

Vaccinations: What Doctors Don't Tell You

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You wake up in the night to your baby's screaming. It's a high-pitched scream, not one like you've heard before. You rush to her bed and pick her up. You feel that she's very hot and run for the thermometer. Her temperature is 103 degrees. She vomits, and then, almost immediately, fills her diaper with diarrhea. Her screaming is inconsolable for hours.

What would you do? Some people would probably say, "Call her pediatrician." Some would rush her to the emergency room. I would imagine that very few, if any, responsible parents would feel comfortable with the "wait and see" approach.

Now picture this scenario: It's the same scene as above, only the day before, your child received a vaccination, and your doctor told you this type of reaction is "normal." So now what do you do? Some would wait it out and see what happens, right? After all, your doctor has already told you that this type of response would not concern him. Say you just want some reassurance, and you call anyway. Your doctor tells you, again, not to be concerned. This reaction, he says, should only last for 48 hours. The problem is, as many thousands of parents, unfortunately, already know, your baby may not have 48 hours. In 48 hours your baby could have permanent brain damage, or worse: She could be dead.

You feel in your gut that what you are watching your child go through just isn't right, but you trust your doctor. After all, he wouldn't tell you to be unconcerned if there were really something to be alarmed about, right? Or would he?

For the best answer to that question, I recommend you do a little research of your own to see just how many cases you can find of families who trusted their doctors only to have their children die or experience permanent brain damage and other vaccine injury. Unfortunately, you will find more cases than you have time to read. As you delve deeper, you will find millions of vaccine injured children, and many vaccine-related conditions and illnesses, which are shoved under the proverbial rug so that you won't find out about them; so you won't stand up and ask your doctor, "Why didn't you tell me?"

Beth, the mother of an eight year old, Emma, first became suspicious last October after her daughter had a flu shot.

"It was almost a depression, and she was having....negative thoughts that bothered her and she would say, 'Mommy I'm having the bad thoughts, I want them to go away.' And we would pray for them to go away-- it was very

concerning," Beth said.

She then began to look back and connect that with changes in Emma's behavior after she received shots as a toddler.

Emma "developed allergies at 2, which is pretty young. She was sensitive to clothing, to heat. She would fall very easily. She reacted so strongly, just tears and screaming. Those kinds of things, it just didn't seem right," Beth explained.

Emma showed some improvement after going on a healthier diet several years ago, but still struggled. Now with medical treatment to remove the mercury, taking supplements, and a diet free of wheat and milk, she's doing better.

"I would have really bad nightmares," Emma said. "And I also used to see colorful spots, and they also went away, too."

How many Emmas are out there? No one knows. These are the cases that never make it into the medical statistics because they often aren't diagnosed by a conventional medical doctor, or their diagnosis isn't considered by the conventional medical community to be connected with vaccinations. However, many neurological experts consider such cases to be part of a spectrum of vaccine injuries, from the smallest damage to ADHD up through the worst, autism.

The who, what, and why.

It's simple to figure out who has the most to gain from mass vaccinations. Naturally, it's the pharmaceutical companies. This is a multi-billion dollar industry that tricks, cajoles, coerces, and forces (through legislation) our entire country to use its products, fully knowing that those products have caused permanent physical damage, and even death.

"That's one of those whacko conspiracy theories," You say. Oh really? Do you know anyone with ADD/ADHD? Autism? Learning disabilities? Developmental delays? Asthma? Diabetes? Today, the Center for Disease Control admits that 1 in 6 American kids are developmentally delayed. In the past 25 years, the number of American children with learning disabilities, ADHD, asthma and diabetes has more than tripled. Autism increases range from 200 percent to over 5,000 percent in some states. In the past 25 years, the number of doses of vaccines that pediatricians give American babies and children under age 6 has more than doubled. Today the CDC and AAP tell pediatricians to give children 48 doses of 14 vaccines by age 6 with the first dose given at 12 hours old in the newborn nursery. At 6 months old a child can receive 8 vaccines on a single day. At age 15 months, a child can receive as many as 12 vaccines on a single day.

Yet, the fact remains that the immune system is not developed enough to create antibodies until age 2.

