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Vaccinated Children Three Times More Likely to Be Hospitalized

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The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommend annual influenza vaccination for children aged six months to 18 years.

However, new research has shown that children who get the flu vaccine are three times more likely to be hospitalized for the flu. And children with asthma are even more likely to be hospitalized if they are vaccinated.

This has called into question the efficacy of inactivated flu virus vaccination. Dr. Avni Joshi of the Mayo Clinic says, “While these findings do raise questions about the efficacy of the vaccine, they do not in fact implicate it as a cause of hospitalizations.”

Yet, there is no evidence whatsoever that proves it's not the flu shot causing the hospitalizations. If the statistics were reversed, headlines would be claiming the flu shot prevents hospitalizations.

Many parents are convinced that this is just another way to placate the public and protect those with financial interest in promoting vaccines by denying responsibility for the damage these vaccines do.

In the United States, children who have seizures and other complications of vaccinations are not listed as such. Deaths by vaccination are usually listed as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome or an unknown cause.

India, on the other hand, publicizes

injuries and deaths which occur post vaccination. It is only with this information that parents and lawmakers can make intelligent decisions about vaccination.

“If it was only a question of the efficacy of the vaccination, wouldn't both the vaccinated and unvaccinated have similar hospitalization rates for flu?” says Lourdes Salvador of MCS America, “That's not the case here. Only the vaccinated have higher hospitalization rates. This hospitalization is clearly correlated to the receipt of the flu vaccine and requires further investigation to protect the health and lives of the nation's children.”

Some schools of thought believe that vaccinations actually hamper inherent immune function. This may be the case in the higher hospitalization rates of vaccinated children and children with asthma.

“Not to be misunderstood,” emphasizes Salvador, “is that perfectly healthy children without asthma are three times more likely to be hospitalized with flu complications when vaccinated against the flu. This is clearly a significant finding.”

Most states allow vaccination exemptions for school attendance. Exemptions may be available for religious beliefs, philosophical beliefs, and other reasons.

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