

MMR Scare was Based on Fraud!

Wakefield's 1998 study caused a 2010 Rockland County Mumps outbreak!



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New details about Wakefield's work are summarized by the British Medical Journal's editor-in-chief: "The MMR scare was based not on bad science but on a deliberate fraud and that such clear evidence of falsification of data should now close the door on this damaging vaccine scare". A tiny study of 12 patients in 1998 by A.Wakefield and colleagues sparked fear of MMR (Measles/Mumps/Rubella) Vaccine causing autism.

Sadly, many parents still refuse to vaccinate their children and outbreaks of measles have occurred in Europe and in the United States. Europe has reported a number of recent measles deaths in unvaccinated children. Low vaccination rates have lead to our current outbreak of over 1,500 cases of mumps in New York State with over 300 cases to date in Rockland County.

How has this theory has been disproven?

Last year Wakefield was judged by the *British General Medical Council* to have acted "dishonestly", "irresponsibly", and "without approval from an ethics committee" in conducting research. He lost his license to practice medicine. He was a British intestinal specialist without training in Pediatric Neurology, Child Development, or Autism. His funding allegedly came from plaintiff lawyers.

A British medical journal, *The Lancet*, which published the study has now published a complete retraction: "It has become clear that several elements of the 1998 paper by Wakefield are incorrect...we fully retract this paper from the published record." Ten of the twelve co-authors admitted that their data was false and published a formal retraction: "together formally retract the interpretation placed upon these findings." Wakefield's own chief lab technician retested the original tissue samples using modern "DNA" technology and they were all negative (no measles virus).

Many studies have been performed since 1998 to look for any connection between measles vaccine and autism. NONE of them have shown any connection of any kind.

A Danish team of researchers studied 440,000 children who had been vaccinated with MMR vaccine, and compared them to 100,000 children never vaccinated. There were 748 autistic children found in the two groups combined. The **unvaccinated** group an 8% higher number of autistic children!

In 2009 the U.S.Court of Federal Claims ruled that there was no evidence to link MMR vaccine and autism. The ruling followed extensive review of all studies and evidence.

Is Measles a bad disease?

Meanwhile, many parents have lost sight of how deadly measles and mumps can be. Nearly a million children worldwide per year were dying of measles every year until 2001!

An amazing yet poorly publicised *UNICEF/Red Cross Immunization Project* was launched in 2001. Since that time, worldwide deaths from Measles have declined from 800,000 per year to less than 200,000 per year. This was largely due to a massive *MMR Vaccine* immunization effort in Africa. Well over a **million** children are alive today thanks to this *MMR Vaccine* project. Yet the MMR scare is all that makes the news!



What has happened to our immunization rates?

If less than 90% of a community is vaccinated, the whole community is at risk! Immunization rates in Europe have dropped to the point that there have been deaths from measles and thousands of new cases. In New York City we had a measles outbreak last summer with nearly 200 cases.



How did this cause our mumps outbreak?

It is thought that during June 2009, an unvaccinated eleven year old boy traveled to the United Kingdom where he contracted mumps. He then attended a summer camp in this area and the mumps outbreak began. Last year there were over 1,500 cases of mumps in our area, with 19 hospitalizations.



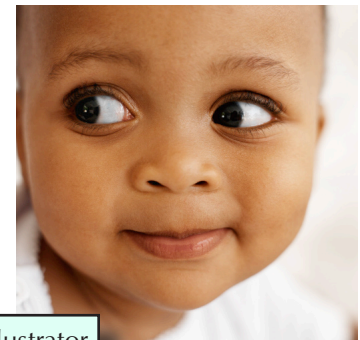
What about the mercury in MMR vaccine? Or aluminum? Or other stuff?

MMR Vaccine **never** had any thimerosal, a non-toxic form of mercury. It was always given in single dose vials which do not require it. There was never any additives such as aluminum either. (By the way, all vaccines at Clarkstown Pediatrics are thimerosal free, and have been for many years.)



Will this end our parent's fear of MMR vaccine?

We are sad to see a recurrence of these terrible diseases, as we know our vaccines are safe. Our safety data comes from 35 years experience with MMR vaccine and billions of doses of MMR vaccine given worldwide. We hope you are as shocked as we are that one dishonest study has put so many children's lives at risk. Don't let it be your child who is unprotected!



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