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# WELCOME

Dear Friends:

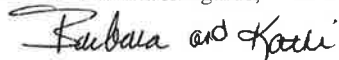
As mothers of children, who were left injured after serious reactions to the DPT vaccine, and as co founders of the National Vaccine Information Center, we welcome you to the First International Public Conference on Vaccination. The National Vaccine Information Center is celebrating its 15th year of work to prevent vaccine injuries and deaths through public education and we are glad that you have joined with us and other parents, doctors, scientists, lawyers, ethicists, health writers and legislative staff members to learn more about vaccines. We are proud to be able to share with you, through distinguished speakers from the United States, Canada and Great Britain, information about the biological effects of vaccines on the human immune and neurological systems.

Our goal, as always, is to promote a responsible examination and open discussion of what is and is not known about vaccination in order to encourage well designed scientific research into the biological mechanism of vaccine injury and death; the long term, chronic effects of multiple vaccination on individuals and on the public health; the identification of high risk factors; and the development of therapies to reduce or eliminate vaccine-induced neurological and immune system dysfunction. We also want to explore the health care alternatives for preventing illness and maintaining health which are changing the face of medicine and are providing new therapies for the vaccine injured. Finally, we are committed to defending the human right of all people to make informed, voluntary decisions about medical interventions which can cause injury or death, including vaccination.

This conference is dedicated to the children, who had no voice and had no choice, and who lost their lives or had their futures forever changed by public health policies promoted and enforced in the absence of adequate scientific knowledge about the full range of the biological effects of vaccination on humans. We do not look back at 15 years of work as much as we look to the day when we are a wiser and more compassionate society, one that values the life of each individual enough to commit the will and resources to honestly seek, discover and embrace the truth about vaccination, no matter what that truth turns out to be, so that action can be taken to ensure that lives are not sacrificed in the name of the public good.

We hope you make many new friends here and that you take what you learn here back home and share it with your family and friends and colleagues. For us it has always been about saving one life at a time. It is with this understanding that we bring you the First International Public Conference on Vaccination.

With kindest regards,



Barbara Loe Fisher, Co-Founder & President  
Kathi Williams, Co-Founder & Director



Kathi & Barbara

# A Look to the Future

*Any man's death diminishes me,*

*because I am involved in mankind;*

*and therefore never send to know*

*for whom the bell tolls;*

*it tolls for thee.*

- John Donne

The National Vaccine Information Center will continue to work on behalf of the public for wider recognition that well-designed, independent, on-going scientific investigation must be conducted to define the biological mechanism of vaccine injury and death and evaluate the chronic, long term effects of multiple vaccination on individuals and the public health. NVIC will continue to work to institute oversight mechanisms in the mass vaccination system to monitor the vaccine research, development, regulation and promotion activities of federal and state public health agencies and drug companies. NVIC will continue to represent the vaccine safety concerns of families with vaccine injured children and those who want to protect their children from vaccine injury. Simultaneously, in the spirit and intent of the Nuremberg Code and the Helsinki Declarations and with respect for the moral principles embodied in every faith, NVIC will continue to defend the human right of all people to make informed, voluntary decisions about medical interventions which can cause injury or death, including vaccination.



vaccine safety committees and at scientific conferences, government meetings, legislative hearings and in the media. During the past 15 years, the information NVIC researches, produces and provides to the public about vaccines and diseases has reached millions of Americans through radio, television, newspaper, and magazine reports as well as through NVIC's 1-800 telephone number, internet website and national newsletter, *THE VACCINE REACTION*.

NVIC has provided information to more than 400,000 parents and health care providers since it was founded and remains the oldest and largest non-profit consumer health organization providing vaccine and disease risk information to the public while serving as a consumer "watchdog" monitoring vaccine research, development, policymaking and legislation. NVIC also is the leading national advocate of the right to informed consent to vaccination. The National Vaccine Information Center is a charitable organization supported by donations.

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# **V**accination and **Chronic Illness**

In 1986, the U.S. Congress passed the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act and made it official: vaccine injuries and deaths are real. In 1991 and 1994, reports were issued by independent committees of physician experts at the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, confirming that vaccines can cause death, brain inflammation, chronic arthritis, Guillain-Barre syndrome, brachial neuritis, measles and polio vaccine strain virus infection and permanent brain damage. One of their most surprising findings was that so few scientific studies have ever been conducted to determine why and how vaccines cause injuries and deaths.

At this conference, distinguished immunologists, neurologists, gastroenterologists, geneticists, biochemists and microbiologists from the U.S., Canada and Great Britain will talk about infant death, autism, Crohn's disease (intestinal disorders), diabetes, seizure disorders, learning disabilities, multiple sclerosis, chronic fatigue, cancer, AIDS, Gulf War syndrome and other autoimmune and brain dysfunction reported to be associated with vaccination.

