

The National Vaccine
Information Center

Third International Public Conference on Vaccination 2002



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*"Truth in Science:
The Right to Know and
The Freedom to Decide"*



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Program



Welcome

Dear Friends,

As mothers of children, who suffered serious reactions to DPT vaccine and as co-founders of the National Vaccine Information Center, we welcome you to the Third International Public Conference on Vaccination. This year, the National Vaccine Information Center marks its 20th year of work to prevent vaccine injuries and deaths through public education. We are grateful to the many parents, grandparents and concerned citizens who support our work and have made it possible for so many distinguished speakers to share information with you.

Our goal, as always, is to promote open and responsible discussion about what is and is not known about vaccination in order to encourage well designed research into the biological mechanisms of vaccine injury and death; the long term, chronic effects of multiple vaccination on individual and public health; the identification of genetic and other biological high risk factors; and the development of therapies to reduce or eliminate vaccine-induced neurological and immune system dysfunction. We also support the exploration of health care alternatives for preventing illness and maintaining health that are changing the face of medicine and 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.

Our work and this conference is dedicated to the children, who had no voice and had no choice, and who lost their lives or their health and had their futures forever changed by public health policies promoted and enforced in the absence of adequate scientific knowledge about adverse responses to vaccination. We believe that a wise and compassionate society is one that values the life of each individual enough to commit the will and resources to honestly seek, discover and embrace the truth, no matter what that truth turns out to be, so that action can be taken to ensure that lives are not carelessly sacrificed in the name of the public good.

For us, it has always been about saving one life at a time. We have no doubt that if you take what you learn at the Third International Public Conference on Vaccination and share it with your family, friends and colleagues, you will spare at least one child and family the tragedy of suffering a life-altering vaccine reaction.

With kindest regards.



Barbara and Kathi

*Barbara Loe Fisher,
President & Co-founder
Kathi Williams,
Vice President & Co-founder*



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Anecdotal Evidence Shows the Way

From the time British physician Edward Jenner created the smallpox vaccine in 1796 through the 20th century when human populations were exposed to multiple viral and bacterial vaccines in early childhood, there have been persistent anecdotal reports of serious health problems following vaccination. Most of these health problems have occurred in previously healthy individuals, although for some there was a worsening of a pre-existing condition. In others, were warning signs of potential high risk factors that could have predicted a vaccine reaction was likely to occur.

There has always been a compelling pattern to these anecdotal reports of vaccine-induced neuroimmune dysfunction and, yet, medical science has written off most as “coincidences” and of no real value in determining cause and effect. So the individual reports continue to mount as the pattern becomes more obvious, waiting for acknowledgement, in-depth investigation and credible analysis by industry, government and medical organizations promoting mass vaccination with multiple vaccines. The Third International Public

The Starfish



There was a young man walking down a deserted beach just before dawn. In the distance he saw a frail old man. As he approached the old man, he saw him picking up stranded starfish and throwing them back into the sea.

The young man gazed in wonder as the old man again and again threw the small starfish from the sand to the water. He asked, “Old man, why do you spend so much energy doing what seems to be a waste of time?”

The old man explained that the stranded starfish would die if left in the morning sun.

“But there must be thousands of beaches and millions of starfish!” exclaimed the young man. “How can you make any difference?”

The old man looked at the small starfish in his hand and, as he threw it to the safety of the sea, he said, “It makes a difference to this one!”

- Author Unknown

Conference on Vaccination will acknowledge the importance of these anecdotal reports, which point the way to the need for meaningful research into the causes and treatments for vaccine-induced brain and immune system dysfunction.

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As infectious diseases in childhood have dropped to dramatic new lows in the U.S., Canada and Europe during the past quarter

century, there has been a corresponding dramatic increase in chronic disease and disability among children and young adults. The numbers of children with learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder and asthma have doubled; diabetes has tripled; and autism has increased 200 to 600 percent in most states in America. The question yet to be answered by medical science is: why?

After more than a century of persistent reports in the medical literature that vaccinations can induce



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chronic immune and neurological dysfunction, the Third International Public Conference on Vaccination has brought together distinguished speakers representing a wide range of expertise, including pediatrics, immunology, epidemiology, pharmacology, gastroenterology, organic chemistry, physics, genetics, internal medicine, chiropractic, osteopathy, family practice, emergency medicine, family and child development, psychology and other specialties to discuss the biological mechanisms and possible high risk factors for adverse responses to vaccination. Pioneering researchers will present the results of their investigation into how and why vaccines can cause a wide range of neuroimmune dysfunction including learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, autism, arthritis, convulsions, inflammatory bowel disease, chronic fatigue, asthma and other chronic, serious health problems.

The Paradigm Shift

After exploring the biological basis for adverse responses to vaccination, doctors will address the paradigm shift that is occurring in health care as modern medicine's exclusive reliance on vaccines and other pharmaceutical products to prevent and treat illness gives way

to health care alternatives which enhance the functioning of the immune system. Today, there are a growing number of enlightened physicians and health care providers who reject the one-size-fits-all approach of mass vaccination policies and are using more individualized, complementary and integrative approaches to the prevention and treatment of illness. At this conference, pioneering clinicians and researchers will talk about how and why the innovative therapies they have developed are so successful in helping to heal children whose mental regression and immune dysfunction suddenly developed after vaccination.

Technology, The Law and Informed Consent to Vaccination

While rapid advances in new technology have the potential to generate valuable information about vaccination outcomes, this same new technology is enabling government and industry to identify and track all citizen's medical records and vaccination status. In the wake of terrorist attacks on America and the call by some for mass vaccination with smallpox and other bioterrorism vaccines, legislation at the state and federal



level has focused on tracking every citizen's health status; developing mechanisms for the quarantine and forced vaccination of citizens; and protecting vaccine manufacturers and providers from liability for vaccine injuries and deaths. At the same time, there are serious questions being raised about the threat to our medical privacy, our civil liberties and the freedom to make life and death health care choices for ourselves and our children. At this conference, technology and legal experts, bioethicists and informed consent advocates will talk about protecting our legal and human right to make informed, voluntary vaccination decisions.



