

# Vaccinate the Preemies

Extremely premature infants who are immunized against diphtheria, tetanus and other diseases at the same ages as full-term babies, as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, appear to remain protected against these diseases during their early elementary school years.

Previous research suggested that these infants might exhibit a reduced immune response in later years.

This response wanes over the first 7 years of life more rapidly than in former full-term infants, but the premature babies' antibody levels are still okay at 7 years.

Furthermore, the two groups had similar immunity to pertussis and polio, the report indicates.

"These findings support the American Academy of Pediatrics' general recommendation to immunize premature infants in the same way as one would immunize full-term infants," D'Angio said.

The fact that premature infants' antibody levels are still somewhat lower than full-term babies' levels all the way out to 7 years implies that there may be some important, basic differences in the immune system if a baby is born early.

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## **DR. MERCOLA'S COMMENT:**

**Here we go again. A study to support the vaccination of premature infants.**

**Guess what is missing?**

**Safety data. There is absolutely none. Just some suggestion that antibodies are formed.**

**Please note that these antibodies are more normal than one would expect.**

**Sooner or later, medicine will wake up and realize the incredible damage they are doing to the vulnerable immune and nervous system of these tiny babies.**

**My dental hygienist, Amy, recently had her first baby. Unfortunately she had pre-eclampsia and delivered at 23 weeks. Her baby was the smallest infant ever delivered at Rush Pres St. Luke's in Chicago.**

**She weighed 390 grams and was born at 27 weeks and was the size of a 23-weeker to due preeclampsia. For those of you who don't know metrics, that is about 14 ounces.**

As an aside, I recently became aware that optimizing the omega-3 to omega-6 fat ratio maybe one of the key ways to prevent preelampsia.

She was just discharged, but only after a four month stay, and multiple surgeries and intubations.

This was a major surprise to Amy as she leads a totally natural lifestyle and has so since she was a small child as her mom was oriented towards healthy living.

The point of this story is that her physicians would bug her incessantly about the immunizations. It was so bad, that Amy had selected a pediatrician who had agreed to give her a discharge follow-up and Amy had discussed at length her desire to not immunize her child. The pediatrician was OK with that.

But prior to discharge the doctors at the hospital refused to discharge her unless there was a doctor who would take responsibility for her afterwards. Well, they called the doctor Amy had selected and intimidated her into saying she would not take care of her without immunizations.

This really was not a problem for Amy as this was merely a back-up physician and her regular pediatricians would have no problem accepting the child for post hospital care.

It is absolutely amazing how entrenched the immunization belief system is among physicians.

I am still having a hard time getting over how ANY physician in their right mind could possibly recommend a [flu vaccine](#) to an infant when they know it is contaminated with mercury and that is exactly what was NOT supposed to be given to children.

Realize that this is coming from the "experts" at the Centers for Disease Control. Seems to me they should contact the Institute of Medicine which was quite clear about stating that mercury should NOT be in vaccines.

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