

September is

# Immunization Awareness

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Month



An epidemic of chronic disease and disability is plaguing America. Our children are the most highly vaccinated children in the world and they are among the most chronically ill and disabled.

Today, the Centers for Disease Control admits that 1 child in 6 in America is developmentally delayed. During the past quarter century, the number of children with learning disabilities, ADHD, asthma and diabetes has more than tripled.

During the past quarter century, the number of doses of vaccines that pediatricians give babies and children under age 6 has more than doubled. More than twice as many children have chronic brain and immune system dysfunction today than did in the 1970's when half as many vaccines were given to children.

## IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE: PAST vs. PRESENT

In the 1970's, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) said children should get 23 doses of 7 vaccines by age 6. The first vaccinations were given at 2 months old. Today, the CDC and AAP tell doctors to give children 48 doses of 14 vaccines by age 6. The first vaccination is given at 12 hours old in the newborn nursery. At age 2 months, a baby can receive 8 vaccines on a single day. At age 15 to 18 months, a child can receive as many as 12 vaccines on a single day.

## VACCINE DANGERS

Thimerosal is the preservative of choice for vaccine manufacturers. First introduced by Eli Lilly and Company in the late 1920s and early 1930s, the company began selling it as a preservative in vaccines in the 1940s. Thimerosal contains **49.6% mercury** by weight and is metabolized or degraded into ethylmercury and thiosalicylate. Mercury, or more precisely, ethylmercury, is the principle agent that kills contaminants. Unfortunately, mercury also kills much more than that.

The Department of Defense classifies mercury as a hazardous material that could cause death if swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through the skin. Studies indicate that mercury tends to accumulate in the brains of primates and other animals after they are injected with vaccines. **Mercury poisoning has been linked to cardiovascular disease, autism, seizures, mental retardation, hyperactivity, dyslexia and many other nervous system conditions.** That's why the FDA rigorously limits exposure to mercury in foods and drugs. Some common sources of mercury include dental amalgam fillings, various vaccines and certain fish contaminated by polluted ocean waters.

## RECOMMENDATIONS vs. LAWS

It is important for you to know the legal requirements of the vaccination laws in your state and to understand the difference between a legal requirement and a recommendation. When making an informed vaccination decision, it is important to consider what factors will affect the safety and effectiveness of a particular vaccine or combination of vaccines your child will receive.

It is important that you ask these eight questions before you Vaccinate:

1. Is my child sick right now?
2. Has my child had a bad reaction to a vaccination before?
3. Does my child have a personal or family history of: vaccine reactions, convulsions or neurological disorders, severe allergies, immune system disorders?
4. Do I know if my child is at high risk of reacting?
5. Do I know how to identify a vaccine reaction?
6. Do I know how to report a vaccine reaction?
7. Do I know the vaccine manufacturer's name and lot number?
8. Do I know I have a choice?

There are medical, religious or personal belief exemptions, which vary from state to state. To use an exemption for your child, you must know specifically what the law says in your state. For information on Virginia's Exemptions to Vaccinations visit: [Virginia.gov](http://Virginia.gov).

## VACCINATIONS: YOUR HEATH. YOUR FAMILY. YOUR CHOICE.

You have the right to decide whether or not to immunize your family. The most responsible decision is an informed decision. There are many non-biased resources available to learn more about the pros and cons of each vaccine. A pro-education, pro-choice resource is the National Vaccine Information Center, [NVIC.org](http://NVIC.org). Founded in 1982 by parents of vaccine injured children, NVIC is the oldest and largest consumer-led non-profit educational organization working to prevent vaccine injuries and deaths and protect the right to informed consent to vaccination. Before you immunize your family, educate yourself on the pros and cons of vaccinations, understand the difference between recommendations vs. laws and always ask yourself the eight questions above.

References: National Vaccine Information Center, [NVIC.org](http://NVIC.org); Natural News, [naturalnews.com](http://naturalnews.com)

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