

Fall 2005

Vaccine-Injured March on the Nation's Capital



ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2005, more than 600 parents of vaccine-injured children gathered on Capitol Hill for the Power of Truth march and rally to protest

the continued use of mercury preservatives in vaccines given to children and pregnant women. NVIC joined with other parent organizations, physicians and legislators to demand that federal health agencies ensure that drug companies remove mercury from flu and other vaccines.

No More Lies — The hot summer day in the nation's capital began at 8:30 a.m. with parents and their vaccine-injured autistic children, who had traveled from nearly every state, assembling several blocks from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on Independence Avenue. With homemade banners, signs and posters proclaiming their outrage at the mercury poisoning of their children, the parents wheeled babies in strollers and marched with older autistic children, to DHHS



John McCarthy, a Maryland father of a vaccine-injured autistic child, shouts "No More Lies" in front of the Department of Health & Human Services.



The Tallman family from New Jersey, longtime NVIC members, carry the NVIC banner at the beginning of the July 20 Power of Truth march.

chanting "No More Lies" until they arrived at the large DHHS building. There they stood and screamed "No More Lies" in unison for more than 15 minutes. At one point, the entire group of parents, many with tears streaming down their faces, moved about 20 feet toward the building as the assembled security guards kept silent watch.

The Mercury Has Got to Go — Then the determined band of protestors, with the Capitol police courteously stopping traffic for them, marched to the west side of the Capitol Building chanting "Hey, hey, ho, ho the mercury has got to go" until they arrived at the site where a two-hour rally was held. Speakers at the rally included Representatives Dan Burton (R-IN); Carolyn Maloney (D-NY); Diane Watson (D-CA); Walter Jones (R-NC); and Dave Weldon (R-FL) as well as Andrew Wakefield, M.D.; Boyd Haley, Ph.D., University of Kentucky; David Kirby, author of *Evidence of Harm*; Zachary Barsamian, a child

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recovering from vaccine-induced autism; Amy Carson, co-founder, Moms Against Mercury; NVIC President Barbara Loe Fisher; Unlocking Autism President Shelley Reynolds; Lujene Clark, No Mercury; Coy Barefoot, Dads Against Mercury; Wendy Fournier, National Autism Association; Lisa Sykes, Co-Med; and SafeMinds President Lyn Redwood with her son, Will. Nine-year old Hannah Goetz sang a song she wrote about her autistic brother, Hayden.

The rally was co-sponsored by eleven organizations, including Moms Against Mercury, National Autism Association, Dads Against Mercury, NoMercury, SafeMinds, A-CHAMP, CoMed, Unlocking Autism, Generation Rescue, Educate Before You Vaccinate and NVIC. Angela Medlin and Amy Carson of Moms Against Mercury coordinated the event.

National Media Coverage — NVIC issued a national press release before the rally and participated in radio and TV interviews. On the day of the event NVIC joined with SafeMinds and eight of the co-sponsoring organizations in a joint



Diane Watson (D-CA), Committee on Government Reform, talks about mercury in vaccines and the dangers of environmental toxins.



Hannah Goetz sings a song she wrote about her vaccine-injured autistic brother.

NVIC's Kathi Williams greets Andrew Wakefield, M.D., who spoke at the rally, near the Capitol building.



statement criticizing a CDC press conference held a day earlier, which apparently was an attempt to neutralize press coverage of the march and rally. The joint statement said, “We continue to be appalled by this blatant lack of transparency and attempts to manipulate the media.”

Nearly every major media outlet, including more than 250 local TV and radio news stations, CNN and *USA TODAY*, covered the march and rally. ■



Congressman Dan Burton (R-IN), who has led the effort in Congress for autism awareness and held a series of hearings for five years on the link between autism and vaccines, speaks at the rally.

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— Joint Statement issued by SafeMinds, NVIC and co-sponsoring organizations



Virginia voters meet with Virginia Senator George Allen, after the July 20 Power of Truth rally on Capitol Hill.



STATEMENT

Barbara Loe Fisher
Co-Founder & President
National Vaccine Information Center

POWER OF TRUTH RALLY
July 20, 2005, Washington, D.C.

