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>Subject: [AVML] [PROVE] Response to Physician's Request For Autopsy Reports

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>On some of the vaccine education email lists, there has been a request by a
>physician for copies of autopsy reports on children who are reported to have
>died following immunization. NVIC has wisely encouraged parents to be
>cautious in sending him this information particularly if they have a pending
>case in the US Court of Claims. After reviewing his web site, I had some
>additional concerns. Here was my reply to his circulated request. Dawn

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>Dear Dr. Friedlander <http://www.pathguy.com/vacdeath.htm>

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>After reviewing your web site about your quest for the truth about vaccine
>induced death, I felt you might be interested in this information because I
>don't think you are going to find the truth where you are looking. As a
>matter of fact, I am concerned that your research might actually
>unintentionally victimize these families one more time by wrongly dismissing
>the cause of their child's death as a vaccine reaction. This will most
>likely happen because the place where you are gathering your data, autopsy
>reports, are lacking critical information most of the time.

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>One problem that I am finding is that in states like Texas, the state pays
>for an autopsy where the cause of death is listed as SIDS. If the county
>medical examiner lists an actual cause of death like probable vaccine
>induced encephalopathy with a particular vaccine, then the county is stuck
>with the whole bill for the autopsy. While this legislation for autopsy
>reimbursement is well intentioned, it serves as a financial disincentive to
>uncover the true cause of death. We are aware of families whose children
>have died within 4 hours or less from what the child's pediatrician has
>called a vaccine reaction. The pediatrician will even recommend that
>siblings never getting the same vaccine, yet SIDS is still the cause of
>death listed.

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>It is my belief derived through much reading and study that babies don't
>spontaneously die for no reason. I believe that there are many causes of
>infant death, with vaccine triggered responses responsible some of the time.
>SIDS is a cop out for not enough investigation and testing to isolate a
>cause of death. Not even are high profile forensic pathologists doing an
>adequate job as proven by the attempted prosecution of some parents for
>shaking their baby to death when the baby had clearly died from a classic
>DTP reaction as later proven in the family's defense.

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>Additionally, of the 253 infant death cases awarded more than \$61 million by
>the U.S. Court of Federal Claims for vaccine induced deaths in the 1990's
>under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 224, or 86 percent,
>were attributed to vaccination with the DTP vaccine. Of these cases,
>mortality was originally attributed to SIDS in 90 or 40% of them. The FDA's
>Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System contains 460 reports of children who
>died within three days of receiving shots containing DTP for the same time
>period. Of those 460 reports, 266 - or 58% - listed SIDS as the reportable
>adverse event.

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>What I am trying to share with you is that looking at autopsy reports alone
>will not get you to the truth because those who make the reports have no
>clear directives or incentive to implicate a vaccine as a contributing
>factor to the cause of death of an infant because the mechanism for vaccine
>induced death is not even defined by science yet and state autopsy
>reimbursements discourage it. Maybe you could consider using your expertise
>to conduct a probing inquiry into the lack of adequate testing in a typical
>autopsy in order to identify what tests could be routinely performed to
>conclusively identify vaccine induced deaths. This information could be
>used to identify dangerous vaccines, prompt changes in formulations,
>dosages, and schedules, and make the system safer for those taking the
>vaccine.

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>Also, you mention that a portion of your site "focuses SOLELY on the misuse
>of scientific articles by anti-immunization activists." What might be
>helpful to the parents of vaccine injured and killed children and those
>searching for truth on this issue is if you make an attempt to balance your

>review and dedicate equal attention to the proliferation of pseudo-science
>by pharmaceutical manufacturers and some (not all) government officials and
>physicians who advocate a vaccine at all costs including compromising the
>scientific method, adequate safety testing, and true objectivity. The
>recent fiasco with the rotavirus vaccine couldn't underscore this more
>clearly as the vaccine was added to the recommended schedule by ACIP six
>months prior to approval by the FDA. A Phase III trial conducted at 23
>Kaiser Permanente sites in Northern California with the infant pneumococcal
>vaccine used a meningococcal vaccine as the control group! No other
>industry would ever be allowed to get away with this. The list goes on and
>on. An objective and balanced look at instances like this might help people
>understand why parents in increasing numbers are losing faith in those who
>proclaim to know what health decisions are in the best interest of our
>individual children.

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>Thank you for your consideration.

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>Sincerely,

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>immunization policies and practices that affect the

>children and adults of Texas. Our mission is to prevent

>vaccine injury and death and to promote and protect

>the right of every person to make informed independent

>vaccination decisions for themselves and their families.

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>This information is not to be construed as medical
>OR legal advice. The decision to vaccinate and how
>you implement that decision is yours and yours alone.

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