

My oldest is almost 8, he was fully vaccinated and now has a diagnosis of ADHD, acid reflux and he has trouble with bedwetting.. my daughter who was 5 weeks premature- had a severe reaction to her 2 month vaccines- the Tdap shot specifically. She was very sleepy for about 3 days, waking up to nurse for short periods of time but fussy about it. I thought "maybe her legs are sore" and not much else about it at that time. Day 3 she takes a very long nap, then wakes up shrieking, just screaming her head off, like somebody had burned her. Nothing we (her dad and I) do to try and comfort her, we play pass the baby, she won't nurse, cried in the bath *She loves her baths*, she screamed and cried like that, in real pain, for 6 hours. It was awful, I cried so bad the whole rest of the night. I didn't sleep. At the next doctors visit, I tell them she has a reaction to the vaccine. They ask what happened and I told them- then the Dr tells me "Oh that's not a reaction to the vaccine and sometimes babies go through a period of time with uncontrollable crying. Try handing her to another adult and going into a different room and taking a break. So you don't become overwhelmed." I then mentioned a report to VARES and the Dr told me that wasn't necessary. So without ever hearing my concerns regarding my infants behavior my doctor refused to grant a medical exemption for my daughter. I went on to discover for myself, what happened to my daughter when she had her terrible screaming episode, what I learned is this: vaccine induced encephalitis. Her brain was swelling inside her skull causing extreme pain. Again, I tried addressing this issue with the doctor and was again told that what I described was not a reaction to the vaccine. Whose place is it to say what happened to my daughter isn't real or didn't really happen? It was just me, my husband and my oldest child at home when everything happened. No parent deserves to see their children suffering from something that is supposed to help prevent them from contracting diseases. I'm not the only parent to experience any of this- but one of many I've now personally talked to.