#### **STAYING WELL USING ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE**

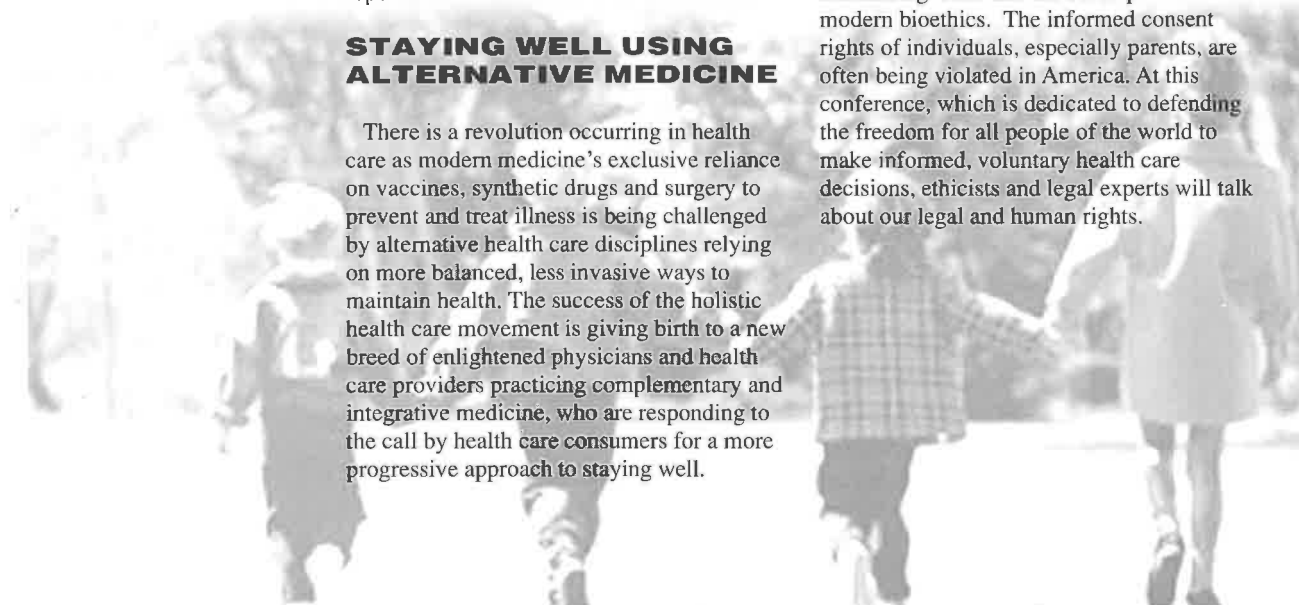
There is a revolution occurring in health care as modern medicine's exclusive reliance on vaccines, synthetic drugs and surgery to prevent and treat illness is being challenged by alternative health care disciplines relying on more balanced, less invasive ways to maintain health. The success of the holistic health care movement is giving birth to a new breed of enlightened physicians and health care providers practicing complementary and integrative medicine, who are responding to the call by health care consumers for a more progressive approach to staying well.

At this conference, pioneering clinicians and researchers talk about why working with nature to maintain wellness can enhance the functioning of the immune system, prevent illness and sometimes modify the severity of vaccine injuries.



#### **INFORMED CONSENT TO VACCINATION**

A human being's right to informed consent to medical procedures which carry a risk of injury or death is the first principle of the Nuremberg Code and the centerpiece of modern bioethics. The informed consent rights of individuals, especially parents, are often being violated in America. At this conference, which is dedicated to defending the freedom for all people of the world to make informed, voluntary health care decisions, ethicists and legal experts will talk about our legal and human rights.





# Conference Schedule

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 13,  
1997**

**8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION**

**8:30 WELCOME**

**Barbara Loe Fisher**

Co-Founder and President, National  
Vaccine Information Center

**VACCINES AND CHRONIC  
ILLNESS**

**8:45 "Vaccines, Genetics & Infant  
Death"**

**Mark R. Geier, M.D., Ph.D.,** Co-  
Director, Genetic Consultants, &  
Director, Institute of Immuno-Oncology  
and Genetics

**9:15 "Biological Mechanisms of  
Vaccine Injury and Vaccine Reaction  
Blood Tests"**

**Terry M. Phillips, D.Sc., Ph.D.,**  
Professor of Medicine & Director,  
Immunochemistry Laboratories &  
Hematology/Oncology Laboratory,  
Department of Medicine, The George  
Washington University Medical Center

**10:15 - 10:30 BREAK**

**10:30 "Vaccines & Learning  
Disabilities"**

**Marcel Kinsbourne, M.D.,** Research  
Professor, Center for Cognitive Studies,  
Tufts University & Professor of  
Psychology, New School University

**11:00 "Measles Virus & Measles  
Vaccine: Lessons To Be Learned"**

**Andrew J. Wakefield, M.D.,** Director  
of Research & Chairman, Inflammatory  
Bowel Disease Study Group, Royal Free  
Hospital School of Medicine, London

**11:30 "Hepatitis B Vaccine Injuries"**

**Byron M. Hyde, M.D.,** Chairman, The  
Nightingale Research Foundation, Canada

**12:00 Noon DISCUSSION**

**12:30 - 1:30 LUNCH BREAK**

**1:30 "Viral Vaccines & Chromosome  
Damage"**

**Howard B. Urnovitz, Ph.D.,** Founder  
and Science Director, Chronic Illness  
Research Foundation & Founder &  
Chief Scientific Officer, Calypte  
Biomedical Corporation

**2:00 "Vaccine Administration  
Combined With Other Hazardous  
Exposures"**

**James J. Tuite, III,** International  
Security & Science & Technology  
Consultant & Director, Gulf War  
Research Foundation

**2:30 "Vaccine Regulation & Polio  
Vaccine Contamination"**

**Walter Kyle, J.D.,** Vaccine Product  
Liability Expert

**3:00 - 3:15 BREAK**

**3:15 DISCUSSION**

**3:45 KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**"Science, Politics and Freedom"**

**Barbara Loe Fisher,** President,  
National Vaccine Information Center

**4:30 ADJOURN**

**7:30 DINNER**

**Kathi Williams: Master of  
Ceremonies,** Co-Founder & Director,  
National Vaccine Information Center

**Rev. Vincent J. Rigdon: Invocation**

**Lea Thompson: Guest Speaker**  
NBC "Dateline" Consumer Reporter &  
Producer, "DPT: Vaccine Roulette"



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patient education literature but also offers  
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subject of childhood vaccination. Dr. Koren  
will be present at the First International  
Public Conference on Vaccination.

