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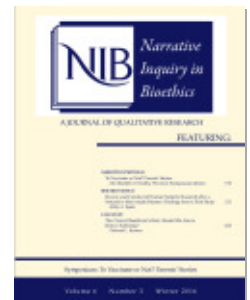
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In the passage above, I described myself as “well-educated.” And I am. I graduated from NYU with a BA, and I had a high GPA. I have read many books. I can engage in sparkling conversation with other educated people at parties.

So, the problem? I was completely scientifically illiterate.

To receive my degree from NYU, I did have to take one science course. As a good arts major, I chose Oceanography. It was a wonderful course, and I learned lots about tectonic plates, different types of waves, and how ocean levels rise and fall. But what I didn’t learn was how to read a scientific study. I didn’t learn how to look at details. I didn’t learn how to discern decent writing about science from alarmist headlines, which are crafted to sell papers (in the 1990s) or generate clicks (today). I didn’t learn how to question headlines.

In recent years, I took an introductory course in Anatomy. The very first thing we had to do in the course, before we even opened our books, was to read a Powerpoint, “How to read science.” And while most of it sounds ridiculously obvious, I needed to be told specifically how to discern a reliable scientific resource from one that is not reliable. I needed to be told not to take information from sites that sell supplements. I needed to be told to check if the “PhD” giving the information had a doctorate in anything related to the advice being given. I needed to be told to check if the article was being written about one small, un-replicated study.

So now, I can read headlines like, “Scientists say flossing unnecessary” and know that I actually shouldn’t stop flossing. I read that headline a few weeks ago, and I’m flossing every day. I don’t need to wait for anecdotes about people who have horrible breath or who got a dozen cavities. While I’m far from being an expert, or even being capable of comprehending a lot of scientific information that I come across, I have some basic tools to be able to make good personal choices and not be swayed by reporters who write articles intended to generate clicks, or peddlers of homeopathic remedies.



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My name is Ginger Taylor, and I hold an MS in Clinical Counseling from Johns Hopkins University. I am the mother of a 14-year-old vaccine injured child with an autism diagnosis, and our family no longer participates in the vastly corrupt and broken US National Immunization Program. Because of my experiences, I have become a state and national leader on vaccine safety and vaccine choice issues, co-founding The Canary Party, and The Maine Coalition for Vaccine Choice.

I have two sons, born in 2000 and 2002, and vaccinated them roughly according to the the recommended schedule. My second son suffered what we now recognize as an adverse vaccine reaction to his first dose of the Hep B vaccine, but it was not recognized as such by either myself or his pediatricians at the time, so he continued to be vaccinated according to the CDC recommended schedule. Following his 18 month appointment, he suffered a severe neurological regression, displayed symptoms of GI distress, showed signs of an autoimmune condition, and was diagnosed with autism six months later.

His was a text book case of vaccine induced encephalopathy, per the Health and Human Services (HHS), Human Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Vaccine Injury Table established by the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP), displaying symptoms including:

- (1) A significant change in mental status that is not medication related; specifically a confusional state, or a delirium, or a psychosis;
- (2) A significantly decreased level of consciousness, which is independent of a seizure and cannot be attributed to the effects of medication; including:
 - A. Decreased or absent response to environment (responds, if at all, only to loud voice or painful stimuli);

- B. Decreased or absent eye contact (does not fix gaze upon family members or other individuals); or
- C. Inconsistent or absent responses to external stimuli (does not recognize familiar people or things). Please see <http://www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation/vaccineinjurytable.pdf> for more info.

Despite this, and despite my repeated attempts to have my son's pediatrician investigate his condition as a vaccine reaction, no such inquiry was undertaken, and these symptoms were used instead to give him a diagnosis of autism. I would not read the VICP Vaccine Injury Table to learn that his were the symptoms of a well established vaccine injury for several years, and until after the three year statute of limitations had expired for me to file for compensation for his disability.