Dan Olmsted wrote in an article for UPI in June 2007, "A new, privately funded survey finds vaccinated U.S. children have a significantly higher risk of neurological disorders -- including autism -- than unvaccinated children. In one striking finding, vaccinated boys 11-17 were more than twice as likely to have autism as their never-vaccinated counterparts. The telephone survey of parents representing a total of 17,000 children appears to be the first of its kind -- and contrasts starkly with several government-backed studies that have found no risk from vaccines. 'No one has ever compared prevalence rates of these neurological disorders between vaccinated and unvaccinated children,' said J.B. Handley, father of a child with autism and co-founder of Generation Rescue, which commissioned the \$200,000 survey conducted by SurveyUSA, a respected marketing firm. 'The phone survey isn't perfect, but these numbers point to the need for a comprehensive national study to gather this critical information.'" -

(Full text of the article here:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/upi/index.php?feed=Science&article=UPI-1-20070626-16403000-bc-ageofautism.xml>)

What causes vaccine injury?

Vaccine injury is a complex issue. Some point to mercury poisoning from the preservative thimerosal. Other people argue that it's the MSG or aluminum in the vaccines that is the problem.

Thimerosal was supposedly removed from kids' vaccines by 2004, although some argue that pharmaceutical companies found a way around this via a loophole allowing jabs with multiple vaccines to continue to contain the preservative. Additionally, flu shots are still allowed to contain thimerosal. But there are other potentially harmful ingredients in vaccines such as aluminum and monosodium glutamate (MSG) that haven't been banned.

John Erb has investigated vaccines as part of his work with autistic kids over the last 20 years. Erb said, "If there are glutamate-bearing ingredients in that vaccine, think twice. Because science has proven for the last three decades that glutamate has a huge effect on living beings."

Brain expert Dr. Russell Blaylock believes much of the problem from vaccines is their effect on the cells of the brain's immune system called microglia.

Dr. Blaylock has found that invaders like viruses and bacteria activate the microglia, which return to normal after the threat. But vaccines - especially multiple vaccines injected the same day - can put the microglia into constant battle mode. In that mode, the brain turns on itself, causing what's known as "bystander damage." A leading neurology journal seemed to confirm this with

autopsies of autistic brains. "They found all of them had over-activation of the brain's microglia, chronic brain inflammation, which is by this mechanism," Blaylock said.

Barbara Loe Fisher, of the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) says, "Mercury, aluminum, and MSG are powerful activators of the microglia -- linking brain damage with vaccines. The vaccine companies try to exclude that damage. The manufacturers conduct clinical trials and whenever anything bad happens in that clinical trial -- nine times out of 10 if not 10 times out of 10 -- they write off the health problem that occurs or the death that occurs as a coincidence."

So what can parents do to at least limit the side effects?

- Don't vaccinate a child who is sick or has had a previous severe vaccine reaction.
- Be careful about giving multiple vaccines on the same day, especially to premature babies.
- Tell your doctor if your child or your family has a history of autoimmune or nervous system disorders.
- Learn vaccine side effects so you can monitor your child after vaccination. In case of problems, immediately call your doctor.

Vaccine injury is now epidemic.

Whatever the precise cause, injuries to the brain including autism, mercury poisoning, ADD/ADHD, chronic disability and disease are in the tens of millions, and increasing at an alarming rate. Vaccine injury is epidemic. If you disagree, then do a little checking on your own. Please!

Just to get you started, please read the **Patriot Act**. In there you will find a section, snuck in at the last minute by an unnamed Congressperson, which changes the definition of "vaccine" for the purposes of the no-fault Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, to include the word "preservative." What this does is absolve Eli Lilly, the original manufacturer of the preservative thimerosal, and other drug companies who put harmful chemical preservatives in their vaccines, from liability for vaccine injury. This bill even "reaches back in time" to wipe out a slew of lawsuits that were pending at the time, which had been brought about by families whose lives have been forever damaged by the tragic, and costly, autism of their sons and daughters. While no one has claimed authorship of this section of the Patriot Act, the language was identical to a previously submitted bill by Bill Frist. Additionally, Eli Lilly's CEO has been given a seat on the Homeland Security Advisory Council.

Still think this is just a “whacko conspiracy theory?”

As hundreds of new vaccines are approved for use in this country EVERY YEAR, and they are forced on our population through legislation, what does our future look like? Will our current health care system be able to care for all of the vaccine injured children and adults? More importantly, is this really making people healthier?

Why did we start using vaccines anyway?

This brings us back around to the beginning of the story. Why do we have vaccines at all? Wasn't the original purpose to put an end to fatal and/or crippling diseases so that we might have a healthier population? That's certainly what we've been told, and at first glance, it looks like that could have entirely been the catalyst. However, a little bit of research unveils disparate ideas about the origins of vaccines, and whether or not they really did have a role in eradicating any diseases. That's another discussion entirely, so for now, we'll just work from the premise that the original motivation for developing vaccines was to benefit mankind, or at least not to harm us. But is that the current motivation for developing vaccines?