Mothers and fathers of vaccine-injured children, we have gathered here today to stand shoulder to shoulder with each other in a united call for our government to tell the American people the truth about vaccine risks. And we are making history. Because we are standing up and giving notice that we are not going to allow our children, who have no voice and have no choice, to be written off as necessary sacrifices in a war on disease that has left far too many bodies on the field.

We know that it doesn't have to be like this. We know that if public health officials and drug companies would care more about protecting the life of every child than protecting a tragically broken mass-vaccination system, so many of our healthy children would not continue to be hurt by vaccines that are supposed to keep them well.

Those of us with grown DPT-vaccine-injured children, who launched the vaccine safety and informed consent movement nearly a quarter century ago, knew then that if government and industry did not listen to our pleas, some day we would be here, looking out at the faces of a third generation of parents who have watched their healthy children regress after vaccination.

Our nation cannot afford to allow another generation to face the vaccine risks that changed our children's lives and our lives forever.

Public health officials, unwilling to properly regulate the pharmaceutical industry, have failed to do their job and clean up the vaccines they force our children to take. Drug companies, eager for larger markets, have not taken responsibility for the safety of the vaccines they sell for profit. Doctors, who give vaccines, have turned a blind eye to vaccine reactions, forgetting that their first duty to patients is to do no harm.

Mothers and fathers raising children who will be the future of America have the right and the responsibility to ask government and industry this question: Why, when we have given our children the many vaccines you told us would keep them well, why is it that now one in six American children are autistic or developmentally delayed? In the 25 years that the number of doses of vaccines you tell us to give our children has doubled, our nation has seen a doubling of learning disabilities, ADHD and asthma; a tripling of diabetes; and a 200 to 7,000 percent increase in autism in every state.

It doesn't matter what your published studies say. It doesn't matter what your press releases say. What matters is the real life experience of parents all over this country and all over the world. And that experience is that we took our healthy, bright babies into a doctor's office for routine vaccinations and watched our precious children regress physically, mentally and emotionally and be left autistic, hyperactive, learning disabled, epileptic, asthmatic and suffering with other brain and immune system disorders.

We trusted you and you betrayed our trust.

And that is why we are here today. And that is why we are not going away until the last vaccine on the last shelf in the last doctor's office is mercury free. And we are not going away until you do the credible scientific research that will tell us why and how vaccines can injure and kill and who is at high risk. And we are not going away until we know we can trust that what you tell us about vaccines is the truth.

The power of truth is on our side and we will not be silent until it is known. This is the legacy that we can leave to our children who have been hurt by vaccines and those who have yet to be born. It is a legacy that will be as grounded in scientific truth as it is in our abiding love for them.

We will go from this place back to our homes and our families and do the hard work that needs to be done. And you will see us everywhere: in the schools and town halls, in the state legislatures and in the courts, in Congress and on the evening news and on your doorstep whenever you hold meetings behind closed doors. You will hear our voices raised in a great public witnessing of what has happened to our children after vaccination.

Listen well. The world is watching.

NVIC and UA Launch National Ad Campaign

Unlocking Autism (UA) and NVIC have jointly launched a national public awareness campaign asking President George Bush to issue an Executive Order to ban mercury in vaccines. Launched at the Autism One conference in Chicago on May 27, 2005, and announced to legislators on Capitol Hill the first week in June, the “Giving Mercury to Children on Purpose Is Stupid” campaign has resulted in full-page ads in the *Dallas Morning News*, *Wisconsin Metro Parent* and billboards posted near television stations in Michigan.

Appealing to President Bush — UA and NVIC created full-color ads highlighting the stupidity of putting a heavy metal, a known neurotoxin, in flu and other vaccines that are injected into infants, children and pregnant women. In a letter to President Bush, UA President Shelley Reynolds and NVIC President Barbara Loe Fisher said, “We are asking you to listen and see the suffering of our children and order the drug companies to remove all mercury from vaccines . . . the FDA has refused to get the job done . . . Parents all across America are praying that you, our President, will protect our children and the unborn from harm.”



Before the May 16 meeting with Assistant Secretary of Health William Raub, (l-to-r) NVIC's Barbara Loe Fisher, SafeMinds President Lyn Redwood, UA President Shelley Reynolds, and Boyd Haley, Ph.D. meet in the office of David Weldon (R-FL).

