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### **Gardasil Vaccine Death Toll Averaging a Victim a Month**

The controversial Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccine is reported to be causing an average of one death per month, according to an FDA Report obtained by a governmental watchdog agency.

Complications including "anaphylactic shock," "foaming at mouth," "grand mal convulsion," "coma" and "now paralyzed" are a few of the startling descriptions included in a new federal report describing the complications from Merck & Co.'s Gardasil medication for the sexually transmitted human papillomavirus. The Gardasil vaccine has been proposed as mandatory for all schoolgirls as young as eleven years old.

The document, obtained from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration by Judicial Watch, a Washington group that investigates and prosecutes government corruption, has details of ten deaths just since last September. The organization's work uncovered reports of about one death each month since last fall, bringing the total death toll from the drug to at least 18 and as many as 20. There also were 140 reports of "serious" complications including about three dozen classified as life-threatening, ten spontaneous abortions and half a dozen cases of Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

Eleven deaths occurred less than a week after receiving the vaccine. Seven women died in less than two days. The most common diagnosed cause was blood clotting. One woman died from a clot within three hours of the vaccine.

Another 23 year-old woman was vaccinated with her first dose of Gardasil on January 31, 2008 and thereupon went into anaphylactic shock. The report says, "patient experienced anaphylactic shock two minutes after vaccination characterized by a brief loss of consciousness... respiratory arrest, eyes rolled upwards, blurred vision and grayish skin tone... Anaphylactic shock was considered to be immediately life-threatening." A 14 year-old girl took six steps after being injected with the vaccine before she collapsed to the floor unconscious and foaming at the mouth. The girl regained consciousness after "a 60 second grand mal seizure" and had "pale clammy skin" and blood pressure of 60/40.

The document reveals the case of an 18-year-old woman who got the Gardasil vaccine, being found unconscious that evening, and later died. Another woman, age 19, got the drug and the next morning was found dead in her bed.

Judicial Watch also found 8,864 Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) records associated with Gardasil, more than double the 3,461 events that had been reported with the HPV vaccine in Fall 2007. Many experienced outbreaks of genital

warts from the HPV vaccine.

A key researcher into human papillomavirus, which is targeted by Gardasil, reported it needed more testing, and even the Centers for Disease Control suggested the vaccine should not be mandatory.

Judicial Watch said one of the reports, VAERS ID: 310262-1 (D), had this to say: "Information has been received...concerning a 20-year-old female with no medical history reported, who on 01-APR-2008 was vaccinated with a dose of Gardasil....The patient died four days after...patient sought unspecified medical attention. An autopsy was performed which ruled out suicide and anything suspicious."

Another report said, "Information has been received from a physician concerning a female patient who on an unknown date was vaccinated with a dose of Gardasil. Subsequently, the patient experienced a coma and is now paralyzed. At the time of this report, the patient's outcome was unknown. VAERS ID: 303188-1"

The target of the vaccine is cervical cancer, since studies show that those who have HPV have a higher chance of later developing cervical cancer. However, opponents note that such cancers develop most often in older women, while the plan is to require girls as young as 11 or 12 years old to be inoculated. They cite the lack of evidence that the vaccine would have an impact later in life.

A Judicial Watch report said, "Even though Gardasil will not be fully tested for safety until 2009, physicians are already pushing it as a routine, harmless vaccine. Merck's aggressive advertisement campaign tells young girls that their lives could be 'one less' affected by cervical cancer and that, 'It's your turn to help guard against cervical cancer.'"

Officials with the Abstinence Clearinghouse noted in a position paper that groups including the Texas Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, and the American Academy of Environmental Medicine have come out publicly against mandatory vaccination.

"The reasoning of these medical associations is clear. They are not opposed to medical progress, and certainly support all efforts to combat life-threatening diseases. The problem, as these organizations see it, lies in the fact that the drug only went through three and a half years of testing, leaving the medical community somewhat in the dark as to what serious adverse effects might result in the long term," the group said at the time.

"Along with the potential of serious adverse effects is the question of efficacy. There is evidence that after approximately four years, the vaccine's potency significantly declines. The long-term value of the vaccine has yet to be determined; if it wears off within six years, will girls and women need to repeat the battery of injections they originally received?" the organization wondered.

"Given all the questions about Gardasil, the best public health policy would be to re-evaluate its safety and to prohibit its distribution to minors," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "In the least, governments should rethink any efforts to mandate or

promote this vaccine for children."

Read the special report by Judicial Watch:

<http://www.judicialwatch.org/documents/2008/JWReportFDAhpVaccineRecords.pdf>

## **Adult Stem Cell Research With Cord Blood Cells Eases Girls' Cerebral Palsy**

The reason embryonic stem cell research isn't high on the issues list in the upcoming election, just might be the ongoing successes in the area of adult stem cells. While embryonic cells still haven't helped a single patient, adult stem cells continue to perform miracles.

Arizona toddler Chloe Levine had cerebral palsy and was unable to perform tasks such as holding her bottle with her right hand or crawling. After a diagnosis with a neurologist, Levine's parents say they learned she had right-side hemiplegic cerebral palsy and would need nearly two decades of therapy.

The family learned of an experimental procedure at Duke University where doctors were using children's own stem cells from umbilical cord blood to heal and repair damaged brain tissue.