## **THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA HOMEOPATHIC STUDY GROUP**

703-931-2279 Contact: **Karen Alderson**

The Northern Virginia Homeopathic Study  
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intermediate and advanced classes so that  
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contamination risks; the current and coming  
plagues; treatment concerns; and healthcare  
options for common disorders including  
certain cancers, AIDS, Chronic Fatigue,  
Gulf War syndrome and more.

## **COMPUTER PROGRAM**

### **DEMONSTRATION BOOTH**

Interactive computer programs using  
Touch Window and Macintosh Computer  
were developed by Brett Thornton for his  
vaccine injured brother, Ryan. Periodic  
demonstrations will be held throughout the  
conference in the exhibitor area.

## **THE NATIONAL VACCINE INFORMATION CENTER**

Founded in 1982 as Dissatisfied Parents  
Together (DPT) by parents of vaccine  
injured children, the non-profit, educational  
organization known today as the National  
Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) is  
dedicated to preventing vaccine injuries and  
deaths through public education. NVIC  
provides assistance to parents whose  
children have suffered vaccine reactions;  
promotes scientific research to investigate  
vaccine safety and effectiveness as well as to  
identify factors which place individuals at  
high risk for suffering vaccine reactions; and  
advocates the institution of oversight  
mechanisms within the mass vaccination  
system to make it safer.

After launching the organized, national  
vaccine safety and informed consent  
movement in the U.S. in the early 1980's,  
NVIC's co-founders worked with Congress  
to create the National Childhood Vaccine  
Injury Act of 1986. This historic law set up  
a vaccine injury compensation program and  
included vaccine safety provisions such as  
mandatory recording and reporting of  
hospitalizations, injuries and deaths  
following vaccination. In 1989, NVIC held  
an International Scientific Workshop on  
Pertussis and Pertussis Vaccine to evaluate  
the neurological complications of pertussis  
and the pertussis vaccine. In 1996, one of  
NVIC's major goals was realized when a  
purified pertussis vaccine was finally  
licensed for American babies after a decade  
and a half of public advocacy work.

NVIC represents the vaccine safety  
concerns of health care consumers on

## Conference Exhibitors

Following is a description by exhibitors of their product and information booths located adjacent to the hotel ballroom.

### **ALLERGY RESEARCH GROUP** 400 Preda St., San Leandro, CA 94577 510-639-4572 Contact: Gina Day

Allergy Research Group/NutriCology, under the direction of Stephen A. Levine, Ph.D., has been setting the standard for hypoallergenic nutritional supplements since its inception in 1979. Allergy Research Group/Nutricology carries over 200 of the purest products available as well as pioneering products including ProLive; Olive Extract; Laktoferrin; Liquid Shark Cartilage; Woman Prime; Cytolog; bovine colostrum; BrainStorm; Mycostat; CoEnzyme Q10 - 100 mg. with tocotrienols; Kava Kava; and HomoCysteine Metabolite Formula.

### **CARBON BASED** 5 Osprey Drive, Millville, NJ 08332 609-825-8333 Contact: Vern Morin

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### **DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY REGISTRY** 6701 Fairfax Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 301-652-2263 Contact: Patricia S. Lemer

The Developmental Delay Registry (DDR), established in 1994, is an international non-profit membership organization. It is dedicated to meeting the needs of parents and professionals working with children who have delays in motor, sensory-motor, language and social-emotional areas, including attention deficits and autism. The DDR publishes a quarterly

newsletter, sells hard to find books and games and sponsors periodic conferences.

### **ECOLOGICAL FORMULAS** 1061-B Sherry Circle, Concord, California 94518

1-800-888-4585 Contact: Kurt Greenberg  
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### **THE FEINGOLD ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES** P.O. Box 6550, Alexandria, Virginia 22306 703-768-3287 Contact: Jane Hersey

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### **THE INTERNATIONAL CHIROPRACTIC PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION** 5295 Hwy 78, Ste. D-362, Stone Mountain, GA 30087

1-800-670-5437 or FAX 770-736-1651 or  
www.icpa.org Contact: Connie Webster  
The International Chiropractic Pediatric Association (ICPA) is dedicated to providing training, education and research in chiropractic pediatrics. Founded in 1975 by Larry Webster, D.C., its membership has grown to make it the largest pediatric association in the chiropractic profession. Joining the ICPA connects you with the heartbeat of the chiropractic profession and unites you in the vision of Chiropractic Today for a Better World Tomorrow.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1997

### HEALTH CARE PHILOSOPHIES

9:00 a.m. "Medical History: Divided  
Legacy"

Harris L. Coulter, Ph.D., President,  
Center for Empirical Medicine

9:15 "Freeing the Life Force to Heal"

Arno Burnier, D.C., Board Member,  
International Chiropractic Pediatric  
Association

9:45 "Naturopathic Medicine &  
Homeopathy"

Amy Rothenberg, N.D., Editor, *New  
England Journal of Homeopathy*,  
& Instructor, New England School of  
Homeopathy

10:15 "Metabolic Support for the  
Vaccine Injured"

