

Smallpox: Bringing a Dead Disease Back to Life

[E-mail to a friend](#) 

Page 1 of 2 ([Page 2](#))

By [Tim O'Shea](#)

With a flair worthy of PT Barnum and Edward L Bernays, mainstream media is lately employing a brilliant menage of pseudoscience and well-edited history to concoct a new myth out of thin air: terrorists are about to release smallpox as a bioweapon that could decimate our population.

To see what smallpox vaccine reactions look like please to go to the [CDC site](#).

But soft! - our ever-vigilant security forces are ready. Government leaders with degrees in law, not science, have decided to prepare enough vaccine to inoculate every American. And to empower themselves to legislate the vaccine's administration, sanctioned by severe penalties for refusal. [12]

Price tag for the new doses: over \$800 million. [28] But what is money when compared with the health and security of the American people?

Answer: it's still money.

Almost every day a new story comes out in the major news Matrix about the coming threat and the vaccine that will save us. In true Edward L Bernays fashion, [13] the features are generally written by the "health correspondent" with the requisite lack of credentials, disregard of history, and the standard formidable barrage of uncited and anonymous sources.

But we are not taken in, not us, because we know that forgetting history, we are destined to repeat it. So let's try something unknown to the meretricious press - let's review the actual history and science of smallpox and apply it to the present.

What Was Smallpox?

Smallpox was an infectious viral disease, which was evident for centuries in places with poor sanitation, poverty, and malnutrition. Hundreds of thousands died, and there was no cure. The infectious agent was Orthopox variola. [2] By the end of the 18th century the disease was following the natural course: burning itself out on the human population, confining itself to those with the lowest immune capabilities.

Smallpox was the first disease for which vaccination was tried. It all started with Edward Jenner at the end of the 1700s.

The story that we find in 99% of standard references is that Jenner's vaccine saved the world from the dread smallpox, which had plagued the human race for centuries. Mass inoculation programs were instituted in many countries worldwide, usually backed by the government. The vaccine supposedly immunized the people for life. If the legend starts to sound a little whitewashed, there's a reason why. So let's start at the beginning.

Edward Jenner

as you may remember, was the English "physician" in the late 1700s who took note of an old superstition that milk-maids who got a mild disease known as cowpox supposedly didn't get smallpox. As an experiment, Jenner came up with the idea of drawing serum from an infected cowpox pustule on the skin of an infected milkmaid. He then injected the infected pus into a perfectly healthy person, on the theory that contact with this "milder" disease would allow the subject to develop immunity to the more deadly smallpox.

Jenner's theory was that this cow-pox is smallpox of the cow. Therefore, if you give a person cow-pox, it is the same as smallpox, only in a very mild form. And it would not be infectious.

And at midnight, the coach would turn back into a pumpkin...

Going even further out on a limb, Jenner himself absolutely declared that it is not that cow-pox is a preventive of smallpox but that it is smallpox itself. (Hadwen)

While Jenner is universally venerated today as mankind's deliverer from the scourge of infectious disease in probably 99% of references, a little different version of Jenner's rise to fame and wealth is summarized in Miller's book Immunizations, p 24. [9] Other sources from Jenner's own contemporaries who were less than enchanted with his idea of variolation appear throughout Anderson's The Facts Against Compulsory Vaccination, [7] the writings of Walter Hadwen, [5] and the very thorough research by Alfred Russell Wallace. [6]

From these writers we can learn a few details that most edited modern drafts of this story omit, such as:

- the utter lack of science underlying Jenner's original claim of immunity from vaccines
- the number of deaths and disfiguring cases his experiments brought to those unsuspecting patients who were unfortunate enough to be talked into trying Jenner's injections during those early years.

Even from the beginning, after inoculating his very first patient - 8 year old James Phipps - Jenner absurdly maintained that his injections were conferring lifetime immunity:

"...what renders the cowpox virus so extremely singular is that the person who has been thus affected is for ever after secure from the infection of the smallpox."

- Jenner, 1797, cited in H.B. Anderson [7]

Reality Check

Many of Jenner's own contemporaries were shocked at how easily the scientific community was taken in by this auteur. Perusing the work of Walter Hadwen MD, [5] celebrated English surgeon, author, and medical scholar of 100 years ago, we find a version of the Jenner story that is not so set in bronze as most of what we read today. Hadwen points out a few cracks in Jenner's pedestal:

Jenner was no physician. He never passed a medical exam in his life, completed any course of medical study, or received a diploma from any medical school.

Jenner bought his medical degree for £15 from St Andrew's College in Scotland, which he never attended

(Hume, p 174 [17], also Hadwen [14])

Jenner "tested" his theory on one patient, and then immediately claimed that he had "immunized" the patient against smallpox for life. Jenner also claimed that the vaccine would work universally. That's it! No controlled clinical trials, no years of research, nothing! One patient!

With no proof whatsoever, and a sample size of one, Jenner tricked the entire medical profession, then and now, into pretending that cowpox was smallpox in cows - a total scientific inaccuracy. And then he sold the idea that his vaccine was the cure. [5, 14]

Wheel Of Fortune

Not long after his "breakthrough," Jenner's repeated petitions to the House of Commons struck gold. It finally dawned on the English government how millions of pounds sterling could be moved around by passing a law making the new smallpox vaccine compulsory. Jenner was promptly awarded the enormous sum of £30,000 by British Parliament and suddenly this uneducated poseur was a revered scientist! (Wallace [6])

Two Different Diseases

Legitimate scientists of Jenner's day decried the smallpox vaccine from the start. Bechamp, Hadwen, Wallace, and others thought it appalling that the most basic facts concerning the distinction between cowpox and smallpox were simply never discussed. If the original axioms of vaccination were true, how could one disease vector immunize against a completely separate disease? This was the question that was never asked, and is still ignored today.