The family had banked Chloe's blood and could use the cells from it to help her. So two months ago, two year old Chloe had the injection of her own banked umbilical cord blood cells.

"Her therapist said she's made a 50 percent recovery," her father, Ryan Levine, told Fox News. "She can walk, run, and do sign language with her right hand."

"It was a miracle," Dr. Manny Alvarez, managing health editor of FOXNews.com commented on FOX & Friends. "I congratulate you for banking her cord blood. Stem cells are a new field of medicine and they certainly can rejuvenate the tissue." He urged parents to bank the cord blood of their newborn child.

"There is no downside, this is material we used to throw away," he said. "And while the blood is most useful for the child it came from, it can sometimes be used for siblings. This is a science that is evolving more and more."

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*(For the latest information, see [www.calendarforlife.org](http://www.calendarforlife.org))*

## **Reclaiming Fatherhood: A Multifaceted Examination of Men Dealing With Abortion**

## **September 8-9 Chicago, Illinois**

The second conference on men dealing with abortion will be in Chicago, Sept, 8-9,2008. For further information call 414-483-4141. All conference details, including a list of speakers, are on line at [www.menandabortion.info](http://www.menandabortion.info)

## **End of Life Issues September 13, 2008 8:30AM-3:00PM San Francisco Ca.**

Respect Life Program of the Archdiocese of San Francisco in cooperation with California Catholic Women's Forum and Respect Life Ministry Diocese of Oakland present "End of Life Issues" at St. Mary's Cathedral Geary & Gough Street, San Francisco. Speakers will include Nancy Valko RN, Many Schrembi, MSW, who has worked for years in hospice and is the Director of Aging & Counseling at Catholic Charities CYO Carol Hogan of the Ca. Catholic Conference and Ray Dennehey, professor at USF. Topics will include: definition of death, organ transplants, palliative sedation, nutrition and hydration, assisted suicide bills, conscience clauses, hospice care and living wills.

Nursing Continuing Education credits available.

For further information contact Vicki Evans 415-614-5533. For reservations call 415-614-5567.

Cost \$35 (\$50 for nursing CE credit) Deadline for registration – September 5 (additional \$10 fee for registration after September 5.) Registration includes box lunch.

## **40-Days for Life Nationwide (Worldwide) September 24 through November 2**

The fall campaign of 40-Days-for-Life begins SEPTEMBER 24 through NOVEMBER 2, ending the Sunday before America goes to the polls to elect new national leaders — a **crucial** time for people of faith and conscience to join together in a massive, unified effort of prayer, fasting and peaceful action. Over 100 cities have committed to this prayerful action to end abortion in America, through prayer, fasting and vigil at local abortion mills.

For more information, and to locate a campaign in your area, see <http://40daysforlife.com> or contact this office and we will assist you in locating the closest campaign in your local area.

Now is the time to reflect and pray on how you can be involved in the largest grassroots effort to end Abortion in America. Is God calling you to join others in vigil and prayer outside a local abortion clinic? Are you called to join in the fast for Life? Even if there isn't a prayer vigil location in your area, you can join the campaign through daily prayer e-mails – you're your e-mail address to [callife@calright2life.org](mailto:callife@calright2life.org) and we will add you to

the prayer supporters distribution list.

## **Around the Office**

### **Safely Surrender Your Baby Project**

In our last newsletter we included a pamphlet and article about the California Safely Surrender Your Baby Law. We printed and distributed almost 2,500 English and over 1,500 Spanish copies of this pamphlet in color, and over 1,000 Black & White, just in the first month. Our canvassers cover the spectrum from Pro-Life to Pro-Choice, mansion dweller to several homeless folks who when presented with the program were eager to help us get out the message. This was our major talking point at the July mall table and several people were unaware of this law. Have you evangelized your environs on this critical piece of legislation that might save a precious newborn? If you need more copies of the pamphlet, contact this office at [callife@calright2life.org](mailto:callife@calright2life.org) or 925-944-5351.

With the marvelous response we have received from this endeavor, we are considering printing another set of pamphlets, however our funds are depleted at this time. Can you send us a few dollars to help offset the cost of printing? Each color pamphlet costs twenty-five cents to print, so a donation of \$5.00 would allow us to put twenty pamphlets in a local pamphlet rack. Many of our canvassers are unable to pay for their supplies, some are called to be distributors of material, and others can assist the effort through cash donations for the materials. Everyone can do something.

Please remember California Right to Life Educational Fund when allocating your charity dollars. Each year we experience a “summer slump,” and it has hit us especially hard this summer as we continued to expand through promoting projects like the “Safely Surrender Your Baby” project.

### **Donation Update – Credit Cards Accepted**

We now have an option for credit card donations through the Local Independent Charities website. If you are interested in considering this method of donating, please contact our office for further information and instructions.

The annual United Way/Combined Federal Campaign and other workplace payroll deduction charity drives will be having kickoffs in the next couple of months. Consider donating through payroll deduction as a wonderful way to support the cause of life.

Your dollars allow us to be a voice for life in the culture of death. We continue to support various groups with materials for information tables at shopping malls, county fairs and church ministry fairs. Without your support we will be unable to continue to provide our dedicated volunteers with pro-life materials.