Patricia Kane, Ph.D., Director of  
Medical Research, Carbon Based  
Corporation, & Director of Metabolics,  
Kaplan Foundation

10:45 - 11:00 BREAK

11:00 DISCUSSION

11:30 INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE

Stephen C. Marini, Ph.D., D.C.,  
Director, Family Chiropractic Center,  
& and Lecturer, Life College of  
Chiropractic

11:50 Philip Incao, M.D., Founder and  
Director, Gilpin Street Holistic Center

12:10 Hugh Fudenberg, M.D.,  
Founder and Director of Research,  
NeuroImmuno Therapeutics Research  
Foundation

12:30 - 1:30 LUNCH BREAK

1:30 Harold E. Buttram, M.D.,  
Director, Woodlands Healing Research  
Center, & Founding Medical Director,  
Foresight-America Foundation for  
Preconception Care

1:50 J. Barthelow Classen, M.D.,  
M.B.A., Founder & CEO, Classen  
Immunotherapies, Inc.

2:10 THE ANIMAL MODEL IN  
RESEARCH

Murry J. Cohen, M.D., Co-Chair,  
Medical Research Modernization  
Committee

2:30 DISCUSSION

3:00 - 3:15 BREAK

3:15 VACCINATION, THE LAW &  
INFORMED CONSENT

Peter H. Meyers, J.D., Professor of  
Clinical Law & Director, Vaccine Injury  
Project, George Washington University  
Law School

3:45 David J. Walsh, Ph.D., Professor  
of Politics, Catholic University of  
America

4:15 DISCUSSION

4:40 SUMMARY

Terry A. Rondberg, D.C., President,  
World Chiropractic Alliance

5:00 ADJOURN

7:00 OPEN INTERACTIVE  
FORUM

"The Nutritional and Integrative  
Medicine Approach for Your Vaccine  
Injured Child"

8:00 - 10:00 TESTIMONIALS

Parents of Vaccine Injured Children  
Reports of Informed Consent Violations  
Music by Jamie Murphy and Alan  
Phillips

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1997

8:30 a.m. BUSES LEAVE FOR  
CAPITOL HILL



## The Speakers

**Mark R. Geier, M.D., Ph.D.** is Co-Director, Genetic Consultants, and Director, Institute of Immuno-Oncology and Genetics. Born in Washington, D.C., Dr. Geier received a Ph.D. in genetics and a doctor of medicine degree from George Washington University. He was a research geneticist at the Laboratory of General and Comparative Biochemistry at the NIH and subsequently a member of the professional staff. A Diplomate of the American Board of Medical Genetics and of the American Board of Forensic Medicine, he served as Assistant Professor, Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and Associate Professor, Department of Psychology at the U.S. Military Medical School. He is President of Genetic Counselling and Research, Inc. and Director of Molecular Medicine, Inc. He has published articles on genetics, fertility, disease and the adverse effects of pertussis and rubella vaccines and is an expert on the biological effects of vaccine-induced infant death.

**Terry M. Phillips, D.Sc., Ph.D.** is Professor of Medicine and Director, Immunochemistry Laboratories and Director, the Hematology/Oncology Laboratory, Department of Medicine, The George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, D.C.. Born in England, Dr. Phillips received Ph.D. and D.Sc. degrees in immunology from the University of London. He has held faculty positions in pathology, molecular immunology, microbiology, and

immunocytochemistry at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; University of Khartoum, Sudan; Georgetown University School of Medicine and George Washington University. He is a Research Associate, Conservation Research Center, National Zoo, Smithsonian Institute. He is a reviewer for more than 20 professional journals and has published more than 150 articles in the medical literature. He is the



author of *A Primer Handbook in Chemistry* (Vantage Press, in press) and *An Introduction to Modern Micro-Techniques in Immunochemistry* (Vantage Press, in press) and co-author of *All About Your Immune System* (Lerner Publications Co., in press). He has special expertise in immunology and blood-testing techniques to demonstrate cross-reactivity between vaccines and neurological tissue leading to possible immune-mediated injury.

**Marcel Kinsbourne, M.D.** is Research Professor, Center for Cognitive Studies, Tufts University and Professor of Psychology, New School University in New York. Born in Vienna, Austria, Dr. Kinsbourne received his doctor of medicine degree from Oxford University, England. He was a Fulbright Scholar and has held faculty positions in pediatric neurology and psychology at Oxford, Duke, Harvard, Brandeis, Boston University and the Universities of Waterloo and Toronto, Canada. He was Director of the Behavioral Neurology Department, Eunice Kennedy Shriver Center for 11 years. A member of the editorial board of 12 professional journals, Dr. Kinsbourne served as President of the International Neuropsychological Society and of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology. He is on the advisory board of the Association of Educational Therapists and is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association. He has published more than 350 articles on neurological and behavioral disorders and is internationally recognized for his research on learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder. He is the co-author of *Children's Learning and Attention Problems* (Little Brown, 1979).