During the Presidential campaign, UA asked both Presidential candidates if they would support the



removal of the mercury preservative, Thimerosal, from childhood vaccines if they were elected. President Bush agreed in writing that he would support removal of mercury from vaccines on the national childhood vaccine schedule. However, when UA followed up in April 2005, the White House stated that the President did not want to cause “an undue burden” for the drug companies and supports allowing them to phase out the use of mercury in vaccines over several more years.

Meetings With Government Officials — On April 27, UA and NVIC issued a call to supporters to contact the White House and urge that mercury be banned from vaccines. On May 16, UA, NVIC, SafeMinds and Boyd Haley, Ph.D., met with Dr. William Raub, Assistant Secretary of DHHS, as well as representatives from the White House, the National Vaccine Program Office and the CDC. On May 27, 2005, the White House again refused to issue an Executive Order banning mercury in vaccines.

On June 7, UA and NVIC members from the metropolitan D.C. area met at Union Station on Capitol Hill and distributed booklets containing the letters to the President and the ads to every office in the House and Senate. NVIC's Fisher and several other parents made statements at public comment time at the National Vaccine Advisory Committee at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

We Remember DPT — Fisher said, “Kathi Williams and I come here today on behalf of the

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The Mercury Calculator

Mercury is a known neurotoxin that has been proven to cause brain damage in the developing fetus as well as to children and adults exposed to it. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed guidelines for limiting mercury exposure to humans from many different sources, including air and water pollution; contaminated foods, such as tuna; as well as in products sold over the counter, such as contact lens solutions. In 1999, the EPA and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) directed the vaccine manufacturers to remove mercury from childhood vaccines but did not give the companies a deadline for doing so. Unfortunately, most vaccines given to children still contain small amounts of mercury and others, such as flu vaccines, contain significant amounts of mercury.

CHECK A VACCINE'S MERCURY CONTENT—
NVIC has made it easier to check the mercury content of vaccines. You can check it out with the Mercury Calculator on NVIC's award winning website, www.nvic.org.

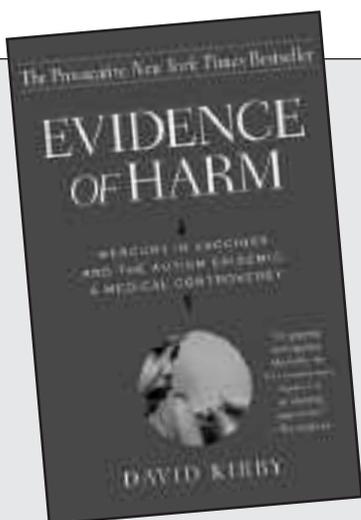
The Mercury Calculator is quick and easy to use. Vaccines in use today as well as those sold in the past are on a chart and listed by vaccine type and manufacturer's name. Users just enter a weight and click on the vaccines that were given or are to be



"Mercury doesn't belong here" says one mom with a picture of a baby at the July 20 Power of Truth March and Rally on Capitol Hill protesting mercury preservatives in vaccines.

given. The total mercury load is automatically calculated to reveal how many times it is over the allowable Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) "safe" limits for mercury exposure.

Way Over the EPA Safe Limit — For example, in 1980, a 10 pound two month old infant given the CDC and AAP-recommended whole-cell DPT could have received 55 times the EPA limit for daily mercury exposure. In 1995, a 10-pound, two-month-old infant who got the DPT and HIB vaccines could have been 110 times over the EPA limit. In 2005, a 25-pound, six-month-old who gets DTaP, HIB, IPV, pneumococcal and flu vaccines could be 22 times over the EPA limit, while a 125-pound teenager or adult receiving flu and meningococcal vaccinations could be 4 times over the EPA limit for a single mercury exposure, depending upon the vaccine manufacturers. ■



Evidence of Harm Is a Best Seller

Evidence of Harm, the book by journalist David Kirby (St. Martin's Press), will be coming out in paperback soon. Kirby's investigation of the mercury contamination of childhood vaccines and the possible association with autism hit the best-seller list soon after it was published in April 2005. As controversial as it is well written, *Kirkus Reviews* said, "Kirby creates warm portraits of parents desperately trying to find treatments for their damaged children while, at the same time, carrying on a war with both big government and big business with knocks to bureaucrats and kudos to parents. Kirby does a good job of explaining the scientific issues in an unresolved controversy."

