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## Compulsary Vaccinations how dare they

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/05/11 14:02

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Suggestions that parents should face punishment for not having their children vaccinated.

You really should read the BBC HYS on this one.

I have to wonder who paid this pair to come up with this.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/7392510.stm>

More and more parents suffer the consequences when vaccination goes wrong for their child.

A life time of caring for children who are autistic, or so disabled they need total care, will make you less believing when choosing whether or not to vaccinate.

Watching a doctor have his whole career taken to bits in front of his eyes when he dares to speak out against a vaccine should be proof enough that the drug companies behind these vaccines are powerful people with no intention of ever allowing anything derogatory said about their particular vaccine.

In my twelve year old Grandson's class they all got their MMR at the same time from the same health centre. Half of those children developed speech problems.

One little girl still has epilepsy and a very serious case of epilepsy.

I am sure we have all heard of the mother who has had three Autistic children all developing normally until MMR.

The list of damaged children goes on and still the drug companies control the knowledge and do not allow true research into the fact that some children will have problems.

Not another child in my ken will have MMR they will all somehow have the single jabs.

Let them try to force this on any of mine.

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Posted by Viv - 2008/05/11 22:10

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Posted by scunnert - 2008/05/11 23:05

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Good advice Levenax!

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I believe this statement was released as are many others to test the water. To see if this could or would be a popular issue for Gordon Brown to follow.

You can be sure the pressure from the drug companies that produce these vaccines will be in there somewhere. This country under a Labour Government is run by the companies that can donate most to the ruling party.

It is quite a sinister thought that we could go back to the late 1800s early 1900s when parents were taken to court and could be sent to prison if they did not pay to have their child vaccinated against smallpox. Particularly when many of the children died from the vaccine.

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Before answering this post I tried to get from one of our guys the link to the research carried out in other countries which shows MMR to be suspect indeed. Like Wakefield these people had their career ruined.

If I remember correctly the Lancet have their own team to judge whether research is indeed balanced before allowing publication. The mind boggles at what pressure was put on the Lancet. I believe it must have taken a fair bit of courage for that editor to publish, interesting though that we do not hear what happened to the editor.

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Because of lack of funding Dr Wakefield with the permission of the parents who pushed him to do this research, took blood samples from children at a birthday party. That is the reason he is before the GMC. This group of parents all have autistic children resulting from MMR injections.

I do not believe we will ever get true research into MMR. The best we can hope for is that someone within the drug companies will correct this vaccine before long.

Your point about mumps measles and rubella are all genuine points.

Pregnant mothers catching rubella are not in danger but the fetus stand a good chance of being brain damaged or deformed.

Mumps can cause boys to be infertile.

I would not argue that their is a good case for these vaccines but I would want to truthfully compare the figures of children damaged by MMR against figures of children damaged by childhood illness.

Too much evidence exists that for instance autism is linked to this vaccine.

I watch one of ours, a baby of eleven months and I know we all brag about our own but he is just so bright. His command of language for this age amazes everyone. His powers of reasoning are phenomenal. Other children if they are fed up in someones house would not understand why, they would just cry, this wee person gets his shoes and waves bye bye. This is the progress that these parents talk of when they state "my child was developing normally" or above normal and within days of having the MMR they regressed into a world of there own, would not communicate and would not cuddle. I look at the other baby in the family and she too is a bright wee thing she is now seven months, I look after her a lot and the thought that all this might disappear in her and be replaced with what must seem like a nightmare for a parent just terrifies me.

Parents are talking of a link to excema and asthma and one of our older children has that and it did start after MMR.

What is needed is a group of researcher preferably some from every country with good funding to do independent research unaffected by the drug companies.

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Easily Said if you can afford the single doses which I thoroughly approve of as do most parents. I also agree with the herd immunity theory. I wonder though how does a single parent cope. Do they look at their child and say well it is my social responsibility to have you immunised and i am sorry if both our lives are ruined if you then are dyslexic autistic have eczema asthma or you end up as a vegetable.