Conference Schedule

THURSDAY November 7

ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE SHOWS THE WAY

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
REGISTRATION

1:00 p.m.
WELCOME AND ORIENTATION

1:15 - 1:45 p.m.
Major Sonnie Bates (Ret.)
“Anthrax Vaccination in the
Military: One Pilot’s Story”

1:45 - 2:15 p.m.
Karen Vanderhoof-Forschner
“Lyme Disease and Lyme Vaccine:
A Mother’s Perspective”

2:15 - 2:45 p.m.
Stanley Kops, J.D.
“Polio Vaccine, Neurovirulence
and SV-40”

2:45 - 3:15 p.m.
Kihura Nkuba
“Polio Vaccine Campaigns in
Africa”

3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
BREAK

3:45 - 4:30 p.m.
Bernard Rimland, Ph.D.
“Regressive Autism and
Vaccination”

4:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Jeana Smith
“My Son’s Regression into Autism
after Vaccination”

4:45 - 5:30 p.m.
Paul Shattock, MRPharmS
“Measles, Chickenpox and
Neuroimmune Dysfunction”

5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
WITH AUDIENCE**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
DINNER ON YOUR OWN

8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
**TESTIMONIALS AND
NETWORKING**

FRIDAY November 8

TRUTH IN SCIENCE

7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
REGISTRATION

8:20 - 8:30 a.m.
**WELCOME AND
ORIENTATION**

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.
Kathryn Carbone, M.D.
“Virus Vaccines and Neurovirulence”

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
Andrew Wakefield, M.D.
“MMR, Enterocolitis and Autism”

9:45 - 10:15 a.m.
Paul Fawcett, Ph.D.
“Lyme Vaccine and Neuroimmune
Dysfunction”

10:15 - 10:30 a.m.
BREAK

10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Eric Hurwitz, Ph.D., D.C.
“Vaccination and Allergic Disease”

11:00 - 11:45 a.m.
Walter Schumm, Ph.D.
“Anthrax Vaccine and Chronic
Illness”

11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
WITH AUDIENCE**

12:15 - 1:15 p.m.
LUNCH

1:15 - 1:45 p.m.
John Lednicky, Ph.D.
“SV-40 and Human Cancers”

1:45 - 2:30 p.m.
Boyd Haley, Ph.D.
“Mercury and Brain Dysfunction”

2:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Mark Geier, M.D., Ph.D.
“Smallpox and Smallpox Vaccine”

3:00 - 3:15 p.m.
BREAK



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3:15 - 4:00 p.m.

Mark Geier, M.D., Ph.D. and
David Geier

“VAERS Vaccine Reaction Report
Analysis”

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
WITH AUDIENCE**

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Barbara Loe Fisher
Keynote Address

8:00 p.m.

**RESEARCH FUND RAISING
DINNER - Sponsors Only**

Andrew Wakefield, M.D.,
Guest Speaker

“Truth and Consequences in
Science”

SATURDAY

November 9

THE PARADIGM SHIFT

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Philip Incao, M.D.
“The Paradigm Shift”

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

Gerard Clum, D.C.
“Role of Chiropractic in
Health Care”

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Stephanie Cave, M.D.
Sherri Tenpenny, D.O.
“Vaccine Injury Therapy:
An Holistic Approach

10:45 - 11:00 a.m.

BREAK

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Mary Megson, M.D.
“Genetics, Vaccine Injury and
Getting Well”

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
WITH AUDIENCE**

12:00 - 12:45 p.m.

Adil Shamoo, Ph.D.
“Ethics and Conflicts of Interest in
Clinical Trials”

12:45 - 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH

***TECHNOLOGY, THE LAW
AND INFORMED CONSENT
TO VACCINATION***

1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Diana Cregar
“Using Technology to Map Vaccine
Related Neuroimmune Illness”

2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Sue Blevins, MPH
“Technology, Privacy and Informed
Consent”

2:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Katie Corrigan, J.D.
“The Model State Emergency
Health Powers Act”

3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

George Annas, J.D., MPH
“Bioterrorism, Public Health and
Civil Liberties”

3:45 - 4:00 p.m.

BREAK

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

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4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Jeffrey S. Thompson, J.D.
“Vaccine Injury Compensation:
Federal and Civil”

5:00 - 5:45 p.m.

Mathew Staver, Esq.
“Defending the Religious Exemp-
tion to Vaccination”

5:45 - 6:00 p.m.

Lynn Friedman, D.C.
“Faith and Vaccination”

6:00 - 6:15 p.m.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
WITH AUDIENCE**

8:00 p.m.

DINNER
Author Michael Palmer, M.D.,
Guest Speaker
- Special Achievement Awards
- Entertainment



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Sonnie G. Bates is a retired Air Force pilot. A native of Kentucky, he graduated from Northern Kentucky University with a bachelor of science degree. After becoming a pilot in the Air Force in 1986, he served as a jet training instructor pilot, flight examiner and commander before being



appointed in 1995 to command the 436th Aerial Port Squadron's

Air Freight Flight, the largest operation of its kind in the Department of Defense. During his distinguished career in the Air Force, he led the development of the "first-ever" engine running deicing procedure for the Air Force and won numerous awards including the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal (twice), the Air Force Commendation Medal (twice) and the Air Force Achievement Medal. In 1999, while at Dover AFB as chief of an Operations and Analysis Branch, he spoke out about anthrax vaccine risks. He was interviewed by "60 Minutes" and testified in congressional hearings into the military's anthrax vaccination program. He was separated from the U.S. Air Force with a general discharge under honorable conditions in March 2000. He works for a corporate flight department in Philadelphia and lives with his wife and three children in Delaware. He continues to question the safety of the Department of Defense's mandatory anthrax vaccination program.

Karen Vanderhoof-Forschner is chairman and president of the Lyme Disease Foundation and the mother of a child who died from Lyme disease. She received a bachelor of science degree from Muskingum College and graduated from University of Connecticut School of Business with a master's

degree in business administration. She also holds two graduate degrees in insurance and starts law school next year. In 1988, she co-founded the Lyme Disease Foundation, a national, non-profit organization, after her son contracted and became multiply handicapped from Lyme disease. She is founder of the *Journal of Spirochetel & Tick-Borne Disorders* and is the author of *Everything You Need to Know About Lyme Disease & Other Tick-borne Disorders*. She was responsible in 1988 for launching a national media campaign to raise public awareness of the dangers of Lyme disease and working with Congress to obtain funding for Lyme disease research. An early advocate of the development of a vaccine to prevent Lyme disease, in 2000 she became a vocal critic of the OspA Lyme vaccine, licensed in 1998, after investigating reports of vaccine reactions. Since then, she has worked to raise public awareness about the vaccine's risks.

Stanley Kops is a Philadelphia attorney specializing in product liability and personal injury law. After graduating from Johns Hopkins University and Ner Israel Rabbinical College, he received a





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law degree from University of Maryland. One of the first cases he worked on was that of a young mother of two who had become paralyzed in 1963 by the live oral polio vaccine (OPV) and was left a quadriplegic. Nine years later he served as co-counsel when a federal judge ruled in *Griffen v United States* that the U.S. government was liable because the FDA had not followed its own regulations regarding release of OPV for public use. He was also co-counsel in *Berkowitz v. United States* when the U.S. Supreme Court in 1988 made a similar ruling and, again, in 1993 when the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals found the government liable and awarded damages to seven adults and children who had been paralyzed by the oral polio vaccine. An expert on OPV and neurovirulence as well as SV40 contamination of OPV, Mr. Kops has been admitted to the Federal Courts of Appeals in five Circuit Courts and has been admitted pro hac vice to handle OPV injury cases in both the federal and state courts of 13 states. He is a member of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims where he represents victims of vaccine injuries.