Senate “Anti-Terror” Bill is Anti-Informed Consent

Senate Bill 3, introduced by Senator Bill Frist (R-TN) and Judd Gregg (R-NH), has been deceptively labeled the “Protecting America in the War on Terror Act of 2005.” Also known as Project Bioshield II, this legislative assault on the U.S. Constitution is a serious threat to self-governance and the informed consent ethic. It gives unprecedented liability protection to the pharmaceutical industry and broad powers to federal officials to hide the truth from the people about vaccine and drug risks. It takes away the freedom of the people to make their voices heard through their elected state representatives. S. 3 would:

- **Eliminate a state’s right to more strictly regulate vaccines** and drugs and more fully inform their citizens about vaccine and drug risks than does the federal government. Laws already passed in California, Iowa, Missouri and New York limiting mercury content in vaccines would be repealed.

- **Give comprehensive liability protections to drug companies** producing experimental or other vaccines and drugs for mass use whenever the Secretary of DHHS declares that a “disease or disorder presents a public health emergency” that could result in an “epidemic” or “pandemic.” Eliminates a citizen’s right to seek justice in state courts for drug and vaccine injuries and deaths and limits awards in federal courts. Gives tax credits, grants and patent extensions to the drug industry.

- **Allow the DHHS and the Department of Justice to write the terms of their own defense** as the defendants in the federal Vaccine Injury Compensation Program created under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, in order to further limit awards to the vaccine injured.

- **Create and fund a mandatory, national electronic tracking system** operated by the CDC to monitor vital records of citizens relating to both notifiable and non-notifiable diseases and “new trends” and “patterns in public health.” Creates penalties for states and health care providers not reporting in a “timely manner” to the national tracking system. There are no provisions for mandatory reporting of serious health problems following vaccine and prescription drug use or punishments for not reporting serious side effects.

Sweeping New Federal Power — After September 11, 2001, the Homeland Security Bill (2002) and the Project Bioshield Act (2004), along with the Model State Emergency Health Powers Acts (MSEHPA) enacted in many states, gave public health officials sweeping new powers to declare a “public health emergency” and use the militia, if necessary, to quarantine and forcibly vaccinate citizens. At the same time, those drug companies making vaccines, and government officials and agents of the state who force vaccination under these new laws, are given exemptions from liability for any vaccine injuries or deaths that occur.

S. 3 and another bill recently introduced into the House of Representatives (H.R. 650) effectively eliminate vaccine injury lawsuits in civil court. This federal legislation, together with a recent vote by the House to approve federally monitored electronic ID cards linked to driver’s licenses, all point to a massive assault by the federal government on state’s rights and individual liberties. Vaccines have been used to forward the agenda of those who would use the idea of disease control or combating terrorism as a means to give unrestricted power to federal officials to track citizens, take away freedom and remove the right to seek justice in the civil court system for injuries caused by an unsafe product.

NVIC Gives Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down to Legislation — If you want a quick read on where NVIC stands when it comes to other federal and state legislation, you can find out by going to NVIC’s website at www.nvic.org. In an effort to better inform the public about vaccine-related legislation that may affect the lives of families, NVIC takes a “thumbs up or thumbs down” approach. ■

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Takes a Stand

“It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped each time a man stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others or strikes out against injustice that he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest wall of oppression and resistance.”

Robert F. Kennedy, Sr., South Africa, 1966

In the tradition of his father, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. took on the pharmaceutical industry and government health agencies in a stunning article in the June 30 issue of *Rolling Stone* magazine, entitled “Deadly Immunity.” The tell-all article detailing the history of the mercury contamination of childhood vaccines was accompanied by television appearances on the *CBS Evening News* and the MSNBC *Don Imus Show*.

RFK, Jr. Alleges Government Cover-Up — Kennedy, who has been criticized for his stand by journalists who take a pro-forced-vaccination stance, recounted in the *Rolling Stone* article how high-level officials from U.S. health agencies, vaccine manufacturers and the World Health Organization met in 2000 to discuss the safety of mercury vaccine preservatives. He said they ended up agreeing to keep statistically significant information about thimerosal risks from the public.

