

Newsletter 33 Letter to Australia's Minister of Health

Re HPV Vaccines and Neurological Damage

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To the Australian Minister of Health, Tanya Pibersek

Re HPV vaccines are not cervical cancer vaccines they are HPV vaccines

Dear Minister Pibersek,

I have previously written to you about the speculative benefits and risks of HPV vaccines on behalf of many concerned consumers but you have not addressed these concerns. Recently the Japanese Government has changed its policy on HPV vaccines due to the high number of adverse events. I would like to present to you the link that exists between HPV vaccines and a high frequency of adverse neurological events - including convulsions, seizures, severe headaches, partial paralysis, involuntary movements of the hands and toes and death. The scientific journals state that 'there have been an unusually high number of adverse reactions to HPV vaccines worldwide and neurological events to this vaccine are seen with the highest frequency' [1] [2]. In Australia Minister Bill Shorten has stated that we are currently experiencing an 'epidemic' of broad spectrum neurological dysfunctions.

This issue is being highlighted at the moment in Japan where the high number of these events led to the Health Ministry asking local government to stop recommending the HPV vaccine to children 12 - 16 years of age on the 15th June 2013. **Dr. Sataro Sato** has stated that these neurological events are caused by encephalomyelitis or inflammation of the brain and spinal cord. He states:

"Cervical cancer vaccines which are chemically bound to special types of (aluminium) adjuvants often trigger encephalomyelitis. Since the vaccines cause auto-antibodies against the brains neuronal fibres to be produced in many cases they have triggered de-myelinating disorders (autoimmune diseases).....they have also induced many cases of cerebral vasculitis."

Here is the link to the Japanese Government's action to stop recommending this vaccine <http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2013/08/24/national/victims-hit-cervical-cancer-vaccines/#.Uhl4HBs3DZx>

It has been known for many years that vaccines are linked to causing autoimmune disorders. Some of these include arthritis, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, etc. Arthritis and Guillain Barre syndrome (paralysis) and are listed as adverse events on the product information (package insert) for many vaccines.

Did you know that the cervical cancer vaccine is not necessary in Australia because Pap screening combined with surgery is almost 100% effective (9 out of 10 cancers) at detecting and preventing cervical cancer? And that Pap screening will still be needed by vaccinated women. HPV vaccines are a vaccine to prevent only 2 of 15+ strains of HPV that are associated with causing cancer. It is *an HPV vaccine not a cervical cancer vaccine* because it has never been demonstrated to prevent any cervical cancer.

My research on the HPV vaccine has been published in the British Society of Ecological Medicine (2011), the ABC on-line Health Report (October 2011), the Infectious Agents and Cancer Journal and it has recently been accepted at the 3rd World Congress on Cancer Science and Therapy in San Francisco in October 2013. Yet the Australian Government has not acknowledged the concerns that are being raised globally about this vaccine and in the medical literature. The paper I am presenting is titled "*HPV vaccination programs have not been demonstrated to be cost-effective in countries with comprehensive Pap screening and surgery*". In other words, the government is subsidising a vaccine that has not been proven to be effective against cervical cancer and that has serious neurological side-effects that are not being acknowledged or adequately monitored by the government.

This evidence suggests that the Therapeutic Goods Administration, that is 100% funded by industry, is not acknowledging the global concern that exists about this vaccine. It is also reported that Professor Terry Nolan, the chairman of the ATAGI committee advising Australia's Health Minister on vaccines has the following financial disclosures: "being an

investigator on vaccine studies sponsored by CSL Ltd and other companies; being a member of a CSL vaccine advisory board and receiving honoraria; and receiving travel support to attend scientific meetings to present research findings from CSL Ltd, Novartis and GlaxoSmithKline" [3].

These financial conflicts of interest are a concern to consumers of vaccines and there are many other members of the NCIRS who also have similar conflicts. This is particularly a concern as your government is increasing the coercive strategies that are being used to enforce vaccination policies. Carol Bennett, President of the Consumers Health Forum, stated in 2011 that she would address this issue but conflicts of interest are still not being revealed to the public.

I am requesting that your government acknowledges these concerns and takes action to suspend this vaccine until it is proven safe and effective. As Australia already has an effective cervical cancer screening in place it will not be an issue to wait until the risks and benefits of this vaccine have been established before subsidising this program. I will copy this email to the global community that is watching as the Australian Government removes our free choice of this medical procedure without providing scientific evidence for the necessity to remove this right.

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