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FDA & CDC smear respected independent scientists and researchers

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August 3, 2005—In their public statements, officials within the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), are always claiming that researchers and scientists who conduct studies not funded by drug companies or the government are making unfounded claims about a link between thimerosal-laced vaccines and autism, and other neurological disorders, which they claim could lead to reduced vaccine coverage, resulting in preventable outbreaks of disease affecting the entire planet.

I say cut the crap.

Think about it. Why would so many highly respected scientists, researchers and physicians go to such great lengths to concoct bogus studies and issue false reports, in essence putting their professional reputations on the line, if there was no connection? I want these officials to do two things. First I want them to give me one good reason why these professionals would make this up, and two, I want them to give me one logical alternative theory for the current epidemic of disorders.

Lets look at a few of these experts.

Dr. Jeffrey Bradstreet, is a practicing physician who treats children with autism and other brain-damage disorders. While in the Air Force, he was trained in toxicology and environmental health. His duties as an officer included the responsibility for military personnel who had exposure to a wide variety of toxins, including mercury.

Dr. Bradstreet has evaluated well over 2,000 children with neurological disorders. He also directs a school for children with neurodevelopmental disorders where his responsibilities include supervising occupational therapists, speech and language pathologists, and applied behavioral analysts.

Dr. Bradstreet is a Harvard Certified Medical Education Instructor in autism and has written three peer reviewed papers regarding the relationship of thimerosal, developmental disorders and biological markers for mercury-susceptibility.

In addition, he has conducted research regarding these disorders and has worked with some of the most highly respected professionals in the country, including Dr. Jane El-Dahr of the Tulane University Medical Center; Dr. V.K. Singh of the Utah State University Biotechnology Center; the University of Michigan Department of Pharmacology; Dr. Vas Aposhian of the University of Arizona; Dr. Anne Connolly of the Washington University Hospital; Dr. Walter Spitzer of McGill University; the Department of Pediatrics at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School; Dr. Jim Adams of the University of Arizona; and Dr. Jill James, a former FDA researcher, now with the University of Arkansas, Department of Pediatrics.

Apparently the FDA, CDC, and vaccine makers expect us to believe that this long line of highly respected professionals from universities all over the country somehow got together and conspired to conduct fraudulent research for decades and then authored thousands of false reports and other papers.

I do not buy it. What would be the payoff?

Dr. Mark Geier is a medical doctor who holds a Ph.D in genetics and is board-certified in medical genetics and forensic medicine. He was a researcher at the National Institutes of Health for 10 years and was previously a professor at Johns Hopkins University. He has studied vaccines for more than 30 years and has published over 50 peer-reviewed papers on vaccine safety, efficacy, contamination and policy.

He was instrumental in convincing officials to switch from the whole-cell Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTP) vaccine to the safer version (DTaP). In fact, he wrote the article, "The True Story of Pertussis Vaccination: A Sordid Legacy?" which, in 2002, won the first annual Stanley W. Jackson award for the best paper published in the Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences during the period of 2000 to 2002.

Dr. Geier has made several presentations to the Institute of Medicine on the adverse effects of vaccines including one on thimerosal in 2004. He and his son, David Geier, are the only independent researchers who have ever been permitted to study the Vaccine Safety Datalink (VSD) database of the CDC.

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