**Andrew J. Wakefield, M.D.** is Director of Research and Chairman, Inflammatory Bowel Disease Study Group, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, London. Born in England, he received his doctor of medicine degree from University of London, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School. He studied experimental surgery and small bowel transplantation at the University of Toronto. He is an honorary consultant in

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# LEA THOMPSON

*"On the 15th Anniversary of The National Vaccine Information Center this public education service award is presented to LEA THOMPSON in recognition of courage, excellence and integrity in journalism and with deep appreciation for her historic, lifesaving contribution to protecting the health of America's children by informing their parents about the DPT vaccine."*



Following the April 1982 broadcast of NBC-TV's landmark, Emmy award winning documentary "DPT: Vaccine Roulette" produced by consumer reporter Leanne Thompson, a handful of parents in the Washington, D.C. area joined together and co-founded the non-profit, educational organization known today as the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC). All of NVIC's co-founders had children who were injured or died from reactions to the DPT vaccine. Without the courage and vision of broadcast journalist Leanne Thompson, the work that has been done during the past 15 years to educate parents about vaccines and institute safety reforms in the mass vaccination system would not have been possible.

Leanne Thompson is NBC's Chief Consumer Correspondent and her hard hitting investigative stories on consumer health and safety issues are regularly featured on "Dateline." Born in Wisconsin, she graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She began her career in the editorial department at WRC-TV in Washington, D.C., where she later became a news anchor and consumer reporter and produced "DPT: Vaccine Roulette." She has been a contributing correspondent for NBC News, "Today Show," and "NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw," and hosted her own weekly half hour magazine show "Byline: Leanne Thompson."

Her investigative journalism work has initiated 16 congressional and 15 governmental agency hearings and has prompted the passage of three federal laws. Her Emmy Award winning "DPT: Vaccine Roulette" investigating the dangers of the DPT vaccine led to passage of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, an historic vaccine safety and vaccine injury compensation law. Her Peabody Award winning "RX for Death" investigating doctor's office errors that cause unnecessary surgery and death resulted in The Medical Laboratory Improvement Act of 1988. Her discovery that hundreds of children had been brain damaged by baby formulas lacking key nutrients resulted in The Infant Formula Act of 1980.

During her career, she has been the recipient of every major journalism award in broadcasting including two Peabodys; a Columbia Dupont, two George Polks; six Ohio State Awards; four Headliners; four Investigative Reporters and Editors awards; AP, UPI, Sigma Delta Chi and National Press Club awards; 23 Washington Emmy Awards and dozens of civic awards including "Washingtonian of the Year." Her stories have inspired five made-for-TV movies and one feature film.

She resides in Maryland with her husband, who is a Maryland Circuit Court Judge, and their three daughters.

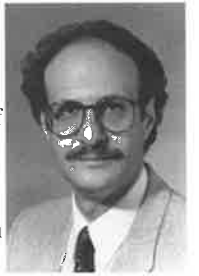


experimental gastroenterology to the Royal Free Hampstead National Health Service Trust. The recipient of awards and scholarships for original research and technology development, he has conducted research into the role of vascular injury in the pathogenesis and etiology of inflammatory bowel disease; mechanisms of intestinal injury in NSAID drug-induced enteropathy; the development and application of *in situ* nucleic acid reaction technology to research and diagnosis; measles virus; and neurological disorders and chronic intestinal inflammation. Published articles in the medical literature include "Crohn's disease: pathogenesis and persistent measles virus infection" (*Gastroenterology*, 1995) and "Is measles vaccination a risk factor for inflammatory bowel disease?" (*Lancet*, 1995).

**Byron M. Hyde, M.D.** is Chairman of the Nightingale Research Foundation and a physician in general medical practice in Ottawa, Canada. He received his doctor of medicine degree from University of Ottawa, where he was President of the Canadian Association of Medical Students and Interns, and Founder, Chairman and Funding Officer for Canadian Medical Students School of Tropical Medicine in Haiti. He served as the Chief Technician, Electron Microscope Unit, Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and was a volunteer physician in St. Lucia, Caribbean in 1972 and in Laos in 1974. He is an internationally recognized authority on the clinical and scientific basis of myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome and was the Chairman and Chief Funding Officer of the First International Symposium on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/Fibromyalgia at Cambridge University in 1990 and organizer of the Workshop on Canadian Research Directions for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome at the University of British Columbia in 1991. He is an expert on central nervous system dysfunction following hepatitis B vaccination.

## Howard B. Urnovitz, Ph.D. is

Founder and Science Director of Chronic Illness Research Foundation; Founder and Chief Scientific Officer of Calypte Biomedical Corporation and President and Chief Science Officer of Pepgen Therapeutics Corporation in Berkeley, California.



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## The Speakers



**James J. Tuite, III** is an International Security Consultant with special expertise in the proliferation of and human exposure to chemical, biological and radiological materials. He received his master's degree in National Security Studies from Georgetown University. A Medical

Specialist in the U.S. Army and a Vietnam veteran, he holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and numerous medals for heroism and exemplary military service. His 20-year career in the United States Secret Service as a Special Agent, Counter-terrorism Specialist and expert on Science and Technology Research and Development, included protecting the President of the U.S.; investigating complex criminal cases involving threats against the President by individuals and terrorist organizations; and directing science research and investigative technology development and laboratory safety activities of the U.S. Secret Service Forensic Services Division. As a Special Assistant to the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, he directed the Committee's investigation into the export of "dual use" materials and technologies to Iraq prior to the Persian Gulf War and the military and health consequences of those exports. He is Director, Interdisciplinary Sciences, Chronic Illness Research Foundation; a member of the Board of Directors, National Gulf War Center; and Director, Gulf War Research Foundation. He has appeared as an expert on Gulf War troop exposure to biological and chemical toxins on television investigative and news reports in the U.S., Europe and the Far East.