Nkamuhayo Rwacumika, also known in the Pan African World as Kihura Nkuba (one who handcuffs lightning and throws thunder in jail), is a folk hero to the people of

Eastern Africa. Committed to halting the disintegration of African culture and promoting the well being of African people through healthy nutrition, clean air and water, he has challenged the government on bad debts, war, population control and mass vaccination campaigns which include the administration of live polio vaccine at gunpoint. One of the most sought-after public speakers in Africa today, he is often asked to consult on issues affecting African families. He was chair of the Nambola Peace Conference which resolved ethnic fighting in Eastern Congo. He is founder of Greater Afrikan Radio, which reaches an audience of more than 11 million listeners in Africa, and is president of the East Afrikan Rural Broadcasters. He is founder of Action on Earth, a UK Charity, and director of the Pan Afrikan Centre for Strategic and International Studies. For his stand on voluntary polio vaccinations, he has suffered persecution. He will receive NVIC's Humanitarian Award at this conference.

Bernard Rimland is a research psychologist and director of the Autism Research Institute, which he founded in 1967. He is also the founder, in 1965, of the Autism Society of America and co-founder of the Defeat Autism Now (DAN!) project which emphasizes the iden-

“First and last what is demanded of genius is love of truth”

—Goethe

tification and treatment of the basic biological causes of autism. He earned a bachelor's and master's degree in experimental psychology from San Diego State University, where he has been an adjunct professor since 1955, and he received his Ph.D. in experimental psychology from Penn State Uni-

versity. Dr. Rimland's 1964 prize-winning book, *Infantile Autism: The Syndrome and Its Implications for a Neural Theory of Behavior*, changed the field of psychiatry and the widely-held view that autism is an emotional illness caused by cold and destructive mothering to its current recognition that autism is a biological disorder. He is editor of the Autism Research Review International and the author of numerous publications and recipient of many honors and awards for his pioneering research into autism. He served as a primary technical advisor on autism for the film *Rain Man*, an acclaimed film whose main character was based on Dr. Rimland's oldest son, who is autistic. Dr. Rimland is being presented with NVIC's Courage in Science award at this conference.

Jeana Smith is a co-founder of Unlocking Autism and the mother

of four children. One of her identical twins, Jacob, was diagnosed with autism in 1997. Five years ago, Jeana and her husband, Darrell, were given little hope that their son would recover. Her search for answers about ways to heal Jacob led her to answers about what had happened to her son. Today, Jacob has been mainstreamed in a regular second grade class in the Louisiana public school system.

Paul Shattock is director of the Autism Research Unit, School of Sciences, University of Sunderland, England. He received an honors degree in Pharmacy from the University of London and a diploma in Agricultural and Veterinary Pharmacy. A senior lecturer at the University of Sunderland teaching pharmacy and related subjects since 1966, he is the founding chairman of a residential and day service for more than 150 adults and adolescents with autism in the North East of England. He is vice president of the World Autism Association and UK representative and Hon. Sec. of the International Association of Autism-

Europe. The father of Jamie, who has autism, and Rachel, who does not, he is the author of numerous articles in the medical literature discussing the use and abuse of medication as well as the metabolic processes and environmental triggers which may underlie the development of autism. He is co-author of the “Charter Rights for Persons with Autism” which was accepted as a Declaration by the European Parliament in 1996. He is a member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and was appointed Office of the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) by the Queen in 1998.

Kathryn Mary Carbone is special assistant to the associate director for research, Centers for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), Food and Drug Administration (FDA). She is associate professor of medicine and psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and adjunct professor of microbiology and tropical medicine at George Washington University School of Medicine. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard-Radcliffe College with a degree in biology and received her medical degree with honors from University of Wisconsin School of Medicine. Her post-graduate work was conducted at Johns Hopkins University in neurovirology and infectious diseases. Dr. Carbone served as chief, FDA Laboratory of





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Pediatric and Respiratory Viral Diseases, Division of Viral Products, Office of Vaccines Research and Review, CBER, from 1996 to 2002. She is the recipient of many scientific awards and author of numerous articles on virus-induced neurobehavioral disease pathogenesis, including *Borna disease virus (BDV)-induced model of autism: application to vaccine safety test design* (in press). She has just completed a book, *Borna Disease Virus and Its Role in Neurobehavioral Diseases*, which is also in press.

Andrew J. Wakefield is a gastroenterologist and director of research for the International Child Development Resource Center. 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. In 1988, he was appointed Wellcome Research Fellow at the Royal Free School of Medicine and, between 1990 and 2001, was a senior lecturer and then a reader in Experimental Gastroenterology, Department of Medicine and Histopathology, Royal Free



and University College Medical School, London. Dr. Wakefield has served as honorary consultant in experimental gastroenterology to Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust and director of research and chairman, Inflammatory Bowel Disease Study Group at Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine. The recipient of awards and scholarships for original research and technology development, he is an international authority on inflammatory bowel disease and has published extensively on its pathogenesis and etiology; mechanisms of intestinal injury in NSAID drug-induced enteropathy; measles virus; and childhood developmental disorders and chronic intestinal inflammation. In 2000, Dr. Wakefield was presented with NVIC's Courage in Science award for his pioneering research into the biological mechanisms of vaccine associated autism.

Paul Fawcett is director of the Life Science Center, Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children, where he is also senior research scientist and head of the Immunology Laboratories. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Lowell State Teacher's College with a bachelor of



“All knowledge attains its ethical value and its human significance only by the humane sense in which it is employed. Only a good man can be a great physician.”

—Hermann Nothnagel

science degree in biology and earned a master's degree in biology from University of Massachusetts Lowell. He received his Ph.D. in biochemistry and chemistry from University of Massachusetts Lowell. He is assistant professor of pediatrics at Thomas Jefferson University and supervisor of post doctoral fellows at University of Delaware, School of Life and Health Sciences. An authority on Lyme disease, Dr. Fawcett has published extensively on the causes and biological mechanisms for autoimmunity, including immune complex disease and malaria infection; pediatric Lyme arthritis, and arthritis following OspA Lyme vaccination. He is the recipient of the 2002 Distinguished Alumnus Award, Department of Bio-Science, University of Massachusetts Lowell and serves on the Institutional Review Board for Human Research, Alfred I. Du Pont Hospital, and the Committee of Experts, General Toxicology & Biocompatibility, United States Pharmacopeia.

Eric Hurwitz is assistant professor in residence, Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, University of California, Los Angeles, and assistant professor, Department of Research, Los Angeles College of Chiropractic, Southern California University of Health Sciences. He received his bachelor's degree in physiology,

his master's degree and Ph.D. in epidemiology from University of California. He received his doctor of chiropractic degree from Los Angeles College of Chiropractic, where he was his class valedictorian, and has served on the Board of



Examiners for the State of California since 1989. He has conducted research into and published and lectured extensively on the relationship between immune stimulation and subsequent physical and behavioral responses, including the effect of chiropractic and medical management of low back pain on health; the relationship between asthma, hay fever and other allergies on lower-back pain and depression; and the effects of DPT or tetanus vaccination on allergies and allergy-related respiratory symptoms among children and adolescents. He is the recipient of numerous research and teaching awards, including the Distinguished Teaching Award from the UCLA School of Public Health.

