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This is my Facebook post in response to HB3063: I was an ignorant and trusting Mama once. I'm not saying people shouldn't vaccinate their kids. I'm saying read the six books I read, compare the risks of each disease versus each vaccine before you decide, and write your legislators to maintain your right to decide.

Persephone responded that she has an autoimmune disease and is susceptible to "preventable" and "life-threatening" diseases that we "ignorant and uncaring" anti-vaxxers could transfer to her because we don't want our kids to suffer "four days of flu-like symptoms".

My response: I feel for you, absolutely I do. You are in a tough place. This issue is not as simple as you have boiled it down to. Four days of flu symptoms are totally acceptable side effects in my opinion, but unfortunately, those aren't the ones I'm talking about. I'm talking about the seizures my six-month-old had and the subsequent brain damage that resulted.

His pediatrician, the "best one in town", someone I trusted and respected, cut me off the moment I said "seizures". He told me my son wasn't having seizures, like I was stupid. His demeanor changed from a pleasant, helpful one to condescending and aggressive.

I tried to explain what was happening so he could tell me how to refer to them then but he wouldn't let me talk.

He went on a rant about how vaccines are totally safe, seizures are normal afterward due to the fevers that sometimes accompany the immune response.

I told him my son didn't and hadn't had a fever but the doctor wouldn't acknowledge that information as he shook his head 'no'.

I did get a referral out of him for a neurologist, thank goodness, along with a stern recommendation for more vaccines.

The neurologist did several tests on my baby, then explained what the damage was, how it was caused and why. He said seizures also happen when there is no fever, and those are the dangerous kind, the kind that cause brain damage.

Yes, my son was having seizures. They were caused by vaccines.

SIDS is caused by vaccines. Death and permanent brain damage are the side effects I'm talking about. These are rampant and unacceptable risks when compared to the risks of the diseases the vaccines are for.

I had chicken pox. I had mumps. Oh, and I was vaccinated for the chicken pox and mumps too, by the way.

Did you know that people with a family history of epilepsy are 50% more likely to suffer brain damage from the Pertussis vaccine than anyone else? That information is not on the pamphlet the doctor gives you.

Did you know that the Pertussis vaccines fluctuate and there are "hot" batches which cause a lot more damage than others? Japan throws their "hot" batches out, but not the US. The U.S. knowingly destroy lives for profit.

My doctor told me that the acellular Pertussis vaccine does not cause brain damage, but the dose my six-month-old son received was acellular.

Unfortunately, the Pertussis vaccine is included with Diptheria and Tetanus shot, so if you want the Tetanus vaccine, you have to play Russian Roulette. Doctors are reluctant to open a vial of Tetanus by itself because there isn't enough demand for it and it goes bad, so again... profit over people.

Brad had commented on my post, calling me an ignorant and bad parent. He said I shouldn't read books, just listen to doctors. He asked what those books were and where they got their data.

I gave those books to a friend and I don't remember the titles or authors. They did use CDC info. I bought them from nvic.org, the National Vaccine Information Center.

NVIC was started by Barbara Loe Fisher who's baby also suffered from vaccine damage. Barbara is famous for fighting for our right to freedom of choice, but don't look her up on Wikipedia. I notice it has been recently updated and changed drastically to discredit her. (Why? Follow the money. I really hope you are not an investor in sanofi or GlaxoSmithKlein, because your vote would be biased and there would be a conflict of interest.)

Kim commented on my post. She said doctors don't always know what ingredients are in vaccines (and she's married to a doctor!)

I am not an ignorant, negligent, bad parent. I have read multiple books on the subject, listened to doctors, dealt with the ramifications of vaccines with my first child, cried a lot of tears, and made an informed choice not to vaccinate my second child.

I ask you, the legislators, to make an informed vote to allow free choice in this matter.

Thank you,

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