Currently, the hot topic in the vaccination arena is the HPV vaccine, developed and owned by Merck Pharmaceuticals. Merck has spent hundreds of millions of dollars trying to lobby legislators to make this vaccine mandatory for all preteen girls entering school.

Now, however, after public uproar put pressure on legislators to reverse mandatory HPV vaccines (do a search for HPV and “Texas” for more information about this), Merck has gotten more clever. Now they're working to get a law passed in every state that gives the power to mandate new vaccines to the State Health Officer. It sure will cost pharmaceutical companies A LOT less money to strong arm one person in each state rather than to lobby hundreds of politicians in 50 state legislatures. In fact, this dramatic cut in lobbying costs should save pharmaceutical companies hundreds of millions of dollars a year, at current rates, which will add nicely to their windfall profits from vaccine sales in the U.S., which at 2007 rates is a projected \$6.9 billion – the highest for any country in the world.

It is widely accepted among the non-pharmaceutical-industry-funded medical community (ie, “alternative” medicine) that the most important thing in preventing death and crippling disease is good nutrition to build a strong immune system.

That's not just theory, that's history. The fall of mass death from infections

occurred when nutrition improved on a large scale.

"When they looked at diphtheria and they looked at measles and they looked at all these infectious diseases that were killing so many people, they found a 75 percent, 90 percent, 50 percent drop in the number of people who were dying before the vaccine programs were ever started," Dr. Russell Blaylock said.

In other words, the drop had nothing to do with the vaccines.

What do we do now?

Here's the problem, as describe by Barbara Loe Fisher, of the NVIC, "Like the indiscriminate widespread use of multiple antibiotics, which has led to more virulent, antibiotic resistant bacteria, the indiscriminate widespread use of vaccines is placing pressure on viruses and bacteria to evolve and evade vaccines."

Won't previously "eradicated" diseases return if we stop using vaccinations? Let me point you to just two recent developments in our overly-vaccinated population: one has to do with the chicken pox vaccine, and the other with mumps.

Mass use of chicken pox vaccine in American children since 1995 has caused a shingles epidemic in older Americans. Before mass chicken pox vaccine use, Americans who had recovered from chicken pox as children would have their immunity "boosted" naturally and asymptotically by coming into contact with young children infected with chicken pox. Now, with no chicken pox around to do the boosting for older Americans, they get shingles instead. Chicken pox rarely causes severe complications or death in healthy children with 50 chickenpox related deaths in children occurring annually before mass use of chicken pox vaccine.

Some researchers (Goldman, G., International Journal of Toxicology, 2005) estimate it will take more than 50 years of mass use of chicken pox vaccine before the shingles epidemic will begin to subside and will affect 14.6 million Americans at a cost of \$4.1 billion or about \$80 million in annual health care costs. Shingles cases result in 3 times as many deaths and 5 times as many hospitalizations in adults as chicken pox cases do in children.

In April 2006, more than 1,000 cases of mumps were reported in the Midwest among vaccinated teens and young adults who had received two does of MMR (measles-mumps-rubella) vaccine. Long-term effectiveness of the immunization was, rightfully, thrown into question. The only people who didn't have to worry about contracting mumps in the Midwest outbreak were older people who had recovered from mumps as children. Vaccines only provide a temporary, inferior

immunity compared to the immunity achieved by recovering from the disease, which in most cases is permanent.

The bottom line.

Drug companies double their profit potential when they create vaccines and drugs which create diseases and disorders that require creation and purchase of new vaccines and drugs. It gives special meaning to the phrase "a vicious circle."

So what does this mean? Are all vaccines bad? Should we stop using vaccines altogether? This is not something someone should answer for you. Do your own research. Formulate your own opinion. Know the risks and the benefits. Then make an informed decision.

Also know that the vaccine policy may need radical reform, and parents are allowed to pick and choose what's best for an individual child. "We have to individualize the policies to begin with," says Barbara Loe Fisher of the NVIC. "But we have to do the scientific studies to really determine whether a policy of using 48 doses of 14 vaccines before age 6 is a wise policy."

Whether you choose to vaccinate your child according to the government's recommended schedule, selectively choose which vaccines your child will receive, or have decided not to vaccinate, it is important to understand the risks and complications of diseases and vaccines. Knowledge is power. You can begin by going to **www.nvic.org** and learning more about vaccines and your state vaccine laws.

You may choose to space your child's vaccines out across a longer timeline. You may choose not to vaccinate at all until the child is 2 years old, and has an immune system developed enough to create antibodies against the disease which they are being vaccinated against. You may also choose to refuse some, or all, vaccinations.