

**Newsletter 36 Selective Science in Vaccination Policies**  
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On the 9th August 2013 an article in the Australian Doctor (on-line journal) informed the public that the Chiropractic Board of Australia has ordered all chiropractors to remove any 'anti-vaccination' material from their waiting rooms and websites. This directive classes all 'risks' to vaccines as 'anti-vaccination' material if they are not described on the Vaccination Information Sheet (VIS) that is provided to health practitioners with each vaccine.

In the medical journals and government documents there are many articles describing the 'risks' of vaccines and many of these known risks have not been listed on the VIS provided to your doctor/health practitioner. The VIS is being prepared by the Immunisation Action Coalition (IAC) for the global education of health professionals on vaccines. The funding for this body is from the CDC - a body that is dominated by industry interests and industry funding (Krimsky 2003, Angells 2005, Michaels 2008). It is this body that is providing educational material on vaccination for health practitioners globally and if doctors and other practitioners are regulated to 'only present the information provided on these sheets' then it is possible to select the information that is used to educate doctors and consumers.

This directive to chiropractors means that even valid scientific information is now labelled 'anti-vaccination' material if it is not included on the VIS.

Doctors /chiropractors/HP's in Australia are regulated by their professional boards to support government vaccination policies and to only present the information on vaccines that is provided to them in their education. Health Professionals risk de-registration if they do not adhere to their 'obligations in the prevention of disease' in the community (MBA 2010).

Below is a link to the guidelines for Good Medical Practice in Australia set by the Medical Board of Australia for the registration of doctors. It indicates that Health Practitioners in Australia are required to 'be aware of their obligations in disease prevention' (which requires them to support government vaccination policies) and to be 'immunised against relevant communicable diseases'. This means that doctors are no longer free to assess

medical information on vaccination for themselves and present the risks (science) of vaccination that are not listed on the VIS.

This is a concern because the information can be 'selected' to present the benefits of vaccines and to reduce the risks. In addition, the media is not presenting the risks of vaccination and many journalists are telling the public 'there is no other side to the vaccination debate'. This information has become indoctrination and not health promotion and unless Australians stand up for their right to be informed about vaccines from different sources of information - and with the participation of consumers in the debate - then there will be no-one to represent the public interest in policy development. Government vaccination advisory boards have many medical and industry representatives but they do not include equal representation of the public who would have a different perspective of the risks of this procedure.

Australians have allowed vaccination to become the default position for many diseases that have not been demonstrated to be a threat to the majority of the population. 11 vaccines in a one year old infant is too many - particularly when the combination of the ingredients in infant bodies has not been proven safe and parents are not informed of the ingredients of this combination of all the vaccines.

I would suggest that parents ask their doctors for the VIS that comes with each vaccine (it is your right to have this information) and to ask if your doctor knows all the ingredients of vaccines. Please also ask them if they are free to present medical information on the risks of vaccines that are not listed on the VIS without risking de-registration from the profession.

Media articles on the outbreak of measles recently are informing the public that it is because of 'unvaccinated people'. There is no evidence provided for this statement. They have also stated that 'measles was eliminated in 2000' but no evidence was provided for this statement either. I will provide the links for these articles and hope that the public will actively participate in this debate because the public is being misinformed with selective science. I will also include a petition to demonstrate your support for consumers participating in decisions on the use of vaccines in public policy.

Here is the link to the guidelines for medical registration in Australia

<http://www.amc.org.au/index.php/about/good-medical-practice>

Here is the link for the article 'Chiros ordered to ditch anti-vax message'

[http://www.australiandoctor.com.au/news/latest-news/chiros-ordered-to-ditch-anti-vax-message?utm\\_source=Cirrus+Media+Newsletters&utm\\_campaign=5411657cec-fe913f1856\\_57489&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_fe913f1856-5411657cec-58702729](http://www.australiandoctor.com.au/news/latest-news/chiros-ordered-to-ditch-anti-vax-message?utm_source=Cirrus+Media+Newsletters&utm_campaign=5411657cec-fe913f1856_57489&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fe913f1856-5411657cec-58702729)

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/sep/19/measles-outbreak-queensland-vaccinate-children>

Here is the petition to show your support for the right to choose how many vaccines we put in our healthy bodies and our children's bodies

[https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/My\\_Body\\_My\\_Choice/?cDZEidb](https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/My_Body_My_Choice/?cDZEidb)

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