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MEASLES VACCINE ALERT! • PARENTS - MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION!

January, 1996

Dear Citizen:

As medical authorities gear up for yet another "sweeping new round of measles vaccinations", an absence of balanced reporting and glaring omissions of import facts is disturbingly apparent.

We are told that vaccines are "required before a youngster can attend school". The fact is, the Immunization of School Pupils Act guarantees all parents in Ontario the right to refuse any of the childhood vaccinations for reasons of conscience or religion upon completion of the exemption form which is attainable from school nurses or the public health department.

For 30 years the public has been told that a single shot of measles vaccine will prevent the disease and give life-long immunity. But it has become apparent, as measles break out in thoroughly vaccinated populations all over North America, that the vaccine just isn't working. And giving all the children yet another shot, at tremendous public expense isn't going to fix it.

Prior to the vaccine, measles was regarded as an ordinary disease of childhood, with very low risk in healthy, well nourished children. Everyone knew that "getting the measles" also gave lifelong immunity. And most importantly, mothers naturally passed on strong protective maternal antibodies which safeguarded young infants from contracting the disease in the early vulnerable months of life. Today, however, this natural cycle has been broken and altered by the vaccine, creating a new spectrum of high risk groups. At one end are the infants whose mothers are unable to develop adequate protective antibodies because they themselves were vaccinated, and at the other end are the teens and young adults whose vaccine induced temporary immunity has begun to wear off. Both groups are at higher risk of complications should they get the disease than if it were allowed to occur naturally in childhood. In Britain, where many parents are rejecting the vaccine precisely for these reasons, networks have been formed, and people are getting together for "measles parties" - so kids can get exposure, get the measles, and develop lifelong immunity.

In the U.S., Dr. Richard Moscovitch supports this view - "The ability to mount a vigorous, acute response to infection deserves recognition as being indispensable to the maturation of a healthy immune system", and that the "ordinary" childhood disease of measles and the "permanent immunity acquired in recovering from the natural disease represents a net gain for the total health of the human race."

There is an international ground swell of growing concern that all is not well with vaccination agendas, and that many of the vaccines carry with them unacceptable risks not only to individual children, but to larger populations as well. Concerned parents may wish to consider a broader perspective than that experience as we use the same vaccines, made by the same offered by the current North American medical model. In

Switzerland, a group of 180 medical doctors have voiced serious objections to the MMR (measles, mumps & rubella) campaigns both in their own country and world wide.

"After extensive studies, it is clear that the aim of eradicating these three centuries old childhood diseases in Switzerland is not possible. The danger'is that mass immunization of infants will destroy the natural resistance of children to such an extent that dangerous epidemics will result."

A fundamental danger is that the mass deployment of measles vaccine has altered the epidemiology of the disease and the ecological balance between the virus and humans, and could lead to the breakdown of our collective resistance leaving us to face the kinds of deadly epidemics that decimated native populations when first exposed to measles by Europeans migrating to North America.

In the course of suppressing normal childhood illnesses such as measles through artificial means, we may be inviting an invasion of a broad spectrum of immune system disorders, such as multiple sclerosis, juvenile diabetes, rheumatoid

arthritis and cancer in its many forms. A British research team at the Royal Free Hospital School of medicine is finding evidence that children exposed to measles vaccine "hugely increases a person's vulnerability to Chrohn's disease - as well as to autism."

Australian research scientist, Dr. Viera Sceibnor, has analyzed thousands of scientific articles and concludes that "it has been well documented that injections of foreign proteins, including those in vaccines do not immunize. rather they sensitize. Instead of protecting against infectious diseases they increase the recipient's susceptibility to infectious diseases. Moreover, vaccines modify the immunologic response and cause a great variety of autoimmune diseases."

Of particular concern recently has been the discovery of reverse transcriptase in live measles and mumps vaccine that originates from chicken cells sued to make the vaccines and the potential for transfer of inter-species viral infections from animals into humans with as yet unknown repercussions in years to come.

