

**Hanna Poling v. Secretary of HHS:
Landmark First Concession of Vaccine-Induced Autism by U.S. Dept. of
Health & Human Services**

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You may have recently seen news widely spread over the Internet, reported as a CNN Press Conference, aired on ABC's Good Morning America and CNN's Larry King Live, about the first case where the U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services (HHS) conceded that a vaccination was the cause of autism.

Though all my study and research into this association does point to a definite connection, I was very skeptical upon reading that the HHS actually conceded in a particular case that there was a proven association. So I researched it further, and here is what I found:

First, I went directly to the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Newsroom (<http://newsroom.hrsa.gov/releases/2008/vaccinestatement.htm>) .Not surprisingly, there was a denial stating that "HRSA has reviewed the scientific information concerning the allegation that vaccines cause autism and has found no credible evidence to support the claim."

Next, by "googling" "Hanna Poling v. Secretary of HHS (case: 02-1466V)" I came up with a bunch of links that all referred to the original source of the information as a press release from CoMED's website at www.mercury-freedrugs.org . I then went to the attorney's website in the case, Clifford Shoemaker, of Shoemaker and Associates of Vienna, Virginia. Mr. Shoemaker's website features the following link to the broadcast of the CNN press conference regarding this case: http://www.shoemakerassociates.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=12:thimerosol-autism&Itemid=29 .

THIS IS A LANDMARK DECISION AND CASE!! Of great significance is that the father of the child is a neurologist trained at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and the child's mother is a registered nurse. Watch the full video from the link provided so you can understand the implications of this case!

Dr. Husbands Commentary:

Regarding the HRSA Newsroom Response

It is very disappointing to note that the HRSA news on their website is still actually denying any cause and effect relationship between thimerosol containing vaccines and autism even in this case, with the abundance of research showing otherwise over the years! Thimerosol is a mercury containing preservative used in many vaccines, not only

childhood vaccines, and **all** research has unexceptionally established that any amount of mercury in the body is toxic!

Regarding Dr. Poling's Statements in the Press Conference on Mitochondrial Disorders

I found it interesting that even though the father is a neurologist he states that his training regarding mitochondrial disorders reveals that ..."mitochondrial disorders are still quite mysterious". I was surprised at this statement because anyone who has gone through additional postgraduate training in Functional Medicine with the Institute for Functional Medicine knows very well how to provide significant beneficial nutritional support for mitochondrial disorders. Giving Dr. Poling the benefit of the doubt however, I'm certain he was making a summary statement regarding mitochondrial disorders for the understanding of the general public.

He explained very clearly in plain English the functions of mitochondria. I was very glad he stated that that mitochondrial DNA comes only from the mother. This has implications that I have discussed in other publications of why it is so important for women desiring to become pregnant to take pre-pregnancy measures to decrease DNA oxidation. Some of those articles can be accessed from my newsletter archives found at this link: <http://www.drhusbands.com/subscribe.cfm> .

I taught a mixed audience of physicians and general public on the topic of mitochondrial disorders at a presentation at the Smart Life Forum in March 2006. For a website link to review this lecture and order a video of the presentation see <http://smartlifeforum.org/wiki/2007/03> .

Make Informed Decisions Before Vaccinating!

This case illustrates the importance of considering all factors before vaccinating your child. Some useful links to help you make informed decisions about vaccinating your child and a link to the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program can be found in the useful links section of my website here: <http://www.drhusbands.com/links.cfm>.

Investigate the facts regarding the link between thimerosal containing vaccinations and the damage they do to everyone for yourself so you make WELL INFORMED decisions affecting your children, as well as your entire family!

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