Walter R. Schumm is a professor of family studies, School of Family Studies and Human Services, Kansas State University. He re-

ceived his bachelor of science degree in physics from the College of William and Mary and his master's of science degree in family and child development from Kansas State University. He earned his Ph.D. in family studies from Purdue University. With more than 30 years active and reserve military service in the U.S. Army, including active service in Desert Storm, Dr. Schumm is a Colonel in the Military Police, U.S. Army, Retired Reserve. He is the recipient of 25 decorations and service medals, including the Legion of Merit. He has served as a Senior Consortium of Universities Research Fellow since 1994 at the U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences focusing on ways to reduce deployment/separation stress on military families. He is the co-author of *Sourcebook of Family Theories and Methods: A Contextual Approach* and has conducted research and published extensively on the effect of military life on the physical, mental and emotional health of families, including the adverse effects of experimental drugs and vaccines used by Persian Gulf War soldiers.





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John Lednicky is assistant professor and director of virology for molecular pathology and associate director of clinical microbiology and director of clinical virology at Loyola University, Chicago. He received a bachelor of science degree in microbiology from University of Miami and a master's of science degree in microbiology from University of Missouri. He earned his Ph.D. in microbiology from University of Texas-



Austin. He completed post-doctoral education and was an assistant professor, Division of Molecular Virology and Microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine. In 1995, he was lead author of the first published report of the isolation and cloning of a viable natural SV40 genome by lipofection of purified total human choroid plexus tumor DNA into SV40-permissive monkey kidney cells (*Natural simian virus 40 strains are present in human choroid plexus and ependymoma tumors*. *Virology*). He has published extensively on the serological and molecular evidence for SV40 infections in children and the relationship between human SV40 infections and brain and bone cancer.

Boyd Haley is professor and chairman, Department of Chemistry,

University of Kentucky, with joint appointment in the College of Pharmacy. He received his bachelor's degree in chemistry and physics from Franklin College, a master's degree in organic chemistry from University of Idaho and a Ph.D. in chemistry and biochemistry from Washington State University. He served as a Research Scholar in the Food and Drug Administration and was an NIH Postdoctoral Scholar in the Department of Physiology, Yale University Medical School, before becoming a professor in the Department of Biochemistry, University of Wyoming. He is co-founder and scientific advisor of Affinity Labeling Technologies, Inc., a biotech company that synthesizes and markets to major research institutes nucleotide photoaffinity analogs for biomedical research. Dr. Haley's research into biochemical factors involved in Alzheimer's disease led to his identifying exposure to mercury as a major exacerbating and perhaps causal factor. He has published, lectured and testified in Congress and in state legislatures about the association between mercury in dental amalgams and vaccines with chronic disease and disability, including autism.



Mark Geier is co-director, Genetic Consultants; director, Institute of Immuno-Oncology and Genetics; and president of the Genetic Centers of America. He received a bachelors of science degree, 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, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and associate professor, Department of Psychology at the U.S. Military Medical School. He is president of Genetic Counseling and Research, Inc. and director of Molecular Medicine, Inc. He was an early critic of the whole cell pertussis vaccine and is an expert on the biological effects of vaccine-induced infant death. He and his son, David, have co-authored a series of articles providing in-depth analysis of events reported to the federal Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS), including those involv-



*“Liberty of thought is the
life of the soul”*

– Hegel

ing hepatitis B, rubella, pertussis, Lyme, rotavirus, anthrax, and smallpox vaccines. Dr. Geier will receive NVIC’s Courage in Science award at this conference.

David Geier is president of MedCon, Inc. He graduated with honors from University of Maryland-Baltimore with a bachelor’s degree in biology in 2002. During college, he was a research intern at the National Institutes of Mental Health, Laboratory of Biochemical



Genetics and the Biological Laboratory of the University of Maryland-Baltimore. He is the recipient of a number of awards for academic achievement and

has co-authored with his father, Mark Geier, more than 20 articles analyzing events reported to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS).

Barbara Loe Fisher is co-founder and president of the National Vaccine Information Center. She received a bachelor of arts degree 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 Al-

exandria Tourist Council in Alexandria, Virginia. She is co-author of *DPT: A Shot in the Dark* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1985), author of *The Consumer’s Guide to Childhood Vaccines* and editor of *THE VACCINE REACTION* and *The Vaccine Hotline* newsletters. 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 five public workshops on vaccine safety issues. She has been the consumer voting member of the Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee of the FDA since 1999. She has defined and led the national grassroots vaccine safety and informed consent movement in the U.S., representing parents at scientific and government meetings; testifying in state and federal legislative hearings; speaking at health care conferences and participating in print and broadcast reports on vaccine safety and informed consent issues. The mother of three children, her oldest son, Chris, 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 vice president/executive director of the National Vaccine Information Center. She opened NVIC’s office in 1982 and has been responsible for creating the administrative infrastructure and managing business and day-to-day operations for most of NVIC’s 20 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. She is co-owner of Vienna Glass Company and served as the company’s business manager for five years. The mother of two children, her son, Nathan, suffered a severe reaction to his fourth DPT shot in 1982 when he was 18 months old and was left with learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder.



Philip Incao is a physician in private practice in Denver, Colorado. He received his doctor of medicine degree from Albert Einstein Col-



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lege of Medicine in New York. He interned at Herrick Memorial Hospital in Berkeley, California and served in the US Naval Medical Corps before studying philosophy, ethics and anthroposophic medicine at Einstein College, Sussex, England and at the Lukas Clinic in Arlesheim, Switzerland. The first president of the Physicians' Association for Anthroposophic Medicine in the U.S., he



was a physician in private practice in rural New York for 23 years, where he also served as the medical director for Camphill Village in Copake, a unique community resi-

dence for mentally handicapped adults. He is a consultant and teacher on health topics at Waldorf Schools in Denver, Boulder and Aspen and lectures frequently on the multi-disciplinary approach to health and healing.

Gerard Clum is a professor of chiropractic sciences and president of Life Chiropractic College West. He received his doctor of chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, where he served as an instructor of chiropractic technique and was also in private practice. Dr. Clum is Secretary of the World Federation of Chiropractic and serves on the

board of directors of the Association of Chiropractic Colleges. He has also served as a member of the Board of Directors or an officer of the International Chiropractors Association and the Council on Chiropractic Education and the Association of Chiropractic Colleges. He is a Diplomate of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The recipient of numerous awards for distinguished service in education and the communication of chiropractic philosophy and principles, he is a frequent lecturer at educational conferences and colleges in the U.S. and abroad on the subject of integrated health care and the social and cultural trends affecting the evolution and future of health care.