He points out that by 1999 American infants who received every vaccine recommended by the CDC by age six months were being injected with levels of ethylmercury 187 times greater than the EPA’s limit for daily exposure to methylmercury, a related neurotoxin. Kennedy quotes one FDA official as stating in 1999: “What took the FDA so long to do the calculations? Why didn’t the CDC and the advisory bodies do these calculations when they rapidly expanded the childhood immunization schedule?” ■



Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

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many thousands of parents across the country who, for the past 23 years, have supported the work of NVIC . . . this is the second time in the past two decades that there has been a failure to remove from the market a more toxic vaccine when a safer one is available. After the less-reactive DTaP vaccine was licensed for babies in 1996, the more reactive whole cell DPT vaccine was allowed to stay on the market and be used by millions of children for at least six years. Those of us who witnessed that failure to regulate see the continued use of vaccines containing mercury six years after the industry was ordered to remove it.”

Rocket Scientist Needed — One of the ads reads, “Rocket Scientist Needed: Must be able to explain to President George W. Bush, his administration, the Centers for Disease Control and the Food and Drug Administration that knowingly exposing unborn babies and infants to mercury is stupid.” Another

one says, “Mercury-containing vaccines are Weapons of Mass Destruction.” And one of the most widely distributed ads points out, “According to the U.S. Government, Mercury in Small Amounts is Toxic Everywhere on Earth . . . Except in the Bodies of American Children.”

The ad slicks are available for posting on billboards, in newspapers and in magazines. Recorded public service announcements are also available for radio. To participate, by placing ads or public service announcements in your community, go to the homepage of www.nvic.org and follow the links. ■

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NVIC Opposes Forced Anthrax Vaccination

In a March 2005 amicus brief filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in *John Doe #1, et al v. Donald Rumsfeld, et al*, NVIC joined with veterans groups opposing the forced anthrax vaccination of U.S. military and civilian members of the armed forces. The amicus brief specifically argued that the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Health and Human Services should not be allowed to invoke an “Emergency Use” authorization under federal Project Bioshield legislation in order to circumvent an October 27, 2004, injunction by the Court. The injunction prevented the Department of Defense (DOD) from forcing anthrax vaccination without informed consent.



NVIC's Fisher with a member of the heavy metal band Anthrax at an April 1, press conference at Sirius Satellite Radio's headquarters in New York City. NVIC joined with veterans groups, the Alliance for Human Research and Slave to the Metal Foundation to protest the forced use of experimental anthrax vaccine by members of the U.S. Armed forces and to promote the importance of the human right to informed consent.

to vaccination, DOD chose to get around Sullivan’s order by asking the Secretary of DHHS for an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) under Project Bioshield. Claiming there was an “emergency” that required forced use of the anthrax vaccine, DOD declined to specify what the emergency was that required the judge to withdraw his order.

Project Bioshield, enacted by Congress in 2004, does not require the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of DHHS to tell anyone exactly what the emergency is that requires forced use of an experimental vaccine. Under an EUA, informed consent is not required.

Judge Orders Anthrax Vaccine Stopped — In his October 27, 2004 order, U.S. District Court Judge Emmet G. Sullivan blocked military personnel from mandated use of a reactive vaccine that has been associated with more than 4,000 reports of brain and immune system injuries as well as death. Sullivan pointed out that the vaccine is licensed by the FDA for use only against anthrax infections contracted through the skin and is not approved for use against inhalation (weaponized) anthrax contracted through the lungs. He said, “Accordingly, the involuntary anthrax vaccination program, as applied to all persons, is rendered illegal, absent informed consent or presidential waiver.”

DOD/DHHS Use Project Bioshield EUA to Defy Order — Unwilling to set the precedent of allowing service personnel to give informed consent

At a March 21, 2005 U.S. District Court hearing, DOD lawyers admitted that about 500 service members were vaccinated since Judge Sullivan’s Oct. 27, 2004 court injunction barring the anthrax vaccinations. On April 1, 2005, Judge Sullivan ruled that DOD and DHHS had the power under Project Bioshield to use the EUA to resume administering anthrax vaccine to military personnel but said DOD must inform personnel that they did not have to take the experimental vaccine involuntarily.

