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Vaccines' risks offset benefits; safety advocates urge caution

Research shows too many shots, too soon is harming health

ST. PAUL – Despite mounting scientific evidence linking overvaccination to health damage and ongoing investigations of vaccine research malfeasance, the Minnesota Department of Health intends to add yet more vaccines to an already overloaded childhood shot schedule.

Nowadays babies get 36 doses of vaccines before 18 months of age, and as many as 9 vaccines in one day. However those combinations of vaccines have never been tested for safety. By age 18, a child could receive 69 doses of vaccines. Despite the enormously high volume of product sales, vaccine consumers have few if any protections and rights if they suffer a vaccine injury.

Local vaccine safety advocates plan to oppose MDH's upcoming Immunization Rule Revision, which would add several vaccine requirements based on recommendations from the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Over the years ACIP members frequently have had conflicts of interest; many profit heavily from affiliations with vaccine manufacturers.

Clinical studies on the safety of new vaccines fail to follow large numbers of children for long periods to watch for chronic diseases that may develop as a result of a vaccine. A 2008 study from the University of Manitoba indicated that children vaccinated on schedule developed asthma 2½ times more than a child vaccinated just a few months later. Independent researchers have found that unvaccinated children have much lower rates of asthma.

One marginal vaccine is for hepatitis B, most commonly contracted from intravenous drug usage or multiple sexual partners. Virtually all cases in infants are from transmission in childbirth from an infected mother, but almost all mothers are screened during pregnancy for hepatitis B.

Worse, the federal Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System has received over 67,000 reports of hepatitis B vaccine-related adverse events including multiple sclerosis, lupus, Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) and neuropathy. More than 1,500 hepatitis B vaccine-related deaths were reported, including deaths classified as sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

Recent pertussis outbreaks have falsely been blamed on the unvaccinated. But according to the CDC's July 20, 2012 *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, pertussis incidence in Washington state increased in adolescents 13-14 years vaccinated; Tdap showed "moderate and immediate waning of immunity." Only 5-10% of pertussis cases were in people not vaccinated.

Vaccine research can be flawed, biased, or worse. Small, select study samples skew results; a recent antigen study used data that matched cases and controls by birth year and then only analyzed the differences within strata, removing variation from the start. A vaccine manufacturer may not use true placebos, e.g. saline, with control groups; instead they use another vaccine or adjuvant – substances that create their own complex of adverse reactions. For example Gardasil researchers used an aluminum adjuvant as placebo, to raise the controls' effects.

Across the U.S., tens of thousands of parents have reported developmental regression and neuroimmune damage after vaccination. Vaccine safety advocacy groups have asked the CDC to do studies on vaccinated vs. unvaccinated children to determine whether auto-immune diseases and developmental disorders are higher in vaccinated children, but they have refused to do so.

“The use of vaccinations has evolved from initial efforts to control severe epidemics affecting groups of children, to today vaccinating all children for diseases they likely will not be exposed to,” said Jerri Johnson of the National Health Freedom Coalition. “This changes the risk/benefit ratio; a child may be more likely to suffer damages from a vaccine than from exposure to the disease it is intended to prevent. We urge MDH to start investigating vaccine consumers' adverse reaction reports and finally see the tragic and costly toll that overvaccinating is taking on Minnesota's children and their families.”

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