I would sell my shoes to get the single doses for any of mine but tell me how for instance very poor families cope or single parents cope.

I think the thoughts about the HPV vaccine is simply the horror of accepting your twelve year old daughter needs protecting at that age because she may have consensual sex.

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Posted by Levenax - 2008/05/13 22:37

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I have news for you the Queen may sit on a gold plated toilet but she stills poo's and Pee's just like the rest of us. The tragedy of the inability of the poor to have their children vaccinated with singe jabs does not mean they do not give it every bit as much thought as you me or the queen.

The choice for people without money is harder but I can assure you that the same agony is there when making that choice. Their children and the future of their children are just as precious as yours or mine.

I am assuming that last crack was making a point about the catholic religion, when my explanation was trying to reach an understanding simply about how we felt about the 13 year old girl in our family. It just feels inconceivable that she would have sex, so we feel why so young, is all I meant.

No we do not think this would automatically make her a sex addict. Just the opposite actually, she still feels like a child. My point was that most people feel it is a little silly to give it so young because she is a child.

Having said that I am catholic and very proud to be so and I do not believe in sex outside of marriage but that is me that how I would live and want my loved ones to live but neither am I better than anyone else so therefore would not judge the actions of others.

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I have to agree with Doric Man about the horrors of some of these diseases. Like DM, I also have a friend who survived polio. She is now in her 50s and still has health problems because of this. I also remember my dad telling me about my uncle dying of diphtheria and the devastation it brought on the family. I don't think my gran ever recovered from the way my dad talked.

When my children were young, the MMR was not available. I remember when my son was 4, he caught mumps and I spent weeks up with him ever night as he fought this disease. One of the nurses said they had never seen a boy who was so ill with mumps. Her words were to haunt her though as one of his classmates at nursery school died as a result of developing meningitis through mumps. I would much prefer that they had single vaccines but I would still pick the MMR over nothing if I had to decide for a child of mine now.

There was still controversy over vaccines when mine were young. There were misgivings about the "triple" which was diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough as the whooping cough part was seen as a possible cause of autism. I decided to get mine vaccinated with the triple as I remember my mum telling me about her experiences with whooping cough when she was young and the resultant health problems she suffered for the rest of her life. It wasn't easy to decide but the chances of being affected by the triple were far less than the chances of catching whooping cough and the problems following it.

The other point I would like to make is that there will always be people who cannot get vaccinated against certain diseases. None of my family could have the BCG for TB as a family member had nearly died from this vaccination. It always angered me that there were people who refused vaccination because they were relying on other people to keep the immunity level up. I had no choice in this and I have always relied on the rest of the population being responsibility to cut down my chances in contracting this illness.

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Where does that leave the likes of me? Frankly, in a complete quandry. So I have decided that I will read what I can and form my own opinion. Since they cannot agree among themselves, then I reckon I am as capable as any of them despite their superior knowledge. I believe their main objective is to ensure another lot of funding more than to seek truth.

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## Re:Compulsary Vaccinations how dare they

Posted by Levenax - 2008/05/14 15:22

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I share your views about the contradictory nature of what's published. I'm against compulsory vaccination too because nobody has the right to impose medication on another person (well OK, mad people excepted). I don't understand your point about education...?

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## Re:Compulsary Vaccinations how dare they

Posted by Martin - 2008/05/14 18:01

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Sorry, Lev, maybe I expressed this badly. I was just making the point that I am an educated and I would like to think well read person who takes a real interest in issues, yet I find all this very confusing.

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## Re:Compulsary Vaccinations how dare they

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/05/14 21:45

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You may very well both have good points to make. My particularly strong views on this subject are formed by the parents that contact this organisation. They have done their homework. They have worked hard not just to find out if anything can be done to help their children but they are convinced if they find out what happened and what damaged their children they may find something to help. My heart goes out to them as they speak of the damage done to their children. They really have fears about what will happen to their children if anything happens to the parents. If you watch the video scunnert posted earlier, it and many more on u tube, they seem to agree with the parents point of view. They are convinced that the preservatives in the triple dose cause the damage. The reason they believe this is that this same preservative is in other vaccines that cause damage and in other medicines.

