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Mercury Detoxification

The effects of mercury on autistic children has come to light only in the past 18 months, after it was realized that the amount of mercury preservative in many vaccines (although not the MMR vaccine) is grossly in excess of the permissible standards.

During the past year, a number of physicians from throughout the United States who have been working with autistic children have reported extremely good results in improving the health and behavior of autistic children when the mercury in the children's bodies were removed by a systematic process of detoxification. Some of these physicians, who have specialized in the treatment of autistic children for a number of years, and who have treated many hundreds of autistic children, report that no other treatment has brought about the remarkable improvement that they have seen in many cases of mercury detoxification. Detoxification is not simple, and there are many competing detoxification protocols.

In response to this situation, the Autism Research Institute (ARI) convened a Consensus Conference on the Detoxification of Autistic Children in Dallas, Texas, February 9th through 11th, 2001. The attendees were 25 carefully selected physicians and scientists knowledgeable about mercury and mercury detoxification. The 15 physicians present included 7 who were parents of autistic children and who had detoxified their own children with excellent results. The physician attendees present had treated well over 3,000 patients for heavy metal poisoning, about 1,500 of them being autistic children. The chemists, toxicologists, and other scientists present had a combined total of almost 90 years of experience in studying the toxicology of mercury.

The purpose of the meeting was to arrive at a consensus document which would delineate the safest and most effective methods of detoxifying autistic children. Nine candidate detoxification protocols, including five submitted by non-attendees, were considered in detail by the conferees.

The meeting was an outstanding success. Despite some initial concern that the various areas of disagreement would prove divisive, the participants resolved the controversial issues harmoniously and arrived at the consensus position that was hoped for.

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- The ARI **Mercury Detoxification Consensus Position Paper** may be downloaded free from this web site. If you have Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer, you can read and/or download the paper. ([Click here](#) to download a free copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader.) The last page of the paper contains a copy of the **Mercury Detoxification Evaluation Form (MDEF)**. This form is designed to allow parents to track how well their child is responding to a mercury detox procedure. The MDEF score reflects the severity of the child's symptoms.
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