

# Children's Health Defense

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To Whom It May Concern;

I'm writing in support of Dr. Jovana Stojkovic who is a physician in Belgrade, Serbia. My understanding is that Dr. Stojkovic is in danger of having her medical license revoked due to her position that vaccines, like any medical intervention, can cause harm. While it is understandable that Serbia would want to do everything possible to protect children from developing and spreading contagious diseases, it is also important to understand the inherent risks associated with vaccines. Dr. Stojkovic is merely abiding by her ethical obligations under the [UNESCO Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights](#), which Serbia approved as part of the UN General Assembly, to respect the right of all patients to prior, free and informed consent to medical interventions.

[https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000146180\\_ind?posInSet=12&queryId=7b21c5bc-6ee4-4a32-b1fe-802efe9ee7c9](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000146180_ind?posInSet=12&queryId=7b21c5bc-6ee4-4a32-b1fe-802efe9ee7c9)

Responsible physicians such as Dr. Stojkovic follow a medical professional oath to "First do no harm" and, in doing so, it is their job to weigh the scientific evidence and to conduct open and honest conversations with their patients regarding any medical intervention. Dr. Peter Doshi, Associate Editor of the British Medical Journal, published an [editorial](#) seeking balance and honesty in discussing vaccines; his words should be heeded by anyone railing against ensuring vaccines for our children are as safe as possible. *"Contrary to the suggestion – generally implicit – that vaccines are risk free (and therefore why would anyone ever resist official recommendations), the reality is that officially sanctioned written medical information on vaccines is – just like drugs – filled with information about common, uncommon and unconfirmed but possible harms... It's time to listen – seriously and respectfully – to patients concerns, not to demonize them."* The same is true for listening seriously to the concerns of physicians who are on the front lines and witness the resultant injuries associated with any medical intervention, including vaccines.

<http://vaccinesafetycommission.org/pdfs/BMJ-Trump-Vaccines.pdf>

An example of recent science that is deserving of open discussions is from an internationally esteemed team of scientists, funded in part by the Danish government, that published a peer-reviewed [study](#) in 2017 of the DTP vaccine's effectiveness in Africa, where it is the most heavily used vaccine. The study found five to ten times the mortality among vaccinated infants compared to unvaccinated infants. The scientists concluded that, *"all currently available evidence suggests that DTP vaccine may kill more children from other causes than it saves from diphtheria, tetanus or pertussis. Though a vaccine protects children against the target disease, it may simultaneously increase susceptibility to unrelated infections."* [https://www.ebiomedicine.com/article/S2352-3964\(17\)30046-4/abstract](https://www.ebiomedicine.com/article/S2352-3964(17)30046-4/abstract)

A study conducted by Yale scientists found that certain medical conditions (obsessive compulsive disorder, anorexia, anxiety, chronic tics), *"may be temporally related to prior vaccinations in a*

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*subset of individuals.*" <http://vaccinesafetycommission.org/pdfs/01-2017-Frontiers-Temporal.pdf>

These are medical conditions often encountered by psychiatrists such as

Dr. Stojkovic, making her knowledge of this research critically important in treating her patients.

Scientists from Israel, Canada and Columbia raised serious concerns in a peer-reviewed [journal](#) about the Human Papilloma Vaccine's (HPV) ability to trigger both neuroinflammation and autoimmunity, and expressed alarm about the vaccine's worldwide introduction, recommending, "*the necessity of proceeding with caution with respect to further mass-immunization practices with a vaccine of yet unproven long-term clinical benefit in cervical cancer prevention.*" This note of caution becomes even more relevant when considering the continually increasing number of serious disabling neurological adverse events linked to HPV vaccination reported in the current medical literature (Table 1 of the study) and in vaccine surveillance databases. The authors also point out the fact that the HPV vaccine manufacturer did not use a true saline placebo in the clinical trials, but instead an aluminum adjuvant whose safety has not been adequately studied, and called for new guidelines regarding the use of appropriate placebos in vaccine safety trials.

<http://vaccinesafetycommission.org/pdfs/05-2016-Immunol-Mice-HPV.pdf>

This is just a small sampling of the scientific research that calls into question the safety of vaccination policies and recommendations. For a comprehensive review of vaccine safety please see <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/wp-content/uploads/vaccine-safety-project-transcript-2-19.pdf>

The small sampling is due to the fact that the agencies responsible for ensuring vaccine safety have not been doing their jobs. The 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act granted unprecedented, economic immunity to pharmaceutical companies for injuries caused by their products and eviscerated economic incentive for them to manufacture safe vaccine products or improve the safety of existing vaccine products. Congress therefore charged the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) with the explicit responsibility to assure vaccine safety.

In order to assure HHS met its vaccine safety obligations, Congress required, as part of the 1986 Act, that the Secretary of HHS submit biannual reports to Congress detailing the improvements in vaccine safety made by HHS in the preceding two years. A Freedom of Information Act, FOIA, request was sent to HHS in 2017 by the Informed Consent Action Network (ICAN) seeking copies of the biannual reports that HHS was supposed to submit to Congress, starting in 1988, detailing the improvements it made every two years to vaccine safety. HHS did not provide a substantive response to the FOIA request.

