

Recently, there was an article that said the DPT (diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus) was safe. Bernard Rimland, PhD wrote the following editorial, Vaccinations: The Overlooked Factors (<http://www.autism.com/ari/editorials/vaccinations.html>) where he mentioned as far back as the 1960s he was getting reports from parents that felt the DPT vaccine was causing autism. The vaccine companies are responsible for the safety of the product as is in the Food and Drug Administration in the US. Unfortunately, there has never been any independent, long-term safety studies done on any of the vaccines.

Here is reported adverse reactions to the DPT

Pertussis

<http://www.whale.to/vaccines/encephalitis.htm>

Tetanus

<http://www.whale.to/vaccines/tetanus6.html>

Diphtheria

[http://www.whale.to/vaccines/dt\\_polio.html](http://www.whale.to/vaccines/dt_polio.html)

We should be having more funding of independent research looking into the MMR link to autism (Vijendra Singh, Andrew Wakefield, James Oleske, etc.) as well as other vaccines (to date, no funding for these studies by the National Institutes of Health, Cure Autism Now, National Alliance for Autism Research, and the MIND Institute----why? Are they not interested in finding out what they can do to prevent and treat autism? Or are they going through the motions?), there should be before and after vaccine studies funded (like the one that Harold Buttram had in mind that was turned down by the MIND Institute), and funding of independent, long-term safety studies.

Until there is real scientific funding rather than propaganda pieces that vaccines don't cause autism, the families of autistic children are going to be continually screwed and short-changed. Plus, the autism epidemic will continue. Plus, children with autism (and Families) will be deprived of immune therapeutic treatments that could help them lead a better life

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