Did the Polio vaccine eradicate Polio?

When the discussion of vaccines being "safe and effective" comes into conversation, Polio is often brought up with people talking about the "iron lungs" and thousands of people being crippled from Polio. We tend to think of an extremely dangerous illness that causes certain paralysis. It also seems to be the case that the fear and emotion around the disease is so strong that we have a hard time truly looking at it logically. So, I thought I would address the Polio question. First, what is Polio? Polio is a gastrointestinal virus. Right away that tells us there is really no treatment for it, we usually say let a virus run its course so your body recognizes the virus in the future, giving one true immunity. (Side thought...if there is no treatment, there is no reason to go to the doctors, no money to be made in the healthcare industry, no reason to bargain for expensive healthcare insurance, no pharmaceutical drug to prescribe.)

There are different forms of Poliomyelitis. I'm going to use a tool most doctors use: Merck Manual for Professionals. Hmmm...you recognize the name "Merck" as a major vaccine manufacture. Yes the same private, for profit, company that creates, sells, and promotes vaccines is the same company that produces the manual doctors use to diagnose and prescribe. Of course they assure us there is no conflict of interest. Really?

According to Merck: "Most (70 to 75%) infections cause no symptoms. Symptomatic disease is classified as abortive poliomyelitis or as paralytic or nonparalytic poliomyelitis."

So, to clarify, 70-75% of the time when one gets Polio they have NO symptoms. As a side note, other researchers have that number as high as 95%. Have you ever heard that mentioned? I would bet you have NEVER heard a doctor tell you 75% of the time one contracts Polio, they obtain life long true immunity without ever knowing they have the disease. Think for a moment. So if the majority of the people never know they have it, what about the other 25%, do they all get paralyzed like we are scared into believing? Well, let's go back to the Merck Manual and see what it has to say. This one they leave out the stats; however, one can do the math, if there are three types, one listed at 70-75%, the other listed at less and 1%, yep, that leaves us at 25-30% getting abortive poliomyelitis. How is that defined?

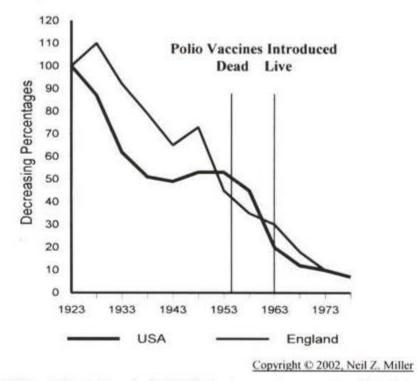
"Abortive: Most symptomatic infections, particularly in young children, are minor, with 1 to 3 days of slight fever, malaise, headache, sore throat, and vomiting, which develop 3 to 5 days after exposure. There are no neurologic symptoms or signs, and physical examination is unremarkable except for the presence of fever." Sounds to me like what one might refer to as the flu or cold.). This influenza-like illness, clinically indistinguishable from the myriad of other viral illnesses, is characterized by complete recovery in less than a week with a result of lifetime immunity.

So...I'm not a math major, but it appears to me that we now have almost 100% of the people with basically no concerns. Once one contracts Polio they have truelife long immunity. Ok, I know you are all worried about the other less than 1%, those must be the iron lung people we all associate with Polio. Of interest, of the less than 1% of people who have some paralysis, more than 50% of the symptoms goes away within 2 weeks. Bulbar Paralysis or Paralytic Polio lasting more than one year occurs in .04 of the less than 1%. So why do we have such a different picture of polio in our memory. Media? Advertisements?

Still, how many still have this idea that polio was ramped, then poof, the vaccine came out and just like a magic wand the virus disappeared. (That's an entirely different topic that requires one to think. The concept that one puts a form of a virus into much of the population's blood stream and it eliminates an airborne virus....another day for that thought.)

However, scientific data can quickly show a different story that we must take into consideration when carefully analyzing what actually stopped Polio. Do you have this image of a line graph with polio on the rise, and then suddenly dropping with the vaccine? That is exactly what marketing would like us to believe. But according to the CDC (Center of Disease Control, that 100% supports vaccines) that is not actually the case. Now you have to think about what we just talked about, almost 100% of the cases of Polio are either non-symptomatic or are mild flu like symptoms that go away in 3-5 days. You can only diagnose Polio through a lumbar puncture. (Have you ever had a doctor test you for polio when you present with mild flu-like symptoms??) Therefore, Polio is usually only calculated through death rate.

The Polio Death Rate was Decreasing on its Own Before the Vaccine was Introduced



From 1923 to 1953, before the Salk killed-virus vaccine was introduced, the polio death rate in the United States and England had already declined on its own by 47 percent and 55 percent, respectively. Source: *International Mortality Statistics* (1981) by Michael Alderson.

The decline was happening naturally and the vaccine was introduced on a down turn of Polio cases. While the introduction of the vaccine created a spike in cases, overall the disease continued to decline. Especially in countries that did not introduce the vaccine. This is strong evidence showing that the Polio vaccine is not responsible for the decline and should negate the belief and statement that the Polio vaccine demonstrates vaccine success. In fact, the researcher who developed the vaccine testified that the Polio from the late 1950's was actually the fault of the vaccine itself.

