

Autism One
Friday, May 22, 2009
1:45 pm - 6:00 pm
Vaccine Education Seminar

Have you ever wondered how to talk to your mainstream pediatrician and your in-laws, start a grassroots advocacy movement, coordinate a rally, educate other parents, gain a vaccine exemption using titers, or fight for the right of Informed Consent? What is the vaccine "political" landscape and the underlying structure of the Federal Vaccine Advisory Committees? How do industry, government, and organized medicine operate together? What vaccines are coming down the pike, what are the new adjuvants in development -- what does the future hold? How can you participate in the process? Barbara Loe Fisher, president of the NVIC, Vicky Debold, PhD, RN, and Louise Kuo Habakus, HHP, AADP of the NJ Coalition for Vaccination Choice help empower you in this half-day seminar.

1:45 pm - 2:35

Barbara Loe Fisher is co-founder and president of the National Vaccine Information Center (www.NVIC.org), a non-profit founded in 1982 by parents of vaccine-injured children to prevent vaccine injuries and deaths through public education and defend the informed consent ethic. Co-author of the landmark 1985 book *DPT: A Shot in the Dark* and author of the 2008 book *Vaccines, Autism & Chronic Inflammation: The New Epidemic*, she is editor of the NVIC Vaccine E-newsletter and a blogger at www.VaccineAwakening.blogspot.com and, she has served on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee, Institute of Medicine Vaccine Safety Forum, FDA Vaccines & Related Biological Products Advisory Committee, Vaccine Policy Analysis Collaborative, and Consumers United for Evidence Based Healthcare – U.S. Cochrane Collaboration. The mother of a DPT vaccine-injured son and a vaccine safety advocate for more than 27 years, Barbara has defined and debated the vaccine safety and informed consent issue on every national television and radio network, in major news publications, in state legislatures and in Congress, and in many other public forums.

Barbara Loe Fisher will review the history of the vaccine safety/informed consent movement; the inflammation thesis of vaccine-induced pathology; why Gardasil is the contemporary example of what is wrong with the mass vaccination system (just as DPT vaccine was an example in the 1980s); and why fighting for the legal right to exercise informed consent is the logical rallying point for parents seeking to institute safety reforms in the mass vaccination system.

2:35 - 2:45 pm Q&A with Barbara Loe Fisher

2:45 - 3:35 pm

Vicky Debold, PhD, RN

has worked in the health care field for more than 30 years as an ICU nurse, health care administrator, and health policy analyst focusing primarily on pediatrics and patient safety. Currently, she is an affiliate faculty member at George Mason University, Health Administration and Policy Department. She previously worked as a health policy analyst for the US Congress at the Physician Payment Review Commission, the Michigan Health and Safety Coalition, and the Michigan State Commission on Patient Safety. Additionally, she has served as an assistant professor at the University of Michigan and as an associate professor and director of the Health Systems Management Program at the University of Detroit, Mercy. Her doctoral degree is from the University of Michigan (1999) - from both the School of Public Health (Health Services Organization and Policy) and the School of Nursing (Health Systems Administration). She was a University of Michigan Regent's Fellow and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in health services research at the Michigan Peer Review Organization. Dr. Debold's son, her only child, experienced serious, long-term health problems following receipt of seven live virus and killed bacterial vaccines at his 15-month well-baby appointment. That event sparked her interest in vaccine safety and chronic childhood illness. In addition to serving as a director and committee member for autism non-profit organizations and as the volunteer director of patient

safety and a board member of the National Vaccine Information Center, she is the appointed consumer representative to the Food and Drug Administration's Vaccine and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC). She has served as a consultant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Board of Scientific Counselors on the topic of vaccine acceptance and is currently participating in the National Vaccine Program Office, National Vaccine Advisory Committee, Vaccine Safety Working Group public engagement process for the review of CDC's Immunization Safety Office Draft Scientific Agenda.

Dr. Vicky Debold will describe the processes by which vaccines are developed as well as licensed, recommended, and monitored by the government for safety and effectiveness. Issues related to potentially highly reactive new vaccines and adjuvants will be discussed relative to gaps in licensing and recommendation processes and problems with the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS).

Strategies for citizens to work with consumer advocacy groups such as NVIC to encourage government officials to conduct better vaccine safety research and improve vaccination policies including adoption of informed consent requirements will be highlighted.

3:35 - 3:45 pm Q&A with Dr. Vicky Debold

4:00 - 4:50 pm

Louise Kuo Habakus, HHP, AADP is a board-certified health practitioner specializing in integrative nutrition and homotoxicology. Louise was a corporate marketing executive for one of the world's largest global investment management firms before leaving the corporate world to raise her children. She received her master's and bachelor's degrees from Stanford University. Louise deferred to prevailing mainstream pediatric medicine and vaccinated her babies according to the CDC schedule. After learning that both of her children were vaccine-injured, Louise and her husband, Ron, embarked on a journey of recovery and advocacy. Louise lectures widely on the subject of parent vaccine choices and informed consent. She invites parents, grandparents, homeschoolers, soldiers, legislators, teachers, scientists, doctors and the press to listen, challenge, open their minds, and do their own research. Louise is a member of the New Jersey Coalition for Vaccination Choice and played a lead role in organizing the freedom of choice rally in Trenton last October, an event that attracted over seven hundred participants and received national press. Louise and Ron invited the world to her front lawn rally last fall to send a strong message to then-Senator Obama and Governor Corzine as they drove past her house en route to a fundraising event.

Vaccination: Tough Questions, Parent Choices and Grassroots Advocacy

Louise Kuo Habakus, HHP, AADP will tell the story that is playing out in living rooms across the country of the many ways that parents are "connecting the dots." Parents are asking tough questions about the safety and effectiveness of vaccines. They want to know if the childhood vaccination program represents yet another arena in which government and industry have failed to protect our families. Louise talks about our vaccination choices, why we should care, and how we have the power to create change through community and grassroots advocacy.

Key learning objectives:

1. Reasons for concern - how are parents "connecting the dots"?
2. Vaccination safety and efficacy - what do we need to know?
3. Government and industry - more of the same?
4. Vaccination choices - what are they and why should we care?
5. Grassroots advocacy - do we have the power to create change?

4:50 - 5:00 pm Q&A with Louise Kuo Habakus

5:00 - 6:00 pm Panel Discussion