**Walter Kyle, J.D.**, is an Attorney in private practice and an expert on vaccine product liability litigation. Born in Arkansas, he obtained degrees in mechanical and electrical engineering from University of Miami in Coral Gables and received his law

degree from University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. His first case after passing his law bar exam in 1978, was to sue Wyeth-Lederle, the manufacturer of live polio vaccine, on behalf of a mother who was paralyzed after contracting polio from her recently vaccinated son. In 1979, he filed suit against the federal government on behalf of the mother, charging that the government had failed to follow its own regulations and had violated the constitutional right to privacy by exposing people to the virus without their knowledge or consent. He has been involved in nearly 100 claims by vaccine injured children and adults since then. An expert on the manufacturing of polio vaccines, his hypothesis that HIV developed in man after lots of live polio vaccine contaminated with simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV) were released in the 1970's, was published in *The Lancet* in 1992. He has attended scientific and government conferences where he has been a public critic of the too-close relationship between the FDA and vaccine manufacturers and the withholding of vaccine safety information from the public.

**Barbara Loe Fisher** is Co-Founder and President of the National Vaccine Information Center. Born in Minneapolis, she received a B.A. in English from the University of Maryland and was an editor for New York Life Insurance Company in New York City; Director of Community Relations for Muhlenberg Hospital in New Jersey and Media Relations Coordinator for the Alexandria Tourist Council in Virginia. She is the co-author of *A Shot in the Dark* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1985; Warner, 1986; Avery, 1991); author of *The Consumer's Guide to Childhood Vaccines* (NVIC, 1997) and editor of *THE VACCINE REACTION*. She served on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee for four years and was appointed to the Institute of Medicine Vaccine Safety Forum in 1995, where she helped to coordinate four public



appoint a special prosecutor to investigate the theft of President Jimmy Carter's briefing papers. He supervises law students, who represent individuals who have suffered serious vaccine injuries, and are seeking financial compensation before the United States Court of Federal Claims under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986.

**David J. Walsh, Ph.D.** is Professor of Politics at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and served as Chair of the Department of Politics for eight years. Born in Ireland, he received a master's degree in philosophy from the University College of Dublin, Ireland and Ph.D. in government from the University of Virginia. He was Assistant Professor of Humanities at University of Florida and Assistant Professor of Government and Philosophy at University of South Carolina at Sumter. He has written extensively on philosophy, politics and the role of government in society, including "A Mythology of Reason: The Persistence of Pseudo-Science in the Modern World" and "Truth and the Problem of a Liberal Tradition." He is the author of *The Mysticism of Innerworldly Fulfillment: A Study of Jacob Boehme* (University Presses of Florida, 1983); *After Ideology: Recovering the Spiritual Foundations of Freedom* (Harper/Collins, 1990; Catholic University of America Press, 1996); and *The Growth of the Liberal Soul* (University of Missouri Press, 1997). His editorials on the value of individual human life and other ethical issues have been published regularly in the *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Philadelphia Inquirer* and many other syndicated newspapers.



**Terry Rondberg, D.C.** is President, World Chiropractic Association. He graduated from Logan College of Chiropractic and was a doctor of chiropractic in private practice in St. Louis, Missouri and Phoenix, Arizona for 15 years before founding

the World Chiropractic Alliance, a non-profit "watchdog" organization dedicated to promoting a subluxation-free world. He is founder, editor and publisher of *The Chiropractic Journal*, which is distributed worldwide to more than 60,000 doctors and students of chiropractic and offers a forum for opposing viewpoints within the chiropractic profession. The founder, editor and publisher of *The Journal of Vertebral Subluxation Research*, he is also the author of *Chiropractic First*, a primer for health care consumers interested in understanding the principles of chiropractic. He is an international speaker, known for his motivational and inspirational lectures advocating public education and freedom of choice in health care.

*The following invited speaker was unable to appear in person, but has submitted a statement which will be distributed to attendees and will be part of the published proceedings of this conference.*

**Eugene D. Robin, M.D.** is Professor Emeritus of Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine. He received a master of science and doctor of medicine degree from George Washington University. During his 46-year career in medicine, he was a Research Fellow at Harvard Medical School, where he served on the faculty before becoming Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He was Chairman, Respiratory Study, Veterans Administration; Chairman, Pulmonary Advisory Committee, National Heart and Lung Institute, NIH; and a visiting professor at dozens of universities around the world, including Yale, Johns Hopkins, and Edinburgh. He has been a consultant to the government's of France and Ireland on the organization of science and the relationship of basic science to clinical science. He has published more than 300 articles in the medical literature on respiratory disease, molecular genetics, cell physiology and medical ethics and is the author of *Matters of Life and Death: Risks versus Benefits of Medical Care* (W.H. Freeman & Co., 1984). He writes risk/benefit analyses for *Chest* and is a contributor to *Medical Ethics*.



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Born In Oklahoma City, he received his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine. He was a physician in private practice in internal medicine and obstetrics in Richardson, Texas and Portalis, New Mexico and has been physician in private practice for the past 27 years in Quakertown, Pennsylvania specializing in family and environmental medicine. A Diplomate of the American Board of Environmental Medicine and the American College for the Advancement in Medicine and a Fellow of the American Academy of Environmental Medicine, he is the author of numerous articles on vaccination and immune malfunction, environmental toxins and their effect on human development, and freedom of choice in health care.