Watch closely: the two diseases - cowpox and smallpox - are completely distinct conditions. Hadwen explains:

"What is cow-pox? It is a disease which occurs on the teats of cows; it only occurs when they are in milk; only in one part of the body, and naturally only in the female animal; it results in an ugly chancre; and is not infectious.

Small-pox, on the other hand, is not limited to the female sex as is cow-pox, nor to one portion of the body; it presents different physical signs, and, furthermore, is tremendously infectious, and the course and symptoms of the two diseases are totally different. Therefore there is no analogy between the two." [5]

Hadwen wrote this 100 years ago, but his objections are still valid. Doing a taxonomic check today in a standard index of viruses from a National Institutes of Health database [21] readily points out that cowpox is caused by a virus called Orthopox vaccinia and smallpox is caused by a virus called Orthopox variola. These two viruses have different sizes, genetic sequences, and characteristics. To pretend that cows get a version of smallpox called cowpox is bizarre enough - but then to say that people who get the same disease are immune to smallpox is simply fantasy.

This chart may be helpful:

Cowpox Smallpox

| | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|
| Only in female cows | Only in humans | Not infectious | Infectious | Orthopox vaccinia |
| | | | | Orthopox variola |

- Microsoft Encarta, 2001 [18]

How scientific was it to transfer diseases back and forth between humans and animals in the preparation and administration of vaccines? Real scientists were shocked at such a practice. But their views were suppressed. We'll see this sloppy science emerge again with polio vaccine and the invention of HIV. (Horowitz)

How Was The Smallpox Vaccine Made?

From an original monograph by Dr Walter Hadwen, here is an account of how smallpox vaccine was first made:

1. A 3 month old calf was tied down on its side.
2. 30 - 50 one inch incisions were made in its stomach
3. Smallpox pus rubbed into each incision
4. Calf is returned to its pen, restrained so as to be unable to lick the sores
5. Wait one week.
6. Smallpox pustules form
7. Calf strapped down again
8. Encrusted pus is scraped off each sore and the remaining blood, lymph, and pus is then drained out.
9. It is placed in a crucible and heated, adding glycerine as a binder
10. Mixed and strained to remove hair and dead flesh.
11. Poured into tubes as sold as pure calf lymph - or smallpox vaccine.

Very scientific. This formula was used for decades, even up to modern times, until it was replaced by Dryvax, which today employs far more sophisticated science: Dryvax is cultured on the cells of an aborted human fetus. (PDR, 2002 [19])

The majority of historical references found in mainstream sources have loudly proclaimed the safety and effectiveness of the smallpox vaccine. This erroneous general perception continues today.

- "Cowpox" Microsoft® Encarta® Online Encyclopedia 2001 [18]

Likewise from The Columbia Encyclopedia, Sixth Edition. 2001: [20]

cowpox:

"...infectious disease of cows caused by a virus related to the virus of smallpox. Also called variola, it is characterized by pustular lesions on the teats and udder. Cowpox is transmitted by contact, inducing a mild infection of the hands in persons who milk

infected cows. The fact that such persons had immunity to smallpox led Edward Jenner to attempt vaccination with this virus, instead of using the dangerous method of vaccinating with material from the sores of smallpox. Jenner's method was successful and is the basis of the modern vaccination against smallpox."

Did The Original Vaccine Work?

By 1853, Parliament began passing laws to make the untested vaccine compulsory throughout the British empire. Other countries of Europe followed suit.

Once the economic implications of compulsory vaccinations were realized, few dared to disagree. Then as now, the media were controlled by the vaccine manufacturers and the government, who stood to make huge money from the sale of these spurious vaccines. Hadwen put it like this:

"... so strong is the effect of authority, custom, and endowment, and so prone are people to save themselves the trouble of personal investigation by the simple process of accepting the decisions of "the majority" ... When once an error is accepted by a profession corporately and endowed by Government, to uproot it becomes a herculean task." [14]

And this is how mass immunizations get started. Once the money machine started rolling, doctors who questioned the research were ignored. Despite the lack of scientific validation and hundreds of thousands of documented vaccine deaths, compulsory smallpox vaccination lasted for 120 years! The US was the last holdout, finally giving it up in 1971.

Prussian Roulette

Hadwen provides a rare window into the medical research of a century ago, one that has not received the usual whitewash. He tells the amazing story about Prussia, the most vaccinated country in Europe during the 1800s - also the country that kept the best records. Hadwen had access to these medical records before the media had the sense to suppress them. Here's what they showed:

It happened that Prussia passed a mandatory vaccination law in 1834 for smallpox. The law provided that every infant be vaccinated, and then revaccinated when starting school. After graduation the child had to be vaccinated again, and then once more upon entering the Army!

And all healthy males had to go into the Army. Anyone who refused the vaccination was to be "held down and vaccinated by force; and so thoroughly was it done that he was vaccinated in ten places on each arm." [14]

OK, so we get the idea that almost 100% of Prussians got Jenner's smallpox vaccine. So what happened in Prussia 35 years after this vaccination law? A smallpox epidemic which killed "124,978 of her vaccinated and re-vaccinated citizens after thirty-five years of compulsory vaccination!" [14]

License to Kill ...