

Like all pharmaceutical products, vaccines are not risk free and can cause injury and death.

Vaccines are not exempt from the Informed Consent Ethic.



Informed Consent: Access to Risk/Benefit Information, and Voluntary, Consumer Choice without Sanction or Penalty

Public Health Officials and Doctors Cannot Predict Who will be Harmed by a Vaccine or an Infectious Disease, or Guarantee that the Vaccinated are Incapable of being Infected or Transmitting Disease

DID YOU KNOW

- In 1983 there were 23 doses of 7 vaccines recommended by age 6 at a cost of \$80/child. In 2016 there are 69 doses of 16 vaccines by age 18 at a cost of \$2,800/child.
- There are hundreds of vaccines in the research pipeline, including vaccines for salmonella, e-coli, strep B, hepatitis C, HIV, herpes, asthma, obesity, heroin and cocaine addiction. Many will be recommended by public health officials for universal use by all children.
- Every vaccine the CDC routinely recommends for children protects vaccine manufacturers from product liability under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act.
- Under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, nearly \$3.4 billion in federal vaccine injury compensation

has been paid to victims of vaccine related injuries and death. There is no liability for providers or manufacturers, even if the vaccine could have been made safer. Two out of three people who apply for vaccine injury compensation are turned away without an award.

- It is estimated that only between 1 and 10% of vaccine reactions are reported to the federal Vaccine Adverse Events and Reporting System (VAERS).
- As of March 14, 2016 over 69,000 serious vaccine reactions in U.S. children and adults were reported to VAERS since its creation in 1990. Of these events there were 6,126 deaths; 11,790 permanent disabilities; 24,287 emergency room visits; 49,981 hospitalizations with 3,011 prolonged hospitalizations; and 9,993 lifethreatening events reported.

Informed Consent – A Basic Human Right

The National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) is dedicated to the prevention of vaccine injuries and deaths through public education and to defending the informed consent ethic in vaccine laws and policies.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control, Food & Drug Administration, United Health Foundation, Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System, Health Resources Services Administration, and The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986.