Barbara Lee Fisher, author of A SHOT IN THE DARK, (a compelling book about the health destruction of whooping cough vaccine), and founder of the National Vaccine Information Centre in the U.S. is a parent of a vaccine injured child. 'Today, most Americans don't know that more than 17,000 adverse events, including 2,625 severe injuries and 360 deaths following vaccination were reported to the federal government in a 20 month period ending in July 1992. The FDA estimates that only 10 per cent of all adverse events following vaccination are reported by physicians. Therefore, the actual numbers may be 170,000 adverse events following vaccination, including 3,600 deaths and 26,250 serious injuries.

Those American data can be extrapolated to the Canadian manufacturers and follow the same vaccination agendas.

VARIANCE (Vaccination Risk Information and Alternatives Resource Group) gathers and disseminates information to concerned parents. Its goal is to protect young children's health by providing parents with a balance of information with which they can make informed decisions around questions of vaccine risk. For more information please contact:

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team's participation in an outof-country tournament in 1997. For more information or to arrange for pick-up, call Wendy or Steve at 878-3835.

The Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr., holds Robbie Burns Party at 6 p.m. The event features pipers, singers, dancers and traditional Scottish fare, including haggis. The cost is \$15 per person. Call 875-1681 to reserve tickets.

The Women's Ministries of New Life Pentecostal Church presents seminar/luncheon Jews for Jesus from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The guest speaker is Karol Joseph, co-ordinator of Jews for Jesus, Toronto branch. She discusses Jewish evangelism, traditions and her personal testimony. Tickets cost \$10. Call 878-3358 for details. The church is located on Third Line, south of Derry and Thompson roads.

The Italian-Canadian Club of Milton holds a dinner/dance at its facility at 104 Townline. The event is open for cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at p.m. Everyone is welcome. Tickets cost \$25 per person. All proceeds go/to Milton District Hospital.

Saturday Jan. 20-21

St. John Ambulance holds a weekend CPR course. Learn what to do in an emergency. For more information and registration, call 878-4330.

Monday Jan. 22

Friends of the Halton Region Museum meets at Hugh Foster Hall at 7:30 p.m. Noted author Eleanor/ Gardhouse presents "Cemet eries: Built for the Living Not for the Dead." Learn how cemeteries preserve our heritage. Everyone is welcome. For further information, contact Janet Quinton, chairperson, at 875-2200 or 336-3899.

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contact Ellen at 875-4894 or Brenda at 878-7790.

Tuesday Jan. 23

The Halton Vaginal Birth After Caesarean/Caesarean Awareness Group (VBAC/ CA) meets to provide information, support and topical discussion to those interested. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. For more information and location, call Susan at 842-3385 or Michele at 634-2191.

Wednesday Jan. 24

The Oakville Fibromyalgia Support Group meets at the Sir John Colborne Centre (Lakeshore Road and Third Line) at 7:30 p.m. The topic is "What is Fibromyalgia?" A round table discussion follows. For more information, call 827-

It's Guest Speaker Day at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr. Seniors are invited for a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by Rae Bains, who gives a hands-on massage therapy presentation at 12:30 p.m.

Thursday Jan. 25

The Victorian Order of Nurses holds a foot care clinic at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr., from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15. For information or an appointment, call 875-INFO (4636). ** Foot care clinics are by appointment only.

The Living with Cancer Group meets in the Fellowship Room of St. Paul's United Church, 123 Main St. E., from /7:30 to 9 p.m. Group discussion provides emotional support and practical guidance to patients and their family and friends. For more information, contact Eleanor at 878-1876 or the North Halton Cancer Society at 877-1124.

Seniors are invited to the Millon Seniors' Activity Centre's monthly Diners Club (P.E.P.) and Halton Regional evening. Participants meet at a Police present Parent Drug local restaurant to socialize and Awareness Night at John enjoy gourmet dining. Call 875-1681 for the location. A Street at 7:30 p.m. Be as aware car pool leaves the centre, 500 as your children are about Childs Dr., shortly after 5:30

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