Stephanie Cave is on the clinical faculty at the Louisiana State University Medical School and her private practice in Baton Rouge is devoted to family medicine. After graduating with honors from the School of Medical Technology at Ochsner Foundation Hospital, she received a



master's degree in clinical chemistry and a doctor of medicine degree from Louisiana State University Medical Center. She completed her internship and residency in family medicine at Earl K. Long Memorial Hospital and is certified by the American Board of Family Practice. She is the author of *What Your Doctor May Not Tell You About Children's Vaccinations* (Warner, 2001) and has testified before state and federal legislative hearings on mercury in vaccines and autism. In her private practice she specializes in treating children with allergies, attention deficit disorder, autism and other neuroimmune dysfunction.

Sherri Tenpenny is founder and director of OsteoMed II, an integrated practice of conventional, complementary and preventive medicine in Strongsville, Ohio. She graduated from University of Toledo *magna cum laude* with a bachelor of arts degree and received her doctor of osteopathy degree *magna cum laude* from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.



She interned at Michigan Osteopathic Medical Center and is board certified in emergency medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine. Dr. Tenpenny founded and was presi-

“When you take an idea or a concept and turn it into an abstraction, that opens the way to take human beings and turn them, also into, abstractions.”

-Elie Weisel

dent of Valley-Plus Emergency Medical Group in Findlay, Ohio and served as chief of Family Practice/Emergency Medicine and director of the Emergency Medicine Department at Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center. She lectures at Case Western Reserve Medical School on integrating alternative medicine into a conventional medical practice and has given workshops at Cleveland State University and major cities on women’s health issues, alternative therapies, vaccination and clinical tools to address vaccine-related health concerns. She is moderator of “Health Wise,” an internet forum on Cleveland Live (www.cleveland.com).

Mary Megson is founder and director of the Pediatric and Adolescent Ability Center in Richmond, Virginia. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Hollins College with a bachelor of science degree and received her doctor of medicine degree from the University of Virginia. She completed her internship and residency at Boston Floating Hospital, Tufts New England Medical Center and fellowships in ambulatory pediatrics at Boston Children’s Hospital and child



development at the Medical College of Virginia. A Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, she served as director of Developmental Pediatrics at Children’s Hospital in Richmond for nine years and was associate clinical professor of pediatrics, Medical College of Virginia. Dr. Megson’s private practice is devoted to diagnosing and treating developmentally delayed children and she is currently conducting a clinical study to investigate her hypothesis that G-alpha protein defect is a high risk factor for developing autism after vaccination.

Adil Shamoo is professor and former chairman, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Maryland School of Medicine. He received a bachelor of science degree in physics from the University of Baghdad and a master’s degree in physics from the University of Louisville. He received a Ph.D. in biophysics from the City University of New York. A research scientist and bioethicist, he is a member of the National Human Research Protections Advisory



Committee and the Center for Biomedical Ethics, University of Maryland, Baltimore. Dr. Shamoo is the founder and editor of the journal *Accountability in Research* and the co-founder and first vice president of Citizens for Responsible Care and Research. He was a member of the board of directors of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and the principal author of their 1997 Code of Ethics for enrolling the mentally ill in research. He served as president of the board of directors of Howard County Mental Health Authority and under his co-leadership in 1994 the State of Maryland passed the first and most comprehensive Mental Health Parity Law in the nation. He has chaired eight international conferences on ethics in research and public policy and published more than 200 papers in the field of biophysics, biochemistry, and protection of human subjects in research, and is the recipient of numerous achievement awards.

Diana Cregar is a Geographic Information System (GIS) project specialist at the Institute for Community and Regional Development, Eastern Michigan University. She received a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University in urban and regional planning and environmental science. She is chairperson of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Govern-



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ments. Using advanced computer software programs based on civil engineering and environmental applications, Ms. Cregar has assisted the City of Ypsilanti in the identification of redevelopment areas targeted for environmental toxin contamination cleanup and worked with local counties and school districts to develop GIS education and training programs to analyze and improve the quality of life in communities.



She is spearheading a research project, “Making the World Visible to the Mind:

Investigating the Spatial Relationships between Environmental Toxins and Autism Spectrum Disorder,” in which GIS technology will be used to create and analyze computer generated maps that can illustrate the spatial relationships between exposure to environmental toxins via water, air or dietary food sources and vaccine usage as they relate to disabilities such as autism. A database infrastructure will support research that examines and compares a child’s variable genetic susceptibility to environmental toxins that will help determine if children with higher exposures are susceptible to neuroimmune dysfunction.

Sue Blevins is founder and president of the Institute for Health Freedom, a nonpartisan, nonprofit Washington-based think tank. A

leading national advocate for medical privacy and consumers’ freedom to choose their own health care, she received her bachelor of science degree and master of science degree from Johns Hopkins University and a master of public



health degree from Harvard University. A former registered nurse who practiced in hospitals in Canada and the U.S., Ms. Blevins was awarded the

Emma Jones Cullen Beckwith Award for highest standards of nursing practice and executive ability from Johns Hopkins University. Ms. Blevins served as a legislative analyst for the National Institutes of Health and as a Congressional Fellow for Senator John D. Rockefeller IV. She was a Nonresident Fellow for the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University, where she conducted original research to identify anti-competitive barriers in health care which was published by the Cato Institute entitled “*The Medical Monopoly: Protecting Consumers or Limiting Competition?*” She served as a consultant and primary author of a report for Massachusetts Governor Weld’s Task Force on the Health Care Industry. Leading free market think tanks, such as the National Center for Policy Analysis, have published her research and she has appeared in numerous broad-

cast and print news reports on health freedom issues.

Katie Corrigan is legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in its Washington National Office, where she is responsible for maintaining and defending civil liberties in the areas of privacy. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, she received her law degree from Georgetown University School of Law. She was a Teaching Fellow at the Federal Legislation Clinic, Georgetown University Law Center and served as counsel for the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, where she was the lead staffer on genetic discrimination and disability rights for U.S. Senator Tom Harkin. She organized two bi-partisan congressional amicus briefs to the Supreme Court supporting the constitutionality of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). She spearheaded Senator Harkin’s bipartisan initiatives to bridge the digital divide for people with disabilities and to ensure equal access to community based services for people with disabilities. She has helped develop proposed legislative protection for individual’s identifiable health information held by state public health agencies and the protection of individual liberties under the Model State Emergency Health Powers Act being introduced in states.

*“For all we have and are
For all our children’s fate,
Stand up and take the war.”*

– Rudyard Kipling

George Annas is the Edward R. Utley Professor and chair of the Department of Public Health, Bioethics and Human Rights of Boston University School of Public Health and professor in the Boston University School of Medicine and School of Law. He graduated from Harvard College *magna cum laude* with a bachelor’s degree in economics and received his doctor of law degree from Harvard Law School and a master’s in public health from Harvard School of Public Health. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Salem State College. He is founder of the Law, Medicine and Ethics Program at Boston University and co-founder of Global Lawyers and Physicians, a transnational professional association of lawyers and physicians working together to promote human rights and health.



