7 Trivia Facts about Polio
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It's called the “Gold Standard of Medicine.”

I'm referring to the current vaccine schedule. But is there an apparent hidden catch? Can justification for the aggressive vaccine schedule arguably be traced back to the polio vaccine that is trotted out as proof vaccines work?

If you don’t believe me, question any parent on vaccines. The knee-jerk question in almost every case is, “What about polio?”

Well, what about it? Here I discuss 7 trivia facts for VacTruth.com readers to investigate further about polio and question the motives of those who would profit from vaccines and disease.

Trivia Fact #1 – Chemicals Used in Pesticides Increased Your Chance for Viral Infections

During World War II and into the 1950s, massive amounts of pesticides, such as DDT, heptachlor, dieldrin, TEPP, malathion, were sprayed on crops eaten by humans and livestock.

Any connection to the chemicals used in spraying the pesticide formulations and polio epidemic are regularly denied. However, the chemicals used in spraying pesticides were found to increase viral infections in hosts. [1, 2]

Researcher Janis Gabliks noted in the study titled, Studies of Biologically Active Agents in Cells and Tissue Cultures, that,

“As it is recognized that residues of some agricultural insecticides persist in the body and that cells are continuously exposed to their metabolites, we investigated the possibility that these chemicals may alter certain physiological activities of cells and subsequently influence the susceptibility of hosts to virus infections.” [1]

Parents should also know some of the same chemicals used to spray pesticides (Tween 20, Tween 80, Triton X-100, Nonoxygenol-9) are still present in childhood vaccines. [3, 4]

* Note the close correlation to the spraying of pesticides and the worst polio epidemic in US History. [See chart on page 2]

“...Before 1940, relatively small amounts of such chemicals as nicotine, rotenone, pyrethrum, and the aresenicals (sic) were used for insect control. During and following World War II a rapid changeover to DDT, heptachlor, dieldrin, TEPP, malathion, and related compounds occurred.” [5]
Trivia Fact #2 – Milk Was Heavily Contaminated with Pesticides; Quietly Taken Off Shelves While Farmers Paid

By 1959, the total wholesale value in pesticide products had reached $290 million. The massive pesticide campaign was not without cost. [5]

According to congressional reports, many dairy farmers were devastated from pesticides contaminating milk.

Senate Report 1363 shockingly states,

“The problem which our dairy farmers are facing has been brought about by the use of chemicals approved by the Federal Government to dust crops. Some of these chemicals have been found to contaminate feeds. The contamination passes on into the milk and when the residues of pesticides is found to be of too high a level, the farmers are forced to dump their milk, taking it out of commercial channels. The result has been disastrous to the dairy farmers involved, some of which have had to go into bankruptcy.”
There had been at that time, reasonable prospect that the problem would have diminished to a point that further extension of the authority would not have been necessary. However, as the Department testified then, several large producers had their milk removed from the market because of DDT residue. The problem had in fact not been solved. The local dairymen, the State governments involved, dairy and cotton associations, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture have been cooperating in an effort to rid us of this problem. The problem, however, still continues and it appears that it will continue for the foreseeable (sic) years to come.” [6]

When it was obvious pesticide residue levels weren’t dropping as hoped, the Dairy Indemnity Payment Program, or DIPP, officially was created through public law in 1968 to reimburse farmers whose milk was contaminated with pesticides. [6, 7]

Trivia Fact #3 – Polio Is/Was Transmitted Through Contaminated Milk

One of the major ways polio is transmitted is through contaminated milk. [8-14] Even one of the inventors of the polio vaccine, Albert Sabin, investigated the connection, [15] he was not naïve to this information.

Expert on microbiological safety of food and water, Dean O. Cliver, commented on the polio/milk connection in the book Foodborne Diseases,

“Poliomyelitis was the first reported foodborne viral disease, having been transmitted via raw milk as early as 1914. Raw milk predominated as the vehicle among the 10 outbreaks recorded through 1949, the last year in which foodborne poliomyelitis is known to occurred in the United States or other reporting, developed countries. Poliovirus transmission by this route ceased before the advent of the poliomyelitis vaccines, perhaps partly because of improved sanitation and the increased use of pasteurization of milk.” [8]

Sagar M. Goyal noted on page 1 of the book, Viruses in Foods,

“Food was first recognized as a vehicle for the transmission of viruses in 1914 when a raw milk-associated outbreak of poliomyelitis was reported (Jubb, 1915). Additional milk-borne outbreaks were recognized after this time, but with the development of a vaccine for poliovirus, no outbreaks were reported in the developed world after the early 1950s.” [9] (Emphasis is this author’s)

