

Immunizations: A Second Opinion

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The following is an excerpt from a statement presented on June 8, 1995 in Washington, D.C. at the Vaccine Safety Forum of the Institute of Medicine, a branch of the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

There is historic epidemiologic evidence that the incidence and severity of infectious diseases wanes in populations over time, particularly in technologically advanced countries such as the United States, as the human immune system naturally adapts to the challenge.

Especially with regard to the passing on of maternal antibodies to protect newborns and keeping usually mild childhood diseases, such as rubella and chicken pox, out of adult populations where they are more severe, the advantage of permanent immunity gained from natural recovery from infectious disease as children outweighs the artificial, temporary immunity provided by vaccines. Data also suggest that the diseases of childhood are necessary for appropriate development, maturation and function of the individual immune and nervous systems.

Furthermore, progress in the field of Psychoneuroendocrinimmunology has led some researchers to conclude that vaccines in general may not only be impacting negatively on the human immune system, but may also be adversely affecting the neurologic and psychologic development and function of the vaccine recipient. The impact of artificial immunity on immune, neurologic, endocrine, and psychologic systems has not been scientifically elucidated.

There is no credible scientific data to demonstrate that the injection of multiple antigens simultaneously into a baby, particularly a baby under the age of one year, is safe and effective. There is no credible scientific evidence to negate the hypothesis that vaccines cause

immediate or delayed damage to the immune and neurological disorders including asthma, learning disabilities, hyperactivity, autism, chronic fatigue syndrome, lupus, diabetes, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, Guillain-Barre syndrome, and other diseases. There is no assurance that the agency charged with detailing and reporting adverse events following immunizations is not ethically constrained by its conflicting responsibility of promoting a vaccine.....

There is growing public awareness of the significance of alternative measures, such as proper nutrition, exercise, rest positive mental outlook and the maintaining of neurologic integrity, as powerful instruments for immunologic enhancement and defense against disease. There is increasing recognition among health care practitioners that the human body has an innate ability to protect and heal itself when allowed to function optimally without interference. Educational Conduits which target the largest number and widest socio-economic cross-sections of the public should be used to reinforce the concept that wellness is a way of life and can only be achieved by employing preventive health care strategies which enhance, not suppress or interfere with, the natural functioning of the human immune system. In recognition of the need to enhance the innate human immune capacity to resist infectious diseases such as polio, health and wellness advocates of the 21st century support the SANS or NO VACCINE option.

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