

Public Comment  
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My name is Vicky Debold and I am affiliated with the National Vaccine Information Center. I'd like to begin by thanking the National Biodefense Science Board for hosting this meeting. It seems like a number of very interesting and important points have been raised, many of which are consistent with our views.

NVIC, a non-profit organization representing parents of vaccine-injured children since 1982, is deeply concerned about the safety of pre-event testing of Biothrax anthrax vaccine in pediatric populations in light of the continuing adverse event reports in previously healthy adult men and women, who have taken the vaccine.

Under these circumstances, we have a couple of questions we'd like to raise:

- Will parents be given complete and accurate information to use to make a fully informed decision when they volunteer to enroll their children in pediatric experimental trials?
- What will happen to babies and young children, who die or are left with medication-resistant seizures or immune-dysfunction after being vaccinated?
- Will these injuries be attributed to the anthrax vaccine or to one of the dozens of other vaccines they may have received as part of their routinely scheduled shots?
- How will we know with certainty which adverse events are attributable to the anthrax vaccine and, most importantly, for whom?
- Will these injuries be covered by the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program? and
- Are other nations testing anthrax vaccine on their children?

Without a credible, substantiated threat of weaponized anthrax being used against the US civilian population, NVIC finds it hard to justify this kind of experimentation on American children.