Professor Annas has written more than 200 articles on health law and bioethics. He has written regular features for the *American Journal of Public Health* and the *New England Journal of Medicine* and is an author or editor of 12 books on medicine and the law, including *The Nazi Doctors and the Nuremberg Code: Human Rights in Human Experimentation*, *Judging Medicine and Health and Human Rights*. He is a member of The In-

stitute of Medicine and co-chair of the American Bar Association’s Committee on Medical Practice and Medical Research (Science and Technology Section).

Jeffrey Thompson is an attorney with the Williams Bailey Law Firm in Houston, Texas. He received his bachelor’s degree from Northeast Missouri State and studied law at the University of Houston Law Center, where he graduated *magna cum laude* with a doctor of law degree in 1992. He served as a law clerk for the Hon. Carolyn Dineen King at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and was a trial lawyer at Houston’s Susman Godfrey where he worked on commercial, toxic tort and personal injury cases. He has been admitted to practice before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and in the United States District Courts for the northern, southern, eastern and western districts of Texas. At the Williams Bailey Law Firm, he is currently working with families whose children have been injured by vaccines to help them secure financial support for their permanent injuries either through the federal vaccine injury compensation program or civil litigation.



Mathew Staver is founder and president of Liberty Counsel, a religious civil liberties education and legal defense organization. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Southern College with a bachelor’s degree in theology. He graduated first in his class, *summa cum laude*, from Andrew University with a master’s degree in religion. He received his doctor of law degree from the University of Kentucky. Prior to entering law, he served as a pastor in churches in Kentucky. The author of *Faith and Freedom: A Complete Guide to Defending Your Free Speech and Religious Rights*, he is also the author of numerous articles and published legal opinions on religious expression, the law and public policy, including first amendment rights, balancing federal court intervention with state sovereignty, first amendment rights, clergy confidentiality, and religion in public places. He has been admitted to practice before the Florida Supreme Court and U.S. District Courts in Washington, D.C., Florida, Wisconsin, Texas and Michigan and in 11 U.S. Court of Appeals as well as the United States Supreme Court. He serves on the Board of Advisors of Trinity Law School and is a religious liberty journalist for *The National Liberty Journal*.





NVIC Special Achievement Awards

COURAGE IN SCIENCE AWARDS

Bernard Rimland, Ph.D. for demonstrating intellectual independence and personal courage in challenging medical science and its widely-held view that the causes of autism are psychological and not biological.

With the publishing of his ground-breaking

1964 book, *Infantile Autism: The Syndrome and Its Implications for a Neural Theory of Behavior*, Dr. Rimland shattered the view in psychiatry that autism in

children is an emotional illness caused by cold and destructive mothering. His pioneering research established that the causes of autism are biological and not psychological. He helped to raise public awareness about autism when he worked on the academy award winning film, *Rain Man*, whose lead character was modeled after his own autistic son. After having devoted more than 35 years to the study of autism, its biological causes and the development of healing therapies, Dr. Rimland today is once again challenging medical science as he publicly questions whether vaccination is

one of the biological causes of autism in some children. For his dedication to truth in science and the public's right to know, Bernard Rimland is an outstanding example of what it means to have courage in science and is given NVIC's Courage in Science Award.

Mark Geier, M.D., Ph.D. for demonstrating intellectual independence and personal courage as one of the first American physicians and scientists to publicly question the safety of the whole cell pertussis vaccine and its role in neurological reactions and infant death. His independent investigation into DPT vaccine risks and the lack of adequate testing and quality control standards to minimize those risks helped to raise awareness within and outside of the medical profession. Defending the right of children to have access to a less reactive pertussis vaccine, in the 1980's Dr. Geier demonstrated professional leadership and personal

compassion for the health and well being of all children when he challenged the status quo and helped DPT vaccine injured children in the tort and federal vaccine injury compensation systems. Today, he is once again challenging medical science to take vaccine risks seriously as he investigates serious events reported to the federal Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS).

For his dedication to truth in science and the public's right to know, Mark Geier is an outstanding example of what it means to have courage in science and is given NVIC's Courage in Science Award.



*“God grants liberty only to those who love it,
and are always ready to guard and defend it.”*

– Daniel Webster

Parent Leadership Award

Rick Rollens, for exemplifying parental love and demonstrating leadership in the search for the causes of and cures for autism.



Utilizing the personal and legislative skills he demonstrated during 24 years of distinguished service as Sec-

retary of the California State Senate, Rick co-founded the family support group Families For Early Autism Treatment (F.E.A.T) and secured California funding legislation which produced the “California Report,” the nation’s first documented report on the dramatic increases in autism in children. In 1998, he secured passage of state legislation creating and funding the M.I.N.D. Institute at University of California, Davis, which he co-founded with three other fathers of autistic children. Dedicated to investigating the biological causes of and treatments for autism and other neuroimmune dysfunction in children, the M.I.N.D. Institute has become the largest private or pub-

lic organization dedicated to research, clinic services and education for autism in the world. Rick is responsible for raising over \$70 million for the Institute, more money than any single individual has raised for autism research. As a result of his work to increase public awareness about autism, his son, Russell, was featured on the July 31, 2000 cover of Newsweek magazine and it became the magazine’s all time best selling issue. Committed to supporting research into all possible biological causes for autism, Rick has been a strong public advocate of research into vaccine-associated autism.

For his devotion as a parent and his extraordinary effort on behalf of autistic children, which makes him a leader among his peers, Rick Rollens is given NVIC’s Parent Leadership Award.

Courage in Journalism Award

John Hanchette for his intellectual integrity and moral courage as an investigative journalist in searching for and communicating the truth.

A Pulitzer Prize-winning writer who retired earlier this year as senior national affairs correspondent for Gannett News Service in its

Washington, D.C. bureau, he is now a full professor of journalism at his alma mater, St. Bonaventure University in upstate New York. In addition to reporting on 15 national political conventions and eight presidential campaigns, he covered news from the White House, Congress, the Pentagon, State and Justice Departments, and all federal health agencies during his two decades as a writer for Gannett and USA TODAY. During his long career, he served as managing editor, bureau chief, or editor-in-chief for a number of major newspapers.

Two of his award-winning investigative series for Gannett helped change the face of American health care. In 1984, in the face of strong opposition from the pharmaceutical industry and public health agencies, he researched and co-authored a series of articles entitled “The Vaccine Machine” which identified the economic forces, misplaced nationalism and vacuum of scientific knowledge that prevented the development of safer childhood vaccines. The series helped lead to the licensing of





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an acellular pertussis vaccine and the passage of the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986. A decade later he researched and co-authored “Vaccination Nation,” a series which revealed how little progress had been made to improve vaccine safety and how the billion dollar federal vaccine injury compensation program set up by Congress in 1986 had failed to live up to its promise. Professor Hanchette has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize eight times and has received numerous journalism awards, including being named one of the Top Ten Gannett Reporters of the last quarter century.

For his dedication to freedom of thought, inquiry and expression in journalism and his moral commitment to using his investigative and journalistic skills to protect the health and well being of children, John Hanchette is given NVIC’s Courage in Journalism Award.



