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MMR Case

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Ms Dolan

Re the case about the two girls and the MMR vaccine in which I understand you are involved, i.e. **High Court rules sisters must have MMR jab against their and their mother's wishes**: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/high-court-rules-sisters-must-have-mmr-jab-against-their-and-their-mothers-wishes-8876035.html?origin=internalSearch>

Note this comment in the article: "***The elder daughter received the MMR jab but not a second dose***, and the younger daughter did not receive either." (My emphasis.)

The measles/mumps/rubella vaccine is a 'live' vaccine. When vaccinated at the right age with an effective vaccine, i.e. after maternally derived antibodies have waned, most children are likely to be immune for life. The reason given for the second dose is that a small proportion of children might not respond to the first vaccine (usually because of interference of maternally derived antibodies, or possibly because of a fault in the vaccine).

My argument is, **it is not ethical to force people to have a second dose of the vaccine if they're likely to be immune after the first dose. At the very least they should be offered the opportunity of a blood test (antibody titre test) to verify a response to the first vaccine, even if they have to pay for it themselves. I suggest there is a very important principle at stake here, particularly when the state dictates that healthy people have to have medical interventions, it's a slippery slope....**

I suggest both those girls should be offered the opportunity of a blood test to measure antibodies (although it would have been better to have had the check soon after initial vaccination). Even the second unvaccinated girl should be offered the opportunity in case she has had natural exposure to the disease.

For further background see my webpage: <http://over-vaccination.net/questionable-vaccines/mmr-jab/>

Also see my letter to Professor Paul Offit on this subject: http://users.on.net/~peter.hart/Letter_to_Paul_Offit_re_MMR_booster.pdf

Given the controversy about the MMR vaccine in the UK, and elsewhere, I think there could be a lot of fallout about this, there are some parents out there who I suspect would be very angry they weren't given the opportunity of a blood test for their child, rather than an arbitrary second shot.

I request that you bring this information to the attention of the parents and children in this case, plus the presiding judge, Mrs Justice Theis.

I would appreciate your response on this matter.

Yours sincerely
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