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## **Only Trusted Research will Quell Vaccination Concerns**

Peter Latham once said, *“Truth in all its kinds is the most difficult to win and truth in medicine is the most difficult of all.”*

Just for a moment, can all those who consider themselves knowledgeable, informed, in and out of medicine, say to themselves, “so true.” The problems which plague medicine, medical science and research, whether its dysfunctional peer-review, dangerous and unnecessary interventions, ghost writing, conflicts of interest, the revolving door between industry and regulation, clinical trials designed by marketing departments, medical journals which serve their advertisers, primarily the pharmaceutical industry, have created for medical consumers, an enter-at-your-own-risk system to health and well being.

Yet, parents are asked, in spite of all the above, to believe that the mass vaccination program (grab ‘em and stab em as one physician puts it), one-size-fits-all approach to vaccinating every child in this country with 49 doses of 14 vaccines before the age of 6 is as pristine and pure as fallen snow, immune from medicine’s plague? When parents or anyone questions, the methodology of a vaccination study published in a peer-reviewed medical journal, touted in the media as safe and effective, comparing adverse reactions for a new vaccine vs placebo, and “buried” in the study is the fact that the “placebo” a supposedly biologically inert substance, is another experimental vaccine, the pejoratives of “anti-vaccine” or “anti-science “darts fly.

Were similar characterizations applied to those who questioned the safety of Vioxx, Avandia, PhenPhen, or HRT? Are those questioning repeated concussions in foot ball, anti-football? Are those who recognize there are problems for some with yoga, anti-yoga? In spite of the hypocritical oath to do no harm, the next Vioxx is likely already being prescribed by physicians.

One in four parents think vaccines cause autism, and aren’t buying the scientifically irrelevant, methodically flawed, riddled with conflicts of interest studies supposedly exonerating the vaccination connection to neurological, behavioral, immune, and gastrointestinal disorders. Fifty-four percent of parents are worried about serious adverse effects caused by vaccines. While at the same time, at a recent international vaccination conference, was this interesting admission, “ By recognizing that the two groups that know the most about immunization are the policy makers on the one hand and the anti-vaccination [there’s that pejorative again] lobby on the other....” First, there is no lobby. Second, there is only a growing number of educated, scientifically literate parents, who know the most about vaccinations as policy makers. They also know the most about their children. These parents are dedicated to the safety of their

children, and entrusted, to “above all else, do no harm”, and aren’t going to allow their children to be “Vioxxed” or “Gardasized” by Merck or by mass vaccination products and policies which pose a reckless disregard for the long term health of each and every child.

The parents aren’t the problem. The problem is the problem. It’s not the parents. **Fix the problem.**

Blaming parents and unvaccinated children for instance, for the recurrent cyclical nature of bordetella pertussis (whooping cough) infections, is scientifically unsupportable. The more likely explanation can be attributable to 1) the temporary short term immunity, as little as 3 years, of the pertussis vaccine, 2) studies suggesting the natural evolution of b. pertussis is occurring and 3) the misapplied concept of herd immunity because of the first two reasons. The evidence that this is happening got national attention with the 2010 Southern California outbreak of whooping cough which found, “the bulk of the outbreak was in vaccinated and fully vaccinated up-to-date children.” Research out of the Netherlands suggests that b. pertussis, as a process of evolution, is adapting to the pertussis vaccination.

When public health officials or pediatricians pressure parents for their children to join “the vaccinated herd”, many parents see a herd with increasing numbers of children afflicted with chronic disease, children with a multitude of learning disabilities, severe neurological and behavioral disorders, immune system impairment, chronic and novel inflammatory gastrointestinal disease, in staggering numbers unseen 20 years ago. School budgets are collapsing under the weights of special education and services. By no stretch of the imagination is “the herd” healthy.

Parents have been asking for over a decade that “independent”, truly independently conducted health outcome studies comparing the vaccinated vs. the unvaccinated. Additionally, there is not one single study, demonstrating that the current recommended vaccination schedule is safe for all children. Until such studies are conducted free of the multitude of corrupting influences in medical science, parents will be well advised to do their own thorough research on all vaccinations which the Supreme Court of the United States has described as “unavoidably unsafe.”

Respectfully submitted,

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