After being abandoned by the mainstream medical system, we sought expensive, out of pocket, alternative medical care, which proved very fruitful for our son. Although we lost our home over the choice, we still would make the same decision, as it dramatically increased his health and functioning. We are pleased to report that, while he still has full syndrome autism, he has gone from severe to a much higher functioning level. Most importantly, he is a very happy child.

Despite our earnest attempts, 12 years and four pediatricians later, we still cannot simply get him evaluated for this HHS established vaccine injury. Last year I filed a complaint against my own pediatrician with the state medical board, reporting that after multiple requests to evaluate my son for the condition, he had simply ignored my appeals as my previous pediatricians had. I asked the board to rule on whether or not my son had the right to an evaluation per an established standard of care, noting that if I had taken him to the doctor and reported that I believed he had a broken leg, their failure to assess him would constitute medical neglect.

The board investigated the matter, but their ruling did not address the question of what the duty of the doctor is to a patient reporting vaccine adverse reactions, and simply gave a non sequitur response to close the case. Their action was a de facto ruling that no doctor has an obligation to

investigate suspected vaccine injuries, and evidence that the medical establishment's response to vaccine adverse reactions is systematized medical negligence.

Our experience is identical to that of untold thousands of parents, who learn the hard way that once your child is injured by a vaccine, you are on your own. The system has chosen to respond to those families with neglect, insults, coercion and even Child Protective Service intervention, rather than to reform the program to put measures in place to protect children and families from harm and fraud, as is the case with every other medical product in this country.

The 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, and the Supreme Court ruling *Bruesewitz v Wyeth* that sided with the pharmaceutical industry, removed the 7th amendment rights of individuals to sue in cases of vaccine injury and death. Please see <https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/10pdf/09-152.pdf> for more info. Vaccine injury claims were moved to the HHS Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. As a result of this freedom from legal accountability, systematic corruption has taken hold in the US vaccine program as we see that:

- The CDC recommended Childhood Vaccine schedule ramped up from 24 to a minimum of 69 doses with no safety testing of the schedule as a whole. Please see <http://maineinformedconsent.org/images/1983v2015.gif> for more info.
- The federal Vaccine Injury Compensation Program rejects the majority of claims made by families regardless of merit.
- States and families pay for vaccine injury cases that are the responsibility of the federal government.
- HHS has become a vaccine patent holder, while approving, regulating and recommending vaccines, and while adjudicating vaccine injury cases, without disclosing its serious conflicts of interests to consumers. Please see <http://www.ageofautism.com/2010/05/a-license-to-kill-part-1-how-a-publicprivate-partnership-made-the-government-mercks-gardasil-partner.html> for more info.
- Corruption in safety, efficacy and injury response is proliferating as demonstrated by:
 - ◆ The current Congressional investigation into the #CDCwhistleblower Scandal, triggered when senior CDC vaccine scientist

scholarship.law.gwu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1860&context=faculty_publications and <https://web.archive.org/web/20150227064246/http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2014/12/22/us/politics/ap-us-vaccine-court.html> for more info.

- ◆ Research showing that, although the federal government will not officially establish the vaccine/autism link, the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program has been quietly paying autism cases since 1991. Please see <http://digitalcommons.pace.edu/pelr/vol28/iss2/6/> for more info.
- ◆ Public health officials, as a matter of open and international policy, refuse to engage with vaccine injury families to respond to the needs, concerns, complaints and accusations of this population, instead classifying them as “vaccine deniers,” teaching others to do the same, while leading public campaigns to vilify them and rob them of their right to bodily integrity. Please see http://www.euro.who.int/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/315761/Best-practice-guidance-respond-vocal-vaccine-deniers-public.pdf for more info.
- ◆ Parents report being routinely bullied in pediatricians’ offices for refusing one or more vaccines by physicians and nurses who know vastly less about vaccination and its risks than the family being bullied does, and who cannot give accurate answers to parental questions. Often these families are coerced into signing statements saying that they are violating medical recommendations, putting their child and the public at risk, and are occasionally threatened with Child Protective Service intervention.

