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with minor consent to preventative services
and treatment for STI's

Dr. Heather Rice

“VD” changed to “STI”: Broadens the Definition

- Disease: Abnormal condition negatively affecting structure or function
- Infection: the presence of a microorganism (virus, bacteria, fungus) and may not have any negative effect.

Examples:

- HPV never causes symptoms and clears spontaneously without treatment in 90%+ of cases
- Group A, B hemolytic strep (causes strep throat) can be cultured in the throat of many healthy people, but produce no pathology
- Meningococcal meningitis bacteria: most never develop meningitis
- Staph, Candida, and many many other organisms that can be found in healthy microbiomes (oral, skin, gut, etc.) but produce no disease.
- many people exposed to influenza, or Covid virus never got sick.

Original Article

Psychological Stress and Susceptibility to the Common Cold

List of authors.

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- and Andrew P. Smith, Ph.D.

Included corona virus ~Dr. H

Abstract

1. Not everyone got sick. Yep...even with the virus being put directly into their nose!
2. The more stress you had in your life the more likely you were to get sick (no surprise).
3. Psychological stress was a better predictor of sickness than any other lifestyle factor, including smoking, alcohol consumption, exercise, diet and quality of sleep.

BACKGROUND.

Up to 25% did not get sick even when the virus was stuffed up into their nose! ~Dr. H

stance to infection. To

“Prevention”

- Does this merely mean counseling on best practices for safe sex or abstinence to prevent STI?
- No need to put that into a bill
- Vaccines are considered ‘preventative measures’ because they are given to healthy people (vs a treatment for a disease that is already affecting function)
- They come with risks like any other pharmaceutical product and therefore have laws requiring parental informed consent
- Vaccines marketed as “prevention for sexually transmitted infections” right now include 3 doses each of Hep B and HPV vaccines - - and there are a **slew of NEW vaccines** "in the pipeline"

Adult Vaccines / News

FDA to ‘Fast Track’ Review of Experimental Gonorrhea Vaccine

Written by [Damian McNamara, MA](#)

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June 28, 2023 – The FDA announced on Tuesday that it will "fast track" review of a vaccine in development to prevent gonorrhea infections.



Priorities for sexually transmitted infection vaccine research and development: Results from a survey of global leaders and representatives

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mRNA-1608 Herpes Vaccine

Sexually Transmitted Diseases - Precision Vaccinations

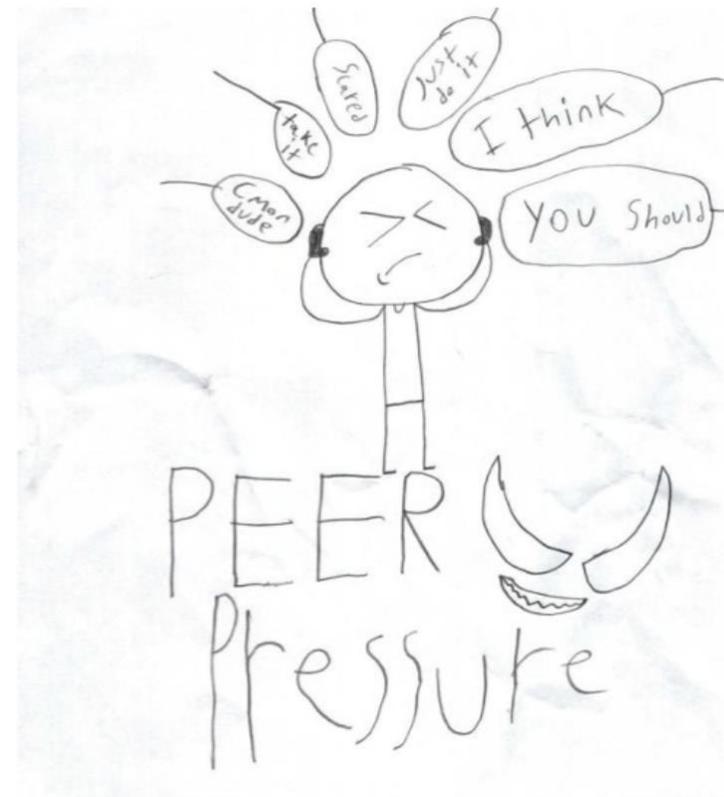
Violates Federal Law

- Directly contradicts the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986
- Informed Consent must come from a parent or guardian
- [May 10, 2023 letter from Siri Glimstad](#)
- Would this create a precarious position for Vermont Health Care Providers who may be led to believe that this bill would allow them to violate Federal law and then be vulnerable to malpractice lawsuits?

Evidence from
Booth v Bowser

District of Columbia
Minor Consent law repealed

“...because the laws place
contradictory duties on
healthcare providers.”



Booth Ex. 11, ECF No. 31-1.

Adolescent Brains

- We protect minors from marketing from gun and tobacco companies, and even tattoos because their brains are still developing, and they are not mature enough to make those decisions
- Same for medical decisions
- **Minor Consent does not Protect Minors from Coercion**

Increases Risk of Iatrogenic Injury

- Kids don't know their medical history or how to recognize an adverse reaction
- If parents don't know then proper care could be delayed.
- Vaccine providers have no liability if the child dies or suffers serious injuries directly caused by the administration of a vaccine.
- This would leave parents, who did not consent to the vaccination, fully responsible for the treatment of their child's injuries.

We can't leave children alone to make these kinds of decisions.



Merck Facing Two New Wrongful Death Suits From Mothers Of 10- And 14-Year Old Girls Who Died After Receiving Gardasil

Vermont Informed Consent

18 V.S.A. § 9701 (17)

(17) “Informed consent” means the consent given voluntarily by an individual with capacity, on his or her own behalf or on behalf of another in the role of an agent, guardian, or surrogate, after being fully informed of the nature, benefits, risks, and consequences of the proposed health care, alternative health care, and no health care.

Subverts Parental Rights

- “It’s stepping between the sacred bond of the parent-child relationship. We should never be alienating parents in a situation like that.”
- “The state should not interfere with family medical decisions.”
- Parents need to be brought into this conversation not barred from it.
- Parents should be involved because they love their children and want to protect them.
- Parents should also be involved because they are neglecting their children by not being involved.
- DCF support with an independent advocate for the teen and support for the parent

Minors and STI's: a much bigger problem needs to be addressed

- Since consent to sex is 16 y/o in VT, there should be investigations for laws being broken not just creating a tone of “normalization’ of this or even an insinuation of condoning it by acknowledging it is happening but making sure the parents don’t know.
- The solution is not to simply medicate a minor.

“ You can never medicate your way out of a situation you have behaved your way into, you will just feel better as you are getting worse.”

~ Dr. Marcia Angel
Editor of NEJM for 20 years

Our teens deserve much, much better.