"In 1977, Dr. Jonas Salk, who developed the first polio vaccine, testified along with other scientists that mass inoculation against polio was the cause of most polio cases throughout the USA since 1961. (Science 4/4/77 "Abstracts") Six New England states reported increases in polio one year after the Salk vaccine was introduced, ranging from more than doubling in Vermont to Massachusetts' astounding increase of 642%; other states reported increases as well. The incidence in Wisconsin increased by a factor of five. Idaho and Utah actually halted vaccination due to the increased incidence and death rate. In 1959, 77.5% of Massachusetts' paralytic cases had received 3 doses of IPV (injected polio vaccine). During 1962 U.S. Congressional hearings, Dr. Bernard Greenberg, head of the Dept. of Biostatistics for the University of North Carolina School of Public Health, testified that not only did the cases of polio increase substantially after mandatory vaccinations—a 50% increase from 1957 to 1958, and an 80% increase from 1958 to 1959—but that the statistics were deliberately manipulated by the Public Health Service to give the opposite impression. It is important to understand that the polio vaccine was not universally accepted, at least initially. Despite this, polio declined both in European countries that refused mass vaccination as well as in those that employed it.

(Hearings before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives, 87th Congress, Second Session on H.R. 10541, May 1962, at 94)

The above statement states the truth of the vaccine in a nutshell. As the natural decrease in Polio cases began in the early 50's, one can clearly see that in countries where the Polio vaccine was introduced cases actually increased. In areas where Polio was non-existent, Polio began to show up when the vaccine was introduced to the area. In countries that did not implement the vaccine, Polio became non-existent. Eventually the natural decline of Polio meant that even though we still use the vaccine, most vaccinated will not contract the virus because there is an immunity to it.

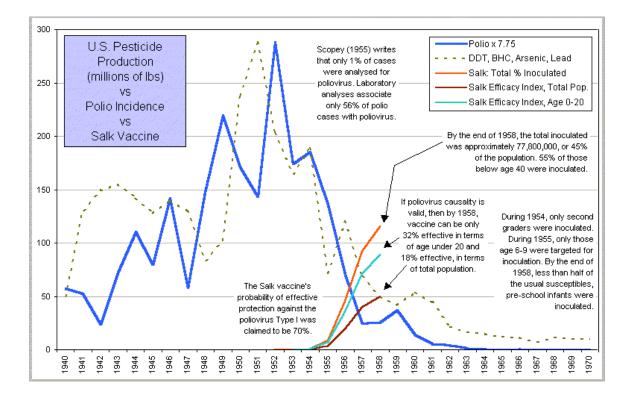
The science behind vaccinations has long been proven to be completely ineffective and the continued use of vaccines only shows the real purpose behind them is for financial gain of the vaccine manufactures, pharmaceutical companies and medical community as a whole who have billions to gain by the illnesses it creates.

It is downright BAD SCIENCE to correlate an increase or decrease in diseases without looking at other variables, such as pesticides, sanitation practices, and nutrition. One must also look at the trend of other diseases at the given time, such as Scarlet Fever which never had a vaccine manufactured for it, and question why a similar trend of reduction. It is also important to address statistical analysis, population, and if the study has been replicated with similar results.

When dealing with the concept of injecting a substance into one's blood, which has many listed side-effects it is imperative that one spend the time to educate oneself with scientific studies, not sources such as the New York Times or NBC.

Educate before you vaccinate.

(http://www.merckmanuals.com/professional/infectious_diseases/enteroviruses/p oliomyelitis.html?qt=Polio&alt=sh)



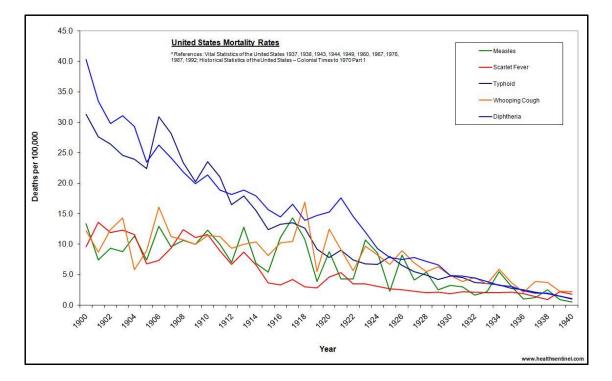
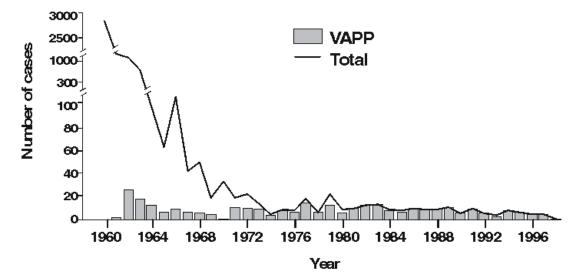


FIGURE. Total number of reported paralytic poliomyelitis cases and total number of reported vaccine-associated paralytic polio (VAPP) cases — United States, 1960–1998*



*Updated June 16, 1999.