ICAN was therefore forced to file a lawsuit to force HHS to either provide copies of its biannual vaccine safety reports to Congress or admit it never filed these reports. The result of the lawsuit is that HHS had to finally and shockingly admit that it never, not even once, submitted a single biannual report to Congress detailing the improvements in vaccine safety. This speaks volumes

to the lack of seriousness with which vaccine safety is treated at HHS and heightens the concern that HHS doesn't have a clue as to the actual safety profile of the now 29 doses, and growing, of vaccines given by one year of age. <https://thewashingtonstandard.com/lawsuit-proves-hhs-hasnt-filed-required-vaccine-safety-reports-with-congress-in-30-years/>

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In August 2011, the U.S. Government's Institute of Medicine investigated 158 potential adverse outcomes from vaccines. Of these, 135 or 85% were found to have inadequate research to accept or reject a causal association. Of the 23 outcomes where the research was deemed adequate, 18 or 78% were found supportive of harm. Among the long list of adverse effects linked to vaccines were immune dysfunction, seizures, paralysis and encephalopathy (brain damage). These statistics are hardly reassuring to US parents who are now asked to give their children over fifty doses of 15 vaccines. I'm sure these findings are just as disturbing to parents in Serbia.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>

Despite the mantra that vaccines do not cause autism from our health agencies across the globe, that is not always case when one looks beyond these superficial assurances. In August of 2016, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) senior scientist, Dr. William Thompson, invoked federal whistleblower status and confessed that the CDC has allegedly known since 2001 that black American male children exposed to the MMR vaccine have a disproportionate risk of autism.

Thompson, a 17-year CDC veteran, is the author of some of the leading studies cited by CDC to exculpate vaccines from the autism epidemic. Thompson, who still works at CDC, released the raw data sets that he says his bosses at CDC ordered him to conceal. Those data allegedly show that black boys who received the MMR vaccine prior to three years old, as the CDC recommends were 3.36 times more likely to receive an autism diagnosis than those who received the vaccine after 3 years of age. This effect was not observed in other race categories. Nevertheless, when the CDC scientists published their results in Pediatrics in 2004, they omitted the damaging data, fraudulently declaring there was no risk of autism from the MMR vaccination. In August 2014, Dr. Thompson issued a press release through his attorney stating, "I regret that my coauthors and I omitted statistically significant information in our 2004 article published in the journal Pediatrics.

<http://www.cdctruth.org/wp-content/uploads/STATEMENT-OF-WILLIAM-W.-THOMPSON-Ph.D.-REGARDING-THE-2004-ARTICLE-EXAMINING-THE-POSSIBILITY-OF-A-RELATIONSHIP-BETWEEN-MMR-VACCINE-AND-AUTISM.pdf>

The omitted data suggested that black male children who received the MMR vaccine before age 36 months were at increased risk for autism. The Director of the CDC has blocked CDC whistleblower, Dr. William Thompson from testifying regarding scientific fraud and destruction of evidence by senior CDC officials in critical CDC vaccine safety studies regarding the causative relationship between childhood vaccines and autism. Dr. Thompson's testimony was sought in a medical malpractice case. In a letter to the court, the CDC Director denied the request to allow Dr. Thompson to testify stating that "Dr. William Thompson's deposition testimony

would not substantially promote the objectives of CDC or HHS."

<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/press-release/cdc-blocks-testimony-vaccine-whistleblower-medical-malpractice-case/>

What is even more disturbing, is the highly unethical and fraudulent behavior of the U.S. Department of Justice whose attorneys, while representing our government, concealed critical information which denied over 5,000 families the necessary care for their children who were injured by vaccines and developed autism. The DOJ attorneys intentionally and fraudulently misrepresented their own expert's written opinion. In order to prevent the expert from revealing the truth to other petitioners



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or the special master these DOJ lawyers canceled the expert's oral testimony to keep him from stating his true opinion in public. In the process, the DOJ and HHS concealed critical material evidence of how vaccines can cause autism in some children. This information has now been revealed in depositions and sworn affidavits. <https://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/425061-how-a-pro-vaccine-doctor-reopened-debate-about-link-to-autism?fbclid=IwAR10IEuRAu0YH-2ROmJoS13syKH6af4bluN26LQup6S5jd7XYrLMo4m5N8c>

I personally filed a complaint with the U.S. Office of Inspector General calling for a full investigation into this highly unethical and fraudulent behavior on the part of the Department of Justice and I am awaiting their response.

<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/child-health-topics/righting-wrongs/request-for-office-of-inspector-general-to-investigate-fraud-and-obstruction-of-justice/>

Since this miscarriage of justice, roughly one million children have been diagnosed with autism. An unknown percentage of these cases are the result of vaccine injury. As of 2015, the [projected annual cost](#) for autism in the United States was \$268 billion and the cost is expected to reach \$1 trillion by 2025. <https://health.ucdavis.edu/publish/news/newsroom/10214> These growing costs now fall on families and on taxpayers through the costs borne by local school districts, states and our public health system, Medicaid.

To date, the U.S. government vaccine injury compensation program has paid out more than [\\$4.0 billion](#) to Americans injured by vaccines. <https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hrsa/vaccine-compensation/data/monthly-stats-january-2019.pdf> An [injury table](#) maintained by the Department of Health and Human Services clearly details the long parade of disturbing ways a child can be injured or killed by a vaccine. <https://www.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/vaccinecompensation/vaccineinjurytable.pdf>

But, unfortunately, there has been little interest in understanding why some children and adults are harmed so vaccines can be made safer for everyone. Until there is a better understanding of this critical science, physicians such as Dr. Stojkovic deserve to be commended for upholding their duty to "first do no harm", to respect patient individuality and autonomy and to honor their right to true informed consent, which necessarily implies their right to refuse treatment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rafleed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.