

I am a healthcare professional working in a department that gives vaccines to adults on a daily basis. These are for the purpose of pre-employment. There are certain mandatory vaccines for those who work in healthcare settings from the person working in registration to those who are nurses' etc. If you will coming into a place were you could come in contact with someone that might have an infectious disease. These include MMR, Varicella and a TB skin test. These are required by the CDC and JACHO along with other government agencies check for compliance. If a person who is a new hire for a company requiring these and they do not have proof of getting the vaccine they must have blood drawn and titers are ran to check for immunity. I personally perform and check for results on about 10 a week. The results are commonly that 5 out of those 10 are not immune to these diseases. These people then have to return to the office for boosters. Although these people do not have proof of their immunizations from childhood at the time of their physical some are able to find them later. Therefore 4-5 of the new employees had these vaccines as a child but do not show proof of immunity. If they had never sought employment with us they would never had known this and would have been around the general public anyway. They are 40 years old with no immunity even though they had the vaccine. According to the CDC unvaccinated children are responsible for spreading these awful diseases but are they? Could we not as easily get it from an adult in the grocery store who never built immunity in the first place? What ever happened to exposed immunity? In people who believe they have a history of Varicella but are checked anyway there is immunity on 4/5 cases.

I am not saying that it is not important for us to be protected however just because you have had the vaccine does not mean you are immune. We should never take the choice of vaccines or no vaccines away from the parents nor should we put them on the hot seat for making a choice not to vaccinate. Freedom of choice was born long before many of us and if this important life altering choice goes out the window what will be next. We are making parents who choose not to vaccinate sound like they are all uneducated. We are probably some of the most educated citizens out there. We have done our research weighed the pros and cons and made an informed decision for our children. What happens when child protective hears which ones of us made that decision? Will we be in danger of being punished on the grounds of neglect? I feel that is what will come next even with the HIPPA laws we will be identified and our ability to be good parents questioned. When we get information from the medical practioner how can we be sure it will be unbiased? They are after all trying to get us to vaccinate our children.

Do we continue to know and question the right of the mother to keep a child or have an abortion? No we are not allowed to do that it is the law that any woman has the right to make an informed decision not to give birth to a baby but we have no choice as to how to care for that child after birth. How messed up is that? As long as consent has to be signed for care we have the right to refuse.

If you had cancer but did not want to take treatment would you want some stranger to say you had to? There has to be more research into how and why there are vaccine reactions before their will be 100% compliance to vaccines. Can you ensure parents that if their child gets the vaccine they won't get sick? Can you sign something that offers them proof that they are not looking at a lifetime of care for a child disabled by a vaccine reaction or injury? Until you can we should have the right to decide what is best for our children.