Other common diseases known to be spread through improper handling of contaminated milk at the time were Tuberculosis, Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Septic Sore Throat, Diphtheria, and Infantile Diarrhea. [16]

Can this be the genesis for all the raw milk controversy that is going on to this very day? Instead of promoting the proper safe handling of certified raw milk containing many healthful microorganisms, the U.S. FDA demands pasteurization that promotes other health problems.
**Trivia Fact #4 – Removing Your Tonsils Exposed You to the Worst Kind of Paralysis**

Tonsillectomy surgery was cautioned in the presence of a polio epidemic. [17]

It was discovered if a child had his/her tonsils removed (or even a tooth extracted), they had a greater chance of getting the worst kind of polio called Bulbar Poliomyelitis. [18-20]

Given the information in Trivia Fact #3, this seems to make sense since it was common to give ice cream after a tonsillectomy.

**Trivia Fact #5 – Pharmaceutical Companies Funded the writing of the “History of Poliomyelitis”**

John R. Paul, M.D., an often-celebrated virologist in the fight against polio, wrote a book entitled, A History of Poliomyelitis. [21]

John Paul wielded significant influence and was, at the time, considered an authority on the subject of polio.

The pharmaceutical companies Lederle Laboratories, Merck, Sharp & Dohme, Parke, Davis & Co., Pfizer Inc., and Smith Kline & French gave grants to help write a pharmaceutical-friendly-version of the history of polio.

Source: Personal Photo of Book

*Note: VacTruth readers should also investigate the history of the pharmaceutical companies. Geigy, now known as Novartis Pharmaceuticals, held the patent on the pesticide DDT. Novartis now manufacture vaccines.*

The following quote was taken from the military handbook “DDT and Other Insecticides and Repellents” regarding spraying DDT, “The Geigy company holds the patents on the use of the compound [DDT] as an insecticide. The United States patent is No. 2,329,074, issued September 7, 1943, to Paul Müller.” [22]
Trivia Fact #6 – A Dangerous Vaccine: Americans Not Told Vaccine Caused Paralysis

During the polio epidemic, the Poliomyelitis Surveillance Unit (PSU) investigated a possible association between the paralysis and the vaccine manufactured by Wyeth Laboratories. This incident became known as the “Wyeth Problem.” [23, 24]

The investigation was led by Neal Nathanson and was summarized in two reports. Marked across the top of the reports are the words, “For Official Use Only – Not for Publication.” Why?

One plausible explanation is if Americans knew the vaccine was causing paralysis, they would demand the vaccines be taken off the shelf – just like any other tainted drug. Such a public outcry would have spoiled the popularity of the polio vaccine.

The following passage from one of the reports is revealing,

“\textit{The problem was discussed fully with officials of the Pennsylvania Health Department. It was learned that a number of additional cases of suspected poliomyelitis were then under investigation. These had been reported principally from Harrisburg and surrounding counties in central Pennsylvania, an area where lot 236 had been principally used in NFIP (National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis) supported clinics. Some of these cases were known to be \textit{``vaccine associated.''}”} [23] (Emphasis is this author’s)

*Source: Snapshot taken of the “Wyeth Problem” report*
Trivia Fact #7 – Researchers Discover How to Paralyze Monkeys with Vaccines

During the International Poliomyelitis Conference held in 1954, Dr. David Bodian from the Poliomyelitis Laboratory at Johns Hopkins University discussed how his research was able to produce paralysis in cynomolgus monkeys by vaccination. [25]

Here is how they did it:

1. First they gave an injection with, “gelatin, corticosteroids, penicillin, DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis vaccine), saline or merely hypodermic needle punctures…” [25]
2. Second, they deliberately infected the monkeys with the polio virus (this concept is called viremia).
3. Lastly, their observations showed, “…the paralytic rate is considerably increased as compared with the control animals…” [25]
Bodian’s stunning admission shortly followed,

“It must be emphasized that the 2 experimental conditions of viremia and of intramuscular injections, as well as the critical time period of an interval of less than 1 month, also characterize the human situation in epidemic areas when intramuscular injections of penicillin or other substances [like DTP vaccine] are given.” [25] (Emphasis and inserted words are this author’s)

In other words, Bodian is telling the attendees at the conference injections and other vaccines, such as the DTP vaccine, “may be causing polio.” *

Consider how many injections and live virus vaccines a child now receives in his/her first two years of life. The above information deserves serious consideration by researchers, immunologists, and vaccinologists.

**Note:** The meeting minutes list Albert Sabin and Jonas Salk as speakers during this session. Thomas Francis and Hilary Koprowski were also present as discussants. Why is this information important? They were all inventors of a (polio) vaccine.

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