Individuals and organizations who signed the amicus brief to try to stop DOD from using the EUA to avoid giving military personnel the right to informed consent to anthrax vaccination were Barbara Loe Fisher, NVIC; Meryl Nass, M.D.; Vera Sharav, Alliance for Human Research Protection; and Steve Robinson, National Gulf War Resource Center. ■

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NVIC Participates in Asthma/Vaccine Study

Unvaccinated Children Have Less Asthma, Hay Fever

NVIC worked for nearly four years with researchers at the University of Illinois at Chicago to design and implement a study titled, "The Relationship between Vaccine Refusal and Self-Report of Atopic Disease [asthma and hay fever] in Children." The study was published in the April 2005 *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* by co-authors Rachel Enriquez, Ph.D.; Whitney Addington, M.D.; Faith Davis, Ph.D.; Sally Freels, Ph.D.; C. Lucy Park, M.D.; Ron Hershov, M.D.; MPH; and Victoria Persky, M.D.

Investigating Asthma Increases, Vaccination Status — The study was conducted to investigate the fact that over the last 20 to 30 years, the prevalence of asthma, hay fever and eczema has increased, with recent surveys of self-reported asthma in the U.S. and Canada suggesting rates of 11 percent to 17 percent. A key question to be answered was whether there were differences between the incidence of self-reported asthma in vaccinated and unvaccinated children. The study's methodology, which included the formal Institutional Review Board (IRB) process and peer review, was to mail surveys to 2,964 randomly selected households of members of the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) with children aged 3 to 18 years. The study ended up including 515 never vaccinated, 423 partially vaccinated and 239 completely vaccinated children.

NVIC Helps Design Study to Ensure Privacy — NVIC's database was considered ideal for this kind of study because NVIC members include families with highly vaccinated, partially vaccinated and totally unvaccinated children. NVIC worked with researchers on study protocol, including designing a unique study identification number for each selected household to ensure participant anonymity so the investigators never knew participant identities and had no information that could be used to identify households.



The results of the study included the following facts:

- *Children with asthma were older, more frequently male and more likely to report a family history of asthma.*
- *Children with asthma were less likely to see chiropractors, had less educated mothers and were more likely to be exposed to cigarette smoke, formula feedings and vaccines.*
- *Parents who refused vaccines had younger children, higher maternal education, less exposure to cigarettes, were more likely to breastfeed, had a lower prevalence of a family history of asthma, had less exposure to antibiotics, had more contact with alternative health care providers and reported less wheezing, asthma, hay fever and eczema.*

Before and after adjusting for age, sex, exposure to traditional health care, family history of asthma or allergies, and exposure to antibiotics and family clustering, *parents who refused vaccines were 11 times less likely to report asthma only* for children

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with no family history of the disease and no exposure to antibiotics during infancy. *Parents of unvaccinated children were 10 times less likely to report hay fever* among children with no family history of hay fever.

Less Vaccine, Less Asthma — Refusal of any single vaccine (DTP, MMR, HIB, hepatitis B or polio) was associated with decreased rates of self-reported asthma and hay fever. All children of vaccine abstainers were less likely to have eczema or current wheeze. There were also dose-response relationships: asthma, hay fever, eczema and wheeze were reported most frequently among completely vaccinated children and somewhat less frequently among partially vaccinated children.

In their discussion, the authors pointed out that “The NVIC membership is not representative of the general population. They have an atypical approach

to health care, are predominantly white, and are highly educated.” However, the authors go on to state that “**A sensitivity analysis indicated that substantial biases would be required to overturn the observed associations**” which were that “In multiple regression analyses there were significant and dose-dependent negative relationships between vaccination refusal and self-reported asthma or hay fever only in children with no family history of the condition and, for asthma, in children with no exposure to antibiotics during infancy. Vaccination refusal was also significantly and negatively associated with self-reported eczema and current wheeze.”

In the acknowledgements, study authors stated, “We thank the leadership and members of the NVIC because without their help this study would not have been possible.” ■

Parents



HELP PREVENT VACCINE REACTIONS — IF YOU VACCINATE, ASK EIGHT:

1. Is my child sick right now?
2. Has my child had a bad reaction to a vaccination before?
3. Does my child have a personal or family history of:
 - vaccine reactions
 - convulsions or neurological disorders
 - severe allergies
 - immune system disorders
4. Do I know if my child is at high risk of reacting?
5. Do I know how to identify a vaccine reaction?
6. Do I know how to report a vaccine reaction?
7. Do I know the vaccine manufacturer's name and lot number?
8. Do I know I have a choice?

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