

What I want to say to my representatives about vaccine exemption:

Good Day,

In my particular case; In 1983 when my son needed his 2 month vaccines, I needed to go to the free clinic in Eugene. His older sister was due, at 4, for her MMR booster.

He received his vaccine and I was given a pretty hefty clipboard full of releases I was supposed to sign which I was encouraged that I did not need to read (this only made me more determined to read them). I read every single page of the vaccine info from the manufacturer plus the releases – these released the nurse, the doctor, the clinic, the State of Oregon and ultimately the manufacturer in the event of severe adverse reaction or death! I was appalled! I wasn't doing this because I wanted to, I was doing it because I was told I HAD to! I did not get her booster.

I was NOT given ANY information on the DPT shot my 2 month old had had. That night and for the next 5 nights, he ran a fever off and on reaching 105 many times. I could not afford a hospital bill or a doctor hence the reason I was at the "FREE" clinic. However, my naturopathic Dr. agreed to see us and let me make payments. He explained adverse reactions to the DPT vaccine which I did not know about and gave me some things to do to help with his fevers. He said, my child shouldn't have any more vaccines and I should do some research (argh, before google) to decide if I would continue the vaccine schedule with the children I had and any other children I might have.

I did so. I discovered, through much research, that anyone with any kind of autoimmune disorder shouldn't give their children or themselves vaccines AND shouldn't be around anyone that had just been vaccinated.

So, I stopped. I had been diagnosed with Lupus as a child, which many doctors believed was a mis-diagnosis once I became an adult. No one could figure out why I was sick with many different issues off an on my entire life, but, they were convinced it wasn't lupus. I decided, since they didn't know, I shouldn't do the vaccines.

Later around 6 months old, my son was diagnosed with Celiac disease. My older daughter, in her teens, was diagnosed with Graves disease, my next two children, one with Juvenile RA, the last with unexplained cluster migraines – probably a type of epilepsy.

My point is: It was MY research that made my decision and no Medical Doctor agreed with me to give me the exemption, so I used the personal belief exemption.

I am now 60, and have MAJOR health issues that OHSU, after almost a year of trying to figure it out, while treating the symptoms, their conclusion is; it must be some kind of autoimmune disorder we can't identify. So, again, I'm being told (I have small grandchildren that their parents are choosing to immunize) to stay away from recently vaccinated children. Stay away from vaccines, I have a compromised immune system.

So, I say to you, if I had not had the ability to do a personal exemption, I might not be here right now, because immunizing my own children could very well have compromised my own health, not to mention theirs. We don't know – however, the research from the manufacturers themselves supports this possibility. Should my 4 children and I have been "sacrificed" for the greater good?

Please allow those that want to, to continue to take personal responsibility for their health.

Sincerely,

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