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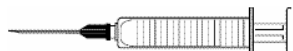
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## NJ-AICV

Founded in the spring of 1999, the New Jersey Alliance for Informed Choice in Vaccination consists of volunteer parents and individuals who monitor vaccine legislation in New Jersey focusing on vaccine safety and the right to informed consent.

### Our Mission:

The New Jersey Alliance for Informed Choice in Vaccination (NJ-AICV) is a citizens group concerned with defending the freedom of all New Jersey citizens to make informed, voluntary, vaccination decisions. Our goal is to protect the right to informed consent through education and awareness on vaccine issues.

*Any information obtained here is not to be construed as medical OR legal advice. The decision to vaccinate and how you implement that decision is yours and yours alone.*



**An Educated Decision is a Wise Decision**

Parents and Individuals  
Concerned About Vaccine  
Safety and the Right to  
Informed Consent

## Chicken Pox Vaccine KNOW THE FACTS



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# Chicken Pox Vaccine

## Weighing The Risks:

Chicken pox has always been considered a mild benign disease occurring in non-epidemic proportions. However, recent promotional ads for the chicken pox (varicella) vaccine, Varivax, try to relate a different story. The vaccine manufacturer, Merck, weighs out the cost of the vaccine as compared to wages lost by a working parent and although the numbers have been compared in that respect, they fall short when it comes to proper medical studies on the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine itself.

## Vaccine Safety?

There have been no studies conducted with Varivax for carcinogenic (cancer causing) mutagenic potential or for impairment of fertility. In fact, the vaccine manufacturer has yet to produce long-term safety studies on the vaccine itself and its ingredients including aborted fetal tissue cells, fetal bovine serum and monosodium glutamate.

## Vaccine Ingredients:

The chicken pox vaccine is a live, weakened (attenuated) version of the varicella virus. The fact that it contains "residual components of human embryonic lung cells (the dissected organs of aborted fetuses) including DNA and protein." may conflict with some religions. But many recipients are not made aware of this nor other information concerning vaccines by their doctors. This vaccine is also grown in embryonic guinea pig cells and contains gelatin and trace amounts of neomycin and should not be given to recipients allergic to them.

## Can it Hurt?:

There have been 9,000 reports of adverse reactions to chicken pox vaccine filed with the federal government since 1995. The Food and Drug Administration includes them in its latest data of 112,699 total vaccine adverse reaction reports, 15 percent including permanent disability and death. The reported side effects are high fevers, chicken pox lesions, shingles (herpes zoster), shock, convulsions, encephalitis, brain damage and death.

The VAERS data has led to the addition of 17 adverse events to the manufacturer's product label since the vaccine was licensed for use in 1995.

Being that this vaccine is in fact a live virus vaccine, it's recipients can shed the virus for weeks after vaccination therefore posing a health risk to pregnant mothers, other infants or other family members with chronic health problems or compromised immune systems.



It is YOUR CHOICE whether or not to vaccinate your child.

## The Varicella Virus:

The chicken pox vaccine was originally developed for children at high risk for complications from chicken pox such as children with leukemia or comprised immune systems. If a healthy child eats properly, the likelihood of any complications from naturally acquired chicken pox is quite minimal. The natural infection is far better at providing an immune protective response. Being that the varicella virus is a member of the human herpes virus family, when naturally acquired, it may provide some protection against other problem causes viruses in this family. It is important to contract the disease naturally before the age of 10 because, in adults, the symptoms are generally worse. The natural route of entry of chicken pox into a child's body is through the mouth and nose (usually inhaling particles that an infected person has coughed) allowing the virus to come in contact with the mucous membranes and trigger the beginnings of an immune response. Once the virus travels to the lymphatic system, additional body defenses kick in. When the virus finally gains access to the blood stream and major organs, the immune system is mounting a full response (thanks to the early alert by the mucous membranes and lymphatic system) and will usually protect the major organs from damage from this virus.



This minor childhood illness of former times served a necessary and positive purpose in challenging and strengthening the immune system.

In contrast, when one's first exposure to this virus is via vaccine, the mucous membranes and lymphatic system are bypassed, leaving immediate access of this live virus to the bloodstream and major organs—a situation that millions of years of evolutionary wisdom seems to have tried to avoid! No one really knows what the long term ramifications are to this unorthodox exposure to this virus.

## Will the Vaccine Protect?

Varivax developers admit that the vaccine only causes temporary immunity, with an estimated effectiveness of 6-10 years. The question remains as to whether mass vaccination in childhood will drive chicken pox disease into the older population where it can cause many more deaths and complications. This possibility exists not only because immunity will wear off in those who have been vaccinated but also because chicken pox disease will not be as prevalent in the population. There is no evidence that when little girls who have received the chicken pox vaccine grow up and become mothers, they will be able to pass sufficient antibodies on to their babies to protect them from chicken pox in infancy.

## More Facts:

- Physicians advise Varivax vaccine recipients not to use aspirin for 6 weeks after vaccination because of the chance of developing Reyes Syndrome.
- Pregnancy should be avoided for at least 3 months after vaccination.
- Washington Post Friday, February 2, 2001 12 Montgomery Maryland children who had chicken pox vaccine contract the disease.

## Be Informed:

If you feel your child suffered an adverse reaction to any vaccine, contact the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) at 1-703-938-0342, toll free at 1-800-909-SHOT or use their online form at <http://www.NVIC.org>

### Great sites to assist your research:

<http://home.san.rr.com/via/>  
<http://www.whale.to/m/butler11.html>  
[http://www.mercola.com/2001/feb/14/chicken\\_pox\\_vaccine.htm](http://www.mercola.com/2001/feb/14/chicken_pox_vaccine.htm)  
<http://www.compassionatesouls.com/chickenpox.html>



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