentations. 11 May 1992;328:Appendix B.]

That means that for every 50 children injured by a vaccine only one is reported. The other 49 injuries, as far as the government and medical profession are concerned, never happened.

The truth is that no one knows if vaccines are safe because the research is flawed. As John B. Classen, M.D., M.B.A., formerly of the National Institutes of Health, has stated, "The studies used to support immunization are so flawed that it is impossible to say if immunization provides a net benefit to anyone ... proper studies have never been performed."

[Classen JB.Diabetes epidemic follows hepatitis B immunization program. *New Zealand Medical Journal*. 1996;109:195.]

J. Anthony Morris, Ph.D., former Chief Vaccine Control Officer, FDA, states it even more plainly: "There is a great deal of evidence to prove that immunization of children does more harm than good."

[http://www.vaccinationdebate.com/web3.html]

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We do not know how many children are really hurt. Medical historian and researcher Harris Coulter, Ph.D. writes that "between 15 and 20% of American school children are considered learning-disabled with minimal brain dysfunction directly caused by vaccine damage."

[Coulter HL. Vaccination, Social Violence and Criminality: The Medical Assault on the American Brain. Washington, DC: Center for Empirical Medicine. 1990;xiii.]

If we include all the children today with asthma, allergies, learning disorders, autism, bipolar disorder, ADD/ADHD and other neurological conditions, the number that are injured by vaccines may be as high as one in two.

MYTH: Vaccines improve a child's health. **FACT:** Vaccines are linked to multiple health conditions.

We have never before had a population filled with so many children suffering from all kinds of chronic physical and mental disorders. Many of these conditions were rare or non-existent before mass vaccination. This is no coincidence. Vaccines have been poorly tested; vaccinated children are not followed to see if there are long-term effects. This was noted by U.S. Rep. Dan Burton in a letter to the *Los Angeles* *Times* (April 24, 2000): "Instead of hiding our heads in the sand to protect the status quo, it is time to admit that [there are] no adequate studies to determine the long-term effects of vaccines on our children and future generations."

Medical doctors, government officials and vaccine manufacturers have been hiding their heads in the sand, pretending that vaccine-injured children are not really there. The children may not be able to speak for themselves, but their parents give voice to their cries for justice. According to Dr. Robert Mendelsohn, "Immunization against relatively harmless childhood diseases may be responsible for the dramatic increase in autoimmune diseases ... such as cancer, leukemia, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, Lou Gehrig's disease, lupus and Guillain-Barre syndrome."

[Mendelsohn R. *How to Raise a Healthy Child – in Spite of Your Doctor.* NY: Ballantine Books. 1987:102.]

MYTH: Vaccines save lives. **FACT:** Vaccines kill infants.

They cause crib death (SIDS – sudden infant death syndrome). After more than 30 deaths were reported from DPT vaccination, Japan raised the minimum age of vaccination from 2 months to 2 years. Until then they had been following the American schedule of beginning vaccination at two months. When the schedule was changed, crib death, infantile seizures, meningitis and other infectious diseases in infants virtually disappeared. Japan went from 17th in infant mortality to the lowest in the world. However, serious infectious diseases such as meningitis sharply increased in 2-year-olds as they became the first age group to be vaccinated.

[Cherry JD et al. Report of the task force on pertussis and pertussis immunization. *Pediatrics*. 1988;Supplement:973.]

Harris L. Coulter, Ph.D. writes: "Crib death was so infrequent in the pre-vaccination era that it was not even mentioned in the statistics, but it started to climb in the 1950s with the spread of mass vaccination." [Coulter HL.Ibid, xx.] Robert Mendelsohn, M.D., who said so many things so well, said, "Pediatricians continue to defend vaccination to the death. The question parents should be asking is, 'Whose death?'". [Mendelsohn R.Ibid, 104.]

No amount of flawed or misleading studies paid for by pharmaceutical companies and government agencies claiming that vaccines are safe can stop the rising number of autistic and otherwise brain injured children. No amount of junk science can halt the damage, not as long as vaccines – poorly tested, toxic and dangerous – continue to be injected into our children.

Respect for the natural immune process, breastfeeding, a traditional nutrient-dense diet and avoidance of toxins whether ingested or injected – plus a lot of love – are what a child needs to grow into a healthy, happy adult.

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