I often go to hospitals to support parents from the lets call them less salubrious parts of Scotland. The difference I can make in the treatment a child will receive is ludicrous. The doctors look at parents and children who are not so well dressed or not so well spoken and until I speak, they treat me in the same offhand way, as if this child was totally without rights. As if, this child is a nuisance or does not deserve the best treatment. When I start to ask intelligent questions and make it known I expect the best for this child you can often actually see the attitude change. Then I am dressed in a suit.

In my view, each child is a gift; I do not care whether their parents are less educated or do not wear designer trainers. They have the right to be treated as the precious little people they are. Their parents have the right to be treated with civility and not have someone assume that they will not understand because they live in a poor area.

I could fill pages with examples but I will give just one. The baby was born at 32 weeks gestation and two weeks later when she was just over four pounds in weight she was out of the hospital because she was according to the nurses breathing well and feeding. This little thing was taken back to the hospital five times because she could not feed. This mum, when the baby was ten week old took her to the G Ps surgery in Craigmiller in Edin. She kept on saying this baby was ill. They kept on sending her away at one point they offered her pills for depression saying she was over anxious. The mum phoned me one night desperate. She was convinced this baby was dying and what could she do. I was in bed ill which was why she had not phoned me earlier. I took her and the baby to the Sick children's. The first three doctors dismissed us as over anxious. I just kept on asking to see another doctor, eventually a Seiko doctor walked in. he was just amazing. Within an hour she was in intensive care, she had pneumonia. By the middle of the night, they were telling us she would not live.

Luckily, she was a determined little thing, she is now five, and full of cheek with a smile that melts your heart. This is what can happen to children from poorer areas. These doctors are of course well educated.

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## Re:Compulsary Vaccinations how dare they

Posted by Clare - 2008/05/15 22:06

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Posted by DoricMan - 2008/05/17 15:00

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Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/05/18 15:44

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## Re:Compulsary Vaccinations how dare they

Posted by scunnert - 2008/05/19 03:00

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Posted by DoricMan - 2008/05/19 10:57

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## Re:Compulsary Vaccinations how dare they

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/05/19 22:02

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I can truly understand where your views come from, that time must have been terrible for you and I can see why you would not want any child to go through that. I have two points to make. Immunity depends on which vaccine we are talking about whether or not it gives total protection which is why the theory of herd immunity is used to describe what happens if some are not vaccinated.

I still state though that for many parents it is a difficult choice, many have heard of the terrible effects of some of these diseases. When a parent must weigh that against the effects of some of the vaccines and the possible consequences for their child, it is not easy.

A possible solution is honesty, if scientists told parents that particular children may be susceptible to particular conditions as an effect of taking a vaccine the evidence could be weighed with intelligent reasoning. There is of course a better option. Knowing that the large quantity bottles of vaccine for the triple dose must contain preservatives they could use just a little more money and pack and dispense in single doses which would remove the danger for many children.

The luck issue comes in when you consider that maybe a whole class of children can have this vaccine and maybe only one or none or half may show these effects in varying degrees.

If the drug companies or the government had the courage, commitment to children and the honesty to do the research there may very well be some simple explanation and maybe some simple way to overcome these problems.

My point is always that they do not have the right to choose that most people will be protected and some will be left disabled for the rest of their life.

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Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/05/19 22:08

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That film does look interesting I have not had time to watch all of it yet 1 hour 29 but I will

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## Re:Compulsary Vaccinations how dare they

Posted by LYDIA REID - 2008/05/20 17:18

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[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7h-DPr\\_x2w&feature=PlayList&p=1466E44A8DE0BF45&index=67](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7h-DPr_x2w&feature=PlayList&p=1466E44A8DE0BF45&index=67)

I am going to say nothing other than I think you may find this film interesting

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