

## **The Editors Desk**

### **Vaccination: The government sanctioned assault on the Immune System**

I remember my first encounter with a public health nurse all too well! It happened in 1971 when a well-intended PHN attended my home to check in on my first-born child, and me.

After the preliminary round of standard baby weighing, measuring and pleasantries, the conversation took a very unexpected turn and became a confrontational nightmare of conflicting ethics. She was insisting that I schedule my son's first "shots".

Believing that vaccination was a voluntary procedure, I informed her that I would not be vaccinating my son, but rather had opted to utilize naturopathic enhancements to sustain and strengthen my baby's immune system.

She looked at me as if I was insane, and I saw the anger in her expression before I heard it reflected in her voice, as she bellowed at me: "You have to vaccinate your child. Everyone vaccinates his or her children. It is the socially responsible thing to do, and you owe it to your child to give him this protection!"

I agreed with her that I owed my child protection, but I held my resolve, and flatly refused to co-operate with the vaccination schedule, based on the fact that I had read volumes of hard to find (because it is purposely buried) scientific data that hands down substantiated that vaccination and immunization rarely if ever prevented any disease, and that in fact would predispose my child to disease.

Completely irrelevant to what I had just said to her, she tried to pigeon hole me into a religious context asking me if I was this religion or that religion. Once again, I reiterated that my position was not predicated on a religious belief, but rather on scientific evidence that vaccination is extremely dangerous and prevents nothing.

I asked her when the last outbreak of diphtheria, polio or smallpox took place in North America, and where my son was likely to encounter Tetanus. In other words, how was he at risk? I also pointed out that many babies die or end up paralyzed as a result of routine vaccination, and many researchers believe that Cot Death is directly linked to vaccination. A close friend of mine that gave birth to a little girl a year before my son was born, chose to vaccinate, and ended up with a mentally retarded child because of it. When I shared that story with the nurse, she then admitted to me that this does happen in a "small" percentage of cases.

One of my heroines is Dr Viera Scheibner, a retired Principal Research Scientist for the NSW Government with a doctorate in Natural Sciences. She has published 90 odd papers in scientific reference journals and 3 books, one of which is a concise summary of the results of orthodox medical research into vaccines and their effects. It aims to inform medical professionals, parents and the general public about short and long-term dangerous side-effects, including brain damage and death, of

vaccines; of the ineffectiveness of vaccines in preventing infectious diseases, as shown by epidemics in fully vaccinated populations; and the causal link between DPT and polio vaccines and cot death.

She and her husband, Leif Karlsson, an electronic engineer specializing in patient monitoring systems, developed Cotwatch, a true breathing monitor for babies. Vaccination proved to be the most prominent stressful event to sound the alarm. A microprocessor version of Cotwatch recording babies' breathing patterns presented the effect of vaccination clearly on the computer print-outs and the link between vaccine injections and cot death became painfully obvious.

Following this finding, Dr Scheibner studied some 30,000 pages of medical papers dealing with vaccination. She found no evidence that vaccines are safe or effective. Vaccines are highly noxious. They contain formaldehyde, aluminum phosphate, thiomersal (mercury compound), foreign proteins (antigens) and contaminating animal proteins and viruses from the tissues used as growth medium to culture the viral and bacterial components of vaccines. None of these substances should ever be injected into human beings. They erode the immune system and alter the immunological response to diseases.

The appearance of many new, autoimmune diseases like asthma, affecting alarming numbers of children, childhood leukemia, and cancer, the enormous upsurge in the incidence of cerebral palsy and infantile convulsions seen in children of vaccination age and not before, should all be taken as serious warnings. Infectious diseases contracted at the appropriate age and allowed to run their course are beneficial because they serve to prime and mature the child's immune system.

To all those parents that have stood very difficult ground and endured ridicule and harassment from those that refuse to learn the facts, I salute you for protecting the rights and the health of your children.