

Vaccine Fact Summary

1. In 2011, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that vaccines are “unavoidably unsafe.” *Bruesewitz v. Wyeth LLC*, 131 S. Ct. 1068, 179 L.Ed.2d 1 (2011).¹
2. National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (NVICP) vaccine injury and death payouts²:
 - a. Total to date (1989-2015): \$ 3.1 Billion
 - b. Average annual payout 2005-2009: \$ 75,630,051 per year
 - c. Average annual payout 2010-2014: \$221,822,386 per year
 - d. Cases pending: 1,943
3. There is vast underreporting of vaccine adverse events. FDA: As few as 1% of serious adverse reactions are reported.³ CDC: Only about 10% are reported.⁴ Congress: Has heard testimony that medical students are told not to report suspected adverse events,⁵ despite federal law requiring doctors to report suspected adverse events.⁶ National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) survey: 1 out of 40 doctor's offices (2.5%) in New York report a death or injury following vaccination.⁷ Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS): Only 10% of serious vaccine adverse events are reported.⁸
4. The Federal Court of Claims lists about 140 attorneys that accept vaccine injury and death cases.⁹ This number has been steadily increasing in recent years.
5. The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 (NCVIA) shields vaccine manufacturers from liability for the death and disability caused by their vaccines. There is no financial incentive for manufacturers to produce safer vaccines.¹⁰
6. 90-95% of 1900's childhood infectious disease mortality decline preceded the vaccines.¹¹ Absence of vaccination will not bring back infectious disease rates of pre-vaccine days.
7. According to the CDC:
 - a. Vaccines are 85 – 95% effective (5 - 15% of children do not develop immunity from their vaccines), and most outbreaks start in vaccinated children.¹²
 - b. The median vaccine exemption rate in the U.S. is 1.8%.¹³ There are 5+ times more non-immune *vaccinated* children than exempt children.
 - c. Exempt children can get natural immunity, without even developing symptoms.¹⁴ You can't tell a child's immune status based on their immunization status.
8. The American Medical Association Code of Medical Ethics recommends “medical, religious, or philosophic” exemptions to immunizations for medical doctors.¹⁵
9. The pharmaceutical industry is the biggest defrauder of the federal government under the False Claims Act.¹⁶ In the last 5 years, \$19.2 billion were returned from attempts to defraud federal health programs, more than double that of the previous 5 years (as of February 2014).¹⁷
10. In 8 years (2004-2012), there were twenty pharmaceutical company settlements in the \$345 million to \$3 billion range.¹⁸ Criminal fines in the \$100's of millions are common, and have been as high as \$1 billion (Pfizer 2009, GlaxoSmithKline 2012). This is routine business practice.
11. Merck, manufacturer of the mumps vaccine, is going to trial in two separate lawsuits for allegedly falsifying the efficacy rate of its mumps vaccine. One suit was filed by former employee-whistleblowers, the other by pharmaceutical competitors.¹⁹

Conclusions:

1. There is insufficient data available to determine whether or not vaccines provide a net benefit.
2. There's no way to determine the risk of vaccine injury or death for any given individual.

3. Individual freedom of choice provides a necessary “check and balance” to the pharmaceutical industry’s overreaching, liability-free, marketing influence over vaccine policy and law.
4. Many vaccine bills are relay pharmaceutical marketing bills, and not true health bills.
5. Parents for their children, and adults for themselves, should be allowed to make vaccine decisions, in consultation with the healthcare professional of their choice.

¹ *Bruesewitz v. Wyeth LLC*, <http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/10pdf/09-152.pdf>

² NVICP Statistics Report, February 2015, <http://www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation/statisticsreport.pdf>

³ Less than 1%, according to Barbara Fisher, citing former FDA Commissioner David Kessler, 1993, JAMA, Statement of the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC), Hearing of the House Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, “Compensating Vaccine Injuries: Are Reforms Needed?” September 28, 1999.

⁴ American Association of Physicians and Surgeons, Fact Sheet on Mandatory Vaccines at <http://www.aapsonline.org/>.

⁵ Jane Orient, M.D., Director of the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons, “Mandating Vaccines: Government Practicing Medicine Without a License?” 1999.

⁶ 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-25.

⁷ National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC), 512 Maple Ave. W. #206, Vienna, VA 22180, 703-938-0342; “Investigative Report on the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System.”

⁸ Statement of the AAPS to the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources of the Committee on Government Reform U.S. House of Representatives, Re: Hepatis B Vaccine, Jane Orient, MD, June 14, 1999, <http://www.aapsonline.org/testimony/hepbcom.htm>

⁹ <http://www.uscfc.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/20141208%20Vaccine%20Attorneys.pdf>

¹⁰ See the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-1 *et seq.*, and *Bruesewitz v. Wyeth, LLC, supra*.

¹¹ See, e.g., graphs here:

<http://www.theoneclickgroup.co.uk/documents/vaccines/Immunization%20Graphs%20PPT%20-%20RO%202009.pdf>, <https://childhealthsafety.wordpress.com/graphs/>

¹² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Vaccines and Immunizations, Misconception #2. The majority of people who get disease have been vaccinated. The original link, <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/6mishome.htm>, is now directed to a new CDC page that does not state these facts (but does not state contrary facts). The original CDC page can be viewed here:

<http://web.archive.org/web/20150120055820/http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/6mishome.htm>

¹³ Vaccination Coverage Among Children in Kindergarten – United States 2012-2013 School Year, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), CDC, http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6230a3.htm?s_cid=mm6230a3_eThe

¹⁴ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Vaccines and Immunizations, Glossary, “Asymptomatic infection: The presence of an infection without symptoms. Also known as inapparent or subclinical infection.” <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/about/terms/glossary.htm>

¹⁵ American Medical Association, Opinion 9.133 Routine Universal Immunization of Physicians, <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/medical-ethics/code-medical-ethics/opinion9133.page>

¹⁶ “Public Citizen Study: Pharmaceutical Industry Is Biggest Defrauder of the Federal Government Under the False Claims Act,” Dec. 20, 2010, <http://www.pharmpro.com/news/2010/12/public-citizen-study-pharmaceutical-industry-biggest-defrauder-federal-government-under-false-claims-act>

¹⁷ False Claims Act Whistleblowing Blog, February 2014 archive, <http://www.fraudwhistleblowersblog.com/2014/02/>

¹⁸ List of largest pharmaceutical settlements (2004 – 2012), Wikipedia, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_largest_pharmaceutical_settlements

¹⁹ Lawsuits claiming Merck lied about mumps vaccine efficacy headed to trial, Fierce Vaccines, September 9, 2014, <http://www.fiercevaccines.com/story/lawsuits-claiming-merck-lied-about-mumps-vaccine-efficacy-headed-trial/2014-09-09>