Humanitarian Award

Nkamuhayo Rwacumika aka Kihura Nkuba, for love of his people and defending their right to know the truth and be free to act on it, for uncommon valor in the face of opposition.

In 1997, Nkamuhayo Rwacumika and his wife, Washind Abonera, raised several thousand dollars to launch Greater Afrikan Radio, a community radio station based in western Uganda. Recorded in local studios using local dialects and playing traditional African music, Greater Afrikan Radio focuses on stories which are of interest to ordinary people, such as growing nutritious food, storing grain and drinking clean water. The radio station broadcasts into five African countries and its most popular evening program, entitled “Afrikan Metaphysics,” has been hosted by Nkamuhayo, who has become known to villagers, students and the general public as Kihura Nkuba (one who handcuffs lightning and throws thunder in jail).

In the first few years the station was broadcasting, Kihura began to hear from villagers that their children were suffering reactions, injuries and deaths from repeated vaccination with oral polio vaccine (OPV). They reported being hunted

down by local public health officials and police during frequent polio vaccine campaigns and Kihura began speaking out against forced vaccination. He questioned the use of live OPV, which could cause paralysis and was especially dangerous for those infected with HIV. Soon Kihura and his radio station were under attack from the government and UNICEF. He was threatened with a state charge of sedition, which carries a death sentence. His radio advertisers fled. Kihura stood firm, the people stood by Kihura, and the charges were never made.

However, the persecution has taken its toll. Advertisers are afraid and today Greater Afrikan Radio is facing bankruptcy while in most parts of western Uganda live polio vaccination is forced upon villagers at gunpoint. Kihura Nkuba has come to America to tell his story, a story which carries a warning for all people who love freedom of choice in health care.

NVIC is proud to give our first Humanitarian Award to Kihura Nkuba, a man of great love, integrity and courage.



Featured Guest

Michael Palmer, MD

Michael Palmer, M.D. is associate director of the Massachusetts Medical Society Physician Health Services, where he helps physicians troubled by mental and physical illness, and is a clinical instructor in medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine. He is an international best selling author of eleven novels of medical suspense. His most recent novel, *Fatal*, was published by Bantam Books in May 2002 and explored the theme of vaccine safety. It became a best seller after only four days on the book shelves.

Dr. Palmer was born and raised in Massachusetts and graduated from Wesleyan University with a bachelor's degree in biology and Russian. He received his doctor of medicine degree from Case Western Reserve School of Medicine, where he graduated with honors and specialized in internal and emergency medicine. He was co-founder and medical director of the Cincinnati, Ohio Free Clinic and practiced internal medicine and emergency medicine in Falmouth, Massachusetts.

His first book, *The Sisterhood*, dealt with euthanasia and others have focused on corporate medicine (*Flashback*), infertility (*Side Effects*), managed care (*Silent Treatment*), alternative medicine (*Natural Causes*) and academic re-



search cheating (*Miracle Cure*). His 1991 best seller, *Extreme Measures*, was made into a film starring Gene Hackman, Hugh Grant and Sarah Jessica Parker and his ninth and tenth books (*Miracle Cure* and *The Patient*) have been optioned as films.

Dr. Palmer is the father of three children. His youngest son, Luke, was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome (high functioning autism) as a young child. During his search for healing therapies which would help Luke, he found himself also searching for the truth about what had happened to his son. After hearing a speech given by Barbara Loe Fisher at a Developmental Delay Resources (DDR) confer-

ence in 1995, he began putting together the puzzle of why Luke had been so sick as an infant and toddler. Later he would conduct extensive research into vaccine safety issues that eventually culminated in the writing of *Fatal*.

"As a physician and parent, my interest in vaccinations did not go beyond the perfunctory. If the pharmaceutical industry or the FDA or my family pediatrician said "vaccinate," I vaccinated, whether it was my patients or my children. No questions asked. But after I watched my youngest son be so sick during the first few years of his life and then be diagnosed with high-functioning autism, I began to question the science behind vaccination. And in the process of learning more about vaccines, I became determined to write a medical thriller that asked questions which need to be answered."

Fatal has sold in excess of 100,000 copies hardcover, has been bought by publishers in more than a dozen countries, and already has been translated into 21 languages. It made the top 20 of the New York Times best seller list for four weeks and has been the main selection Literary Guild; main selection Mystery Book Club; and featured alternate Book of the Month Club. It will be published in paperback in 2003.



National Vaccine Information Center



Founded in 1982 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 and defending the right to informed consent to vaccination. NVIC provides assistance to parents whose children have suffered vaccine reactions; promotes research to investigate the biological mechanisms of vaccine injury and death, the long term chronic effects of multiple vaccination on individual and public health and the identification of genetic and other high risk factors; and supports an exploration of health care alternatives for preventing illness and maintaining health.

After launching the organized 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 was the first societal acknowledgement that vaccine injuries and deaths are real while safety provisions within the law for the first time required doctors to record and report hospitalizations, injuries and deaths following vaccination. In 1989, NVIC held an International Scientific Workshop on Pertussis and Pertussis Vaccine and, in 1996, a major goal was

realized when a less toxic pertussis vaccine was finally licensed for babies six months and younger. In 1997, NVIC hosted the First International Public Conference on Vaccination, the first major conference on disease and vaccination to be held without industry or government funding. NVIC sponsored the Second International Public Conference on Vaccination in 2000.

NVIC represents the vaccine safety concerns of parents and health care consumers on government advisory committees and meetings, at scientific conferences, legislative hearings and in the media. During the past 20 years, the information NVIC researches, produces and provides to the public about vaccines and diseases has reached millions of Americans through radio, television, newspaper, magazine reports as well as through NVIC's award winning internet website (www.909shot.com) and publications such as *THE VACCINE REACTION* and *The Vaccine Hotline*.

NVIC remains the oldest and largest consumer health organization providing disease and vaccine risk information to the public, serving as a consumer "watchdog" monitoring vaccine research, development, policymaking and legislation; advocating the institution of safety reforms in the mass vaccina-

tion system; endorsing independent scientific investigation into vaccine-associated death, injury and chronic illness; and defending the human right of all people to make informed, voluntary decisions about medical interventions which carry a risk of injury or death, including vaccination. The National Vaccine Information Center is a charitable, educational 501(c)3 organization supported by donations.

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THE MISSION

*Small and sweet and open faces
with trusting eyes turned toward the light.
Her screams now fill our empty days.
His last sigh haunts the restless night.*

*On a wing broken
but never still,
moving always forward
with missionary will,
driven by a vision
clearly seen,
we
will not forget.*

*Church bells ring the mourning cry,
while jackals lean against our door.
Prayers offered to a silent God
are silent no more.*

*With a faith shattered
but not forgotten,
holding a truth
that will not bend,
defending the right
to set them free,
we
will not forget.*

*The pain that comes with dreams deferred.
The endless battle to prevail.
Trust, hard earned, seems to falter.
Untested strength almost fails.*

*Beneath the wheel,
there is a place
where tender mercies
offer grace,
and stay our struggle
to fight or leave.
We
are bound by love.*

*Small and sweet and open faces
with frightened eyes turned from the light.
His screams now fill our frantic days.
Her last sigh haunts the lonely night.*

*Fulfilling a promise
that we made
near the flowers
by their graves,
because of what
will never be,
We
will not surrender.*

Barbara Loe Fisher
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Casi's Quest features prominent medical and natural practitioners with the latest and most successful treatment in autism and related disorders. The Autism Autoimmunity Project is a non-profit charity dedicated to obtaining funding for independent research addressing immune and immunogenetic abnormalities in autism.

