

Vaccine Reality

Safe or Effective? ...

considerations regarding back-to-school vaccinations

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Robertson injects considerations regarding back-to-school vaccinations
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BELFAST (Aug 12): It's back-to-school time and parents are being told to make sure, that their children get their vaccinations. The purpose of this article is not to tell anyone whether or not to vaccinate, but rather, to point out some very good reasons why every parent should educate themselves about immunizations.

Parents are often told their children will be barred from public school unless they receive vaccinations. The truth is, most states allow for exemptions, requiring only a statement from the child's health care provider or a waiver signed by the parents objecting to the vaccination on medical, religious or philosophical reasons. I signed a waiver, supplied by the school nurse, in order for my unimmunized son to attend public school. And I would gladly provide a statement for any parent who chooses not to immunized their child(ren).

Health authorities credit vaccines for disease declines, and assure us of their safety and effectiveness. Yet these assumptions are contradicted by government statistics, medical studies, Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control reports and reputable research scientists from around the world. Infectious diseases declined steadily for decades prior to vaccinations. U.S. doctors report thousands of serious vaccine reactions each year, including death and permanent disabilities.

There are hundreds of published medical studies documenting vaccine failure and adverse reactions. There are dozens of books written by doctors, researcher and independent investigators that reveal serious flaws in immunization theory. Most pediatricians and parents are unaware of these findings.

Growing scientific and medical evidence demonstrates the dangers of vaccines to some children. The federal government established The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Compensation Program to reimburse parents for children who die from or are permanently disabled by vaccines.

Vaccines for illnesses such as chickenpox are being mandated because government officials calculated the cost and inconvenience of parent's lost time from work taking care of children with chickenpox was greater than the costs of chickenpox vaccines. What about families who have a designated parent at home to care for children when they are ill? Instead of government officials, shouldn't parents decide if chickenpox vaccination is right for their children? Vaccine mandates put a significant number of children at unnecessary risk in addition to violating the parent-physician relationship.

Here are some vaccine facts:

- Vaccines (polio, hepatitis A, varicella, pertussis, diphtheria, tetanus and haemophilus influenzae b) have NOT been evaluated or tested for carcinogenic potential according to the manufacturer's own inserts.

- Vaccines (polio, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, pertussis, diphtheria and tetanus) contain formaldehyde - a highly noxious and carcinogenic preservative.

- Vaccines (Hepatitis B, pertussis, diphtheria, tetanus, and haemophilus influenzae b) contain thimerosal, a mercury derivative preservative BANNED by the FDA in over-the-counter drugs because of questions over safety.

- Vaccines (hepatitis B, hepatitis A, pertussis, diphtheria and tetanus) contain aluminum as an additive. Aluminum accumulates in the brain, muscles and bone tissue and is linked to causing fibrosarcomas (cancerous tumors).

- Vaccines (measles, mumps, polio, varicella, and diphtheria) are developed from animal ingredients. There has been a moratorium in this country on animal organ transplant in humans because of concerns of people contracting latent animal viruses.

- Vaccines (measles, mumps, rubella, polio and varicella) are LIVE virus vaccines. Live virus vaccines can sometimes infect those in close contact with the recipient.

For all 11 vaccines there have been NO long term studies on the cumulative effect on a child's developing immune system.

For all 11 vaccines the biological mechanisms for why some children react to a vaccine is not understood.

For all 11 vaccines there are no genetic or other lab screening tests to determine which children will react to a vaccine.

The following list is a good starting place for parents on getting informed and making a decision about whether to immunize.

1. Ask, "Is my child sick right now?"
2. Ask, "Has my child had a reaction to a vaccine before?"
3. Did you check your family medical history for records of vaccine reactions, neurological disorders, allergies or immune system problems?
4. Did you get information on vaccine side effects and how to identify a reaction?
5. Do you understand how to report an adverse reaction?
6. Do you know the manufacturer's name and lot number?
7. What if your child was the 1 in 10,000 that died from the DPT vaccine?
8. Did you visit the National Vaccine Information Center website 909shot.com for updates on vaccine research?

Whatever your personal vaccination decision may be, I urge you to make sure that your decision is an informed one.

I am ending this article with some powerful quotes:

"There is a great deal of evidence to prove that immunizations of children do more harm than good." - Dr. J. Anthony Morris formerly Chief Vaccine Control Officer for the U.S. Federal Drug Administration.

"The only safe vaccine is a vaccine that is never used." - Dr. James A. Shannon - National Institutes of Health

"No batch of vaccine can be proven safe before it is given to children." -

Surgeon General of the U.S., Leonard Scheele, addressing the AMA in 1995

"Our children face the possibility of death or serious long-term adverse effects from mandated vaccines that aren't necessary or that have very limited benefits." Jane M. Orient, executive director of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons

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