In 2015, in response to the national push to remove the rights of parents of schoolchildren to opt out of one or more vaccines, the Maine Coalition for Vaccine Choice worked with legislators to put the focus on the true problem in child health, the unaddressed vaccine injury epidemic, by introducing the Maine Vaccine Consumer Protection Act. Please see <http://mainevaxchoice.org/2015/01/02/maine-parents-introduce-the-maine-vaccine-consumer-protection-act/> for more info. The legislation was designed in part to force medical providers to know and use the VICP and the vaccine adverse events information on the package insert, and to investigate and treat vaccine injuries per a standard

of care. Please see http://www.vaccinesafety.edu/package_inserts.htm for more info.

In response to the bill, 21 medical individuals and entities submitted opposing testimony, however only *one* demonstrated that they actually knew what the VICP was. Please see <http://mainevaxchoice.org/2015/05/21/maine-doctors-submit-testimony-showing-that-they-are-not-qualified-to-advise-patients-on-vaccination/> for more info. Some did not reference the program at all, and some confused the VICP, which is meant to care for vaccine injury patients, with the Vaccine Adverse Reporting System (VAERS), which was not referenced in the bill. Please see <https://vaers.hhs.gov> for more info.

The President of the Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (Maine AAP) could not even correctly name or describe the program, submitting testimony that, “The Federal Vaccine Injury Program provides appropriate venue for reporting and tracking vaccine related side effects.”

The Maine Hospital Association testified on vaccine package inserts that “People don’t receive vaccines like they do other prescriptions . . . not sure there is a package here.”

The representative of the Maine Medical Association (MMA, the Maine Chapter of the American Medical Association) gave a long speech claiming that physicians are constantly trained in this area, but when asked about VICP rulings replied, “I don’t know. I’ve never been involved in that system.” Please see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYlguoqggSo&feature=youtu.be> for more information.

The Maine Coalition for Vaccine Choice sent a long list of questions to the Maine AAP, the MMA and the Maine Immunization Program in response the public hearings to follow up on their statements, including questions on the education of physicians on vaccine injury. Our submissions were acknowledged, but all organizations declined to answer. Please see, <http://mainevaxchoice.org/2015/06/04/questions-for-the-maine-chapter-of-the-american-academy-of-pediatrics/>, <http://mainevaxchoice.org/2015/06/04/questions-for-the-maine-medical-association/> and

<http://mainevaxchoice.org/2015/05/25/questions-for-the-maine-immunization-program> for more info.

The great irony in this is that the AMA and the AAP were two of dozens of medical organizations that lobbied for, and submitted friend of the court briefs in support of, the 1986 law removing their liability for vaccine injury, and replacing it with the VICP. Then doctors collectively decided to ignore the VICP. For thirty years. Please see http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/publishing/preview/publiced_preview_briefs_pdfs_09_10_09_152_RespondentAmCuAAPand-21PhysandPubHealthOrgs.authcheckdam.pdf for more info.

Mainstream medicine is in a state of willful ignorance over vaccine injury. Their response to the vast vaccine injury problem is denialism; systematized medical negligence of a growing segment of the population; attacking those with injured loved ones as unscientific, dangerous, “vaccine deniers”; and advocating that they be coerced into continuing in the program, at the cost of a child’s education (approximately \$50,000 per child.)

Why would any sane, conscientious parent, knowing the depths of the corruption in the US

National Immunization Program, simply take CDC safety and efficacy claims at face value, and unquestioningly follow the recommended schedule?

There is just no evidence that public health officials, mainstream medical providers or most researchers take vaccine safety seriously.

Finally, the editors of this journal have asked an important question, and I wish to answer it as frankly as I can:

“Is there anything that you think might help to resolve the controversy surrounding vaccinations?”

The controversy surrounding vaccinations will never be resolved until the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act is repealed, and until families 7th amendment rights to have their complaints heard in civil court, under established legal procedure and ruled on by a jury, is restored.

Until there is a way to force public health officials, vaccine industry representatives and medical professionals to testify under oath, and under penalty of perjury, to either defend or retract their fraudulent claims, to pay for the damages done to children (including my child) for their institutionalized abuse and negligence, I will never consent to another member of my family participating in the vaccine program under any circumstances.