Autism Society of America

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The mission of the Autism Society of America (ASA) is to promote lifelong access and opportunities for persons within the autism spectrum disorder and their families, to be fully included, participating members of their communities through advocacy, public aware-

ness, education and research related to autism. The ASA is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals with whom they interact.

Coalition for Safe Minds

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The Coalition for SAFE MINDs (Sensible Action For Ending Mercury-Induced Neurological Disorders) is a non-profit organization founded by parents to investigate and raise awareness of the risks to infants and children of exposure to mercury from medical products, including thimerosal in vaccines. SAFE MINDs founders have prepared and compiled a number of research papers on the potential harmful effects of mercury and thimerosal, which are likely causative factors in a number of neurodevelopmental disorders such as autism, attention deficit disorder, language delay, and learning difficulties. Our mission is to end the devastation caused by the needless use of mercury in medicines.

“Great things have this beauty that they bring to light the fraternity of strangers.”

– Victor Hugo

Developmental Delay Resources

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Developmental Delay Resources (DDR), established in 1994, is a national non-profit membership organization. It is dedicated to meeting the needs of parents and professionals working with children who have delays in motor, sensorimotor, language and social-emotional areas, including attention deficits, learning disabilities, pervasive developmental disorders and autism.

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Providing innovative therapies for those with physical, developmental and emotional conditions - including autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Our protocols combine chelation, food desensitization and nutritionals with psychological, speech/language and occupational therapies. Results show greatly improved overall health and func-

tion and, in our youngest patients, nearly complete recovery from ASD. Lecture by Dr. Sherri Tenpenny of OsteoMed II, November 9, 9:45 am.

The Committee to Protect Medical Freedom

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The Committee to Protect Medical Freedom, a project of America's Survival, Inc., held the first national conference opposing a mandatory HIV/AIDS vaccine. Veteran journalist Cliff Kincaid is the director.

National Integrated Health Associates

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National Integrated Health Associates is a unique multi-specialty health center. Founded in 1995, this organization has specialized in alternative medicine and holistic dentistry. Equipped with a comprehensive dental office and specializing in removal of mercury fillings, Dr. Mark McClure has become nationally recognized for heavy metal detoxification with a special em-

phasis on mercury toxicity. In addition to having Dr. Barbara Solomon, a pioneer in Environmental Medicine and Allergy Desensitization, this center is positioned to help children with any form of toxicity or dysfunction. Using color and light therapy during allergy elimination therapy and non-invasive allergy testing techniques and allergy drops for treatment, they have created a positive experience for apprehensive children and adults.

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The National Vaccine Information Center booth features a variety of publications, videos and audio tapes. A conference tee-shirt and bumper stickers are available. Book signings by Michael Palmer, M.D., Stephanie Cave, M.D., and Judy Converse, R.D., MPH.



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The National Immunization Program (NIP) is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As a disease-prevention program, NIP provides leadership for the planning, coordination and conduct of immunization activities nationwide. An important part of NIP's mission is to monitor and research the safety and effectiveness of vaccines. NIP provides up-to-date vaccine safety information and educational resources to health care professionals and the public through a number of channels including the internet (www.cdc.gov/nip) and the National Immunization Program Hotline at 800-232-2522 (English) or 800-232-0233 (Spanish).

Unlocking Autism

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Unlocking Autism was founded primarily for the purpose of increasing awareness about the disorder and in 1999 launched the Open Your Eyes project, a collection of pictures of people with autism which have been displayed at the Hear Their Silence rallies in Washington DC in 2000-2002. UA has a state and regional network.

World Children's Wellness Foundation

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The World Children's Wellness Foundation is dedicated to empowering parents to raise extraordinary healthy children in a non-contradictory way. The two major purposes of the foundation is to raise money for pediatric research and to increase the awareness of the importance of chiropractic care for children. Parents are looking for solutions for their children's ADHD, autism, asthma, allergies, ear infections, colic and the pre-

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Featured Entertainment

Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow

Called the “true spirit-child of Woody Guthrie” activist musician and award-winning songwriter, Pat Humphries, brings her powerful songs to concert halls, coffee-houses, festivals, conferences and demonstrations across the country. Pat’s much acclaimed anthems “*Swimming to the Other Side*,” *Keep on Moving Forward (Never Turning Back)*” and “*Common Thread*” are sung at peace and justice events around the world and have been translated into seven languages.

In May 2002, Pat and “*Swimming to the Other Side*” were featured on NPR’s “*All Things Considered*.” In the interview, Pete Seeger said, “The powers that be can control the media [but] it’s hard to stop a good song...Pat’s songs will be sung well into the 22nd century.” The unprecedented response by NPR listeners made Pat’s CD “*Hands*” the Number One CD seller on Amazon.com for three days.

Pat and Sandy were in the process of moving to the Washington, D.C. area from New York City when the events of September 11, 2001 occurred. Since then, they have been performing at concerts, teach-ins and rallies, including leading 10,000 people in New York City singing their song “*Peace, Salaam, Shalom*,” less than a



month after September 11, 2001 and, again, at an all-night peace vigil in New York City on September 11, 2002. To hear the NPR interview and for more information, go to www.pathumphries.com.



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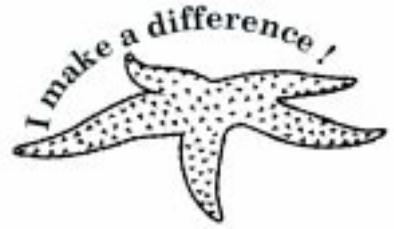
The Children’s Fund for Hope and Healing is a research project of the National Vaccine Information Center, which was launched at the Second International Public Conference on Vaccination. The project is dedicated to raising private funding for independent research into the biological mechanisms of vaccine injury and death and the biological impact on human health of current mass vaccination programs.

Research projects under consideration are an investigation into the current policy of vaccinating children when they are sick with a viral or bacterial infection; re-vaccinating those who have suffered convulsions, mental regression and other serious health problems after previous vaccinations; the simultaneous injection of multiple vaccines; the relationship between childhood vaccines and minimal brain damage including learning disabilities and ADHD; and the relationship between vaccines and autoimmune dysfunction such as asthma and diabetes.

Proceeds from the fund raising dinner being held at this conference on Nov. 8 through the Children’s Fund for Hope & Healing will be donated to research being conducted by Andrew Wakefield, M.D. into the biological mechanisms of MMR vaccine associated autism.



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