**J. Barthelow Classen, M.D., M.B.A.** is Founder and CEO of Classen Immunotherapies, Inc. Born in Baltimore, he received his doctor of medicine degree from University of Maryland School of Medicine and obtained a master's degree in business administration from Columbia University Graduate School of Business. He was a Research Scientist in the Departments of Pathology and Surgery at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. As a Staff Fellow in the Laboratory of Immunology at the National Institutes of Health, he conducted research into the causes of autoimmune disease and demonstrated novel ways of preventing autoimmune disease. In 1991, he founded a biopharmaceutical company, Classen Immunotherapies, Inc., to develop ways to prevent type I diabetes and autoimmune disease. He has published data on his research into the link between vaccination of children and the development of insulin-dependent diabetes.

**Murry J. Cohen, M.D.** is Co-Chair of the Medical Research Modernization Committee and a psychiatrist in private practice in

Annandale, Virginia. He received his doctor of medicine degree from the Chicago Medical School and completed post-graduate work in psychiatry at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. He was Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Medical Director of the Mount Sinai Medical Center's Narcotics Rehabilitation Center; Chief of the Psychiatric Out-Patient Department at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York; Staff Psychiatrist at Gracie Square Hospital; and Assistant in Psychiatry at Beth Israel Hospital In New York. He has written extensively and testified before Congress on improving the quality of medical research and testing which is used to draw scientific conclusions for humans, specifically animal research which is conceptually and methodologically unsound. He is an advocate of the labeling of genetically engineered products, including drugs and vaccines, which have the potential to produce new viral diseases, cancer, drug-resistant microbes and other health hazards to humans.

**Peter H. Meyers, J.D.** is Professor of Clinical Law and Director of the Vaccine Injury Project, George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C.. He received his law degree from George Washington University Law School. He was Legal Counsel to Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), representing the rights of individuals adversely affected by cigarette smoke, and was Chief Counsel, National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, where he coordinated national drug-reform litigation to allow persons to obtain marijuana for medical purposes. He was Director of the Center for the Study of Drug Policy and was an attorney in private practice for 13 years specializing in complex appellate and criminal cases. As an expert in civil, criminal, administrative and appellate litigation, he has argued cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, including one to



workshops on vaccine safety issues. She has represented health care consumers at many scientific conferences and government meetings and is a featured speaker at health care conferences in the U.S. and Canada. As NVIC's public spokesperson, she has appeared on numerous national radio and television programs discussing vaccines and defending the right to informed consent to vaccination including the "Today Show", "CBS Evening News" and "Nightline". The mother of three children, her oldest son was left with multiple learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder after a severe reaction to his fourth DPT shot in 1980 when he was two and a half years old.



**Kathi Williams** is Co-Founder and Director of the National Vaccine Information Center. Born in Vienna, Virginia, she opened NVIC's office in 1982 and has been responsible for creating the administrative infrastructure and managing the

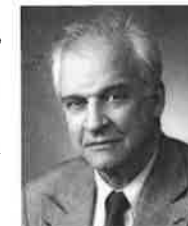
business and day-to-day operations for most of NVIC's 15-year history. As principal liaison with NVIC's membership, she is an expert on the provisions and implementation of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986. She has represented NVIC membership concerns at meetings of the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines and other government meetings and legislative hearings. In 1994, she represented NVIC in an investigative feature produced by NBC's "Now Show" on flaws in the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). She is a co-owner of Vienna Glass Company and served as the company's business manager for five years. The mother of two children, her son suffered a severe reaction to his fourth DPT shot at 18 months in 1982 and was left with learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder.

**Reverend Vincent J. Rigdon, J.C.D.**, is the Washington Archdiocesan Director of the Office of the Missions and a Lt. Col. and 22-year veteran of the US Air Force Reserve. Born in San Francisco, he received a B.A. degree from Columbia

University; a master's degree in Systematic Theology from St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland and a J.C.D. degree in Canon Law Studies from Catholic University of America. In 1996, he and an Air Force rabbi, the Muslim American Military Association and a Catholic naval officer successfully sued the Secretary of Defense and heads of the Air Force, Army and Navy alleging that the right to free speech and religious freedom was violated by the military's order banning military clergy from publicly expressing their opinions and urging political action about issues which involve moral conscience, such as partial birth abortion. A federal judge ruled that the military had violated the religious and free speech rights of military chaplains.

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**Harris L. Coulter, Ph.D.** is President of the Center for Empirical Medicine. Born in Baltimore, he received a masters in political science and a doctor of philosophy degree in medical history from Columbia University in New York. An internationally recognized authority and lecturer on the history of medicine and homeopathy, he is the author of the four volume *Divided Legacy*, which explores the origins of modern western medicine, the influence of homeopathy in 19th century allopathic therapeutics, the conflict between homeopathy and the AMA and 20th century medicine's focus on bacteriology. He is the author of *Homeopathic Science and Modern Medicine*; *AIDS and Syphilis: The Hidden Link*; *The Controlled Clinical Trial: an Analysis*; *Vaccination, Social Violence and Criminality*; and co-author of *DPT: A Shot in the Dark*. He served as vice president of the American Institute of Homeopathy and is an advisory board member of the Campaign



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Fluent in Russian, French, German, Spanish, Latin, Hungarian and Serbo-Croatian, he worked for the United Nations and the State Department for several decades as a Russian interpreter for high ranking dignitaries. He has been a featured speaker at numerous international scientific conferences around the world.



