

### **Why the HPV Vaccine Mandate is Wrong:**

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1. It will not be known whether this vaccine prevents cervical cancer for another 15-20 years of further long-term follow-up. Until then, access to Pap Smears will prevent nearly all cases of invasive cancer. It is far too premature for an HPV vaccine mandate.
2. The chairman of the CDC's Advisory Committee of Immunization Practices Dr. Jon Abramson recently stated; "It shouldn't be mandated". The CDC's suggested age target is 11-12 year old. Why are Illinois legislators pushing mandate legislation against the CDC's recommendation and why does the recent amendment of HB115 target 10 year-olds?
3. Targeting 11-12 year old girls is unwise since only a few hundred girls this age have been studied. Merck executive director Richard Haupt stated: "In the 9 to 15 year-old age group, we could not do an efficacy study."
4. There have already been reports of several instances of vaccine failures including HPV infections, genital warts and even invasive cervical cancer following vaccination.
5. The HPV vaccine suffers a significant adverse reaction rate (90%) as reported in published trails and also in VAERS. There are no long-term safety studies yet over 600 reports of adverse reactions have already been reported to the FDA including life-threatening reactions.
6. Merck has funded most HPV vaccine clinical trials. Over 40% of study co-authors are Merck employees and 81% had received money from Merck. At least 2 members of the FDA committee that approved Gardasil were former Merck employees.
7. Since influenza kills ten-times as many individuals as cervical cancer yet flu vaccination is not mandated, HPV mandates can't be just about "saving more lives."

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**“Giving it to 11-year-olds is a great big public health experiment,”**

**”It’s not been tested in little girls for efficacy.**

**At 11, these girls don’t get cervical cancer - they won’t know for 25 years if they will get cervical cancer.”**

**“To mandate now is simply to Merck’s benefit, and only to Merck’s benefit.”**

Diane M. Harper, HPV vaccine scientist, physician and director of the  
Gynecologic Cancer Prevention Research Group at Dartmouth Medical School in  
New Hampshire.

The vaccine list price of \$360 translates into a cost for parents of 3 days off work,  
office, drug and injection charges easily exceeding \$1,000. To file an exemption  
will still cost parents time-off from work and office visit expenses.

Even the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is not supporting  
the HPV mandate. Who are Illinois legislators listening to?

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