**Arno Burnier, D.C.** is a Board Member of the International Chiropractic Pediatric Association and an international lecturer on chiropractic, health, healing and wellness. Born in Paris, France, he attended Renee Descartes Medical University in Paris and graduated from Sherman College of Chiropractic. A doctor of chiropractic in private practice and director of the Yardley Chiropractic Center in Pennsylvania for 18 years, he is founder and conductor of spinal motion palpation seminars and creator and author of the ABC Conference. An expert on modern obstetrical procedures and neurospinal damage in infants, he is known for his lectures on the chiropractic philosophy of birth as a body function and investigating subluxations at birth. He is a career guidance counselor for chiropractic colleges and is a continuing education faculty member for Life West Chiropractic College and Sherman College of Chiropractic. Out of a pool of 65,000 American doctors of chiropractic, *Self Magazine* listed him in 1993 as one of the 27 best chiropractors in America.

**Amy Rothenberg, N.D.** is Editor of *New England Journal of Homeopathy*, an Instructor and Curriculum Advisor for the New England School of Homeopathy, and a doctor of naturopathy practicing classical homeopathy and naturopathic medicine in Enfield, Connecticut. She received a doctor of naturopathic medicine degree from the National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Oregon and is board certified in

homeopathy. She was a research coordinator for The India Aids Project sponsored by the government of India, World Health Organization and United Nations to develop a protocol for the treatment of AIDS using complementary medicine. She has been an instructor at Holyoke Community College, Massachusetts; Metropolitan Community College, Nebraska; the Swedish Academy of Classical Homeopathy in Sweden and for the International Foundation for Homeopathy in Boston. She has lectured and written widely on the topics of homeopathy and natural medicine and has been a featured guest on many television and radio talk shows.

**Patricia Kane, Ph.D.** is Director of Medical Research, Carbon Based Corporation; Director of Metabolics, Kaplan Foundation; Director of the Body Bio Centre in Millville, New Jersey and a clinician in private practice specializing in autistic spectrum disorders, traumatic brain injury, intractable seizure disorders and preterm neonatal care. She received her Ph.D. in nutritional biochemistry from Columbia University in New York. She was Chief of Nutrition at the Carl C. Markwood Preventive Medicine and Clinical Allergy Center in Sacramento, CA and is a consultant to the Kennedy Krieger Institute Peroxisomal Lab and the Institutes for the Achievement of Human Potential. She is the author of *Food Makes the Difference* (Simon & Schuster, 1985) and the report *The Neurochemistry and Neurophysics of Autism* (1996). An expert in nutritional pharmacology, she specializes in examining disturbances in fatty acid metabolism and the biochemistry of individuals adversely affected by vaccination and other toxic insults.



**Stephen C. Marini, Ph.D., D.C.** is Director of the Family Chiropractic Center in Philadelphia and King of Prussia, Pennsylvania; a Continuing Education

Lecturer for Life University of Chiropractic; and a Board Member and Instructor for the International Chiropractic Pediatric Association. He received a masters degree in microbiology and immunology from Hahnemann University Medical College. He conducted his doctoral dissertation research at the Wistar Institute and University of Pennsylvania and received his Ph.D. in microbiology from Pacific Western University in California. He graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Chiropractic, where he later became Professor of Microbiology and Immunology and Dean of Continuing Education. He has served as an Immunohematologist and Senior Medical Technologist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He lectures throughout the United States and Canada on chiropractic, integrative medicine and optimizing immune function, including how vaccination affects the immune and neurological systems.



**Philip Incao, M.D.** is Founder and Director of Gilpin Street Holistic Center in Denver, Colorado. He received his doctor of medicine degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York and studied philosophy, ethics and anthroposophic medicine at Emerson College, Forest Row, England and at the Lukas Clinic in Arlesheim, Switzerland. He was a physician in private practice specializing in anthroposophic medicine in rural New York for 23 years, where he also served as the Medical Director of Camphill Village in Copake, a unique community residence for mentally handicapped adults. In 1996, he moved to Denver, Colorado to foster the growth of anthroposophic medicine in the western U.S.. He served on the board of the Berkshire Village for the Handicapped in Massachusetts and as vice president of the board of the Healing Arts Association in New York. He lectures frequently on the practical application of a spiritual yet scientific understanding of the human being to healing. His special interest is strengthening the health of children to withstand the adverse effects which can be a by-product of modern life, especially modern health care.

**H. Hugh Fudenberg, M.D.** is Founder and Director of Research, NeuroImmuno Therapeutics Research Foundation in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Born in New York City, he received his doctor of medicine degree from the University of Chicago and a masters degree in immunochemistry from Boston University. He was Professor of Medicine and Professor of Bacteriology and Immunology, University of California in Berkeley; Professor and Chairman, Department of Basic and Clinical Immunology and Microbiology, and Professor of Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston; and Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology,, University of North Carolina School of Public Health in Chapel Hill. He has been a reviewer for 40 professional journals and is the lead author of *Basic Immunogenetics* (Oxford University Press, 1972; 1976; 1984); *Basic and Clinical Immunology* (Lang Medical Publications, 1976; 1978; 1980; 1982; 1984) and *Biomedical Scientists and Public Policy* (Plenum Press, 1978). He has been a featured speaker at several hundred medical conferences, symposiums and universities throughout the world during his career. In 1996, the American Biographical Institute named him as one of the 500 leaders of influence in the last quarter of the 20th Century whose achievements will have permanent applications in the 21st Century. He has treated vaccine injured children, including those with autism, with a blood cell therapy he has developed called "transfer factor," which improves immune system functioning. He maintains that true autism may be due to reactions to live virus or live virus vaccines in genetically predisposed individuals.

**Harold E. Buttram, M.D.** is Director, Woodlands Healing Research Center, and Founding Medical Director, Foresight-America Foundation for Preconception Care.

