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RE: Formal Complaint – Inaccurate Statements

I am writing to file a formal complaint regarding inaccurate statements made on CTV's 'Your Morning' program entitled, '**The Anti-Vax Movement: Canadian Pediatricians Weigh In**' of October 18, 2016.
<http://www.ctv.ca/YourMorning/Video/How-do-doctors-react-to-parents-who-decide-against-vaccinations-vid974434>

Numerous False Statements

In the program the host, Ben Mulroney, interviews two Canadian Pediatricians, Dr. Dina Kulik and Dr. Graham Black, on the topic of how Doctors react to parents who are vaccine hesitant. Dr. Kulik makes a number of false statements that require correction.

In response to parent's concerns about the use of preservatives in vaccines, Dr. Kulik states: "*The reality is there is no mercury in Canadian vaccines.*" This statement is clearly at odds with information provided by the Public Health Agency of Canada - Statement on Seasonal Influenza Vaccine for 2016.¹

In Appendix A of this document, (a portion attached) the Public Health Agency clearly identifies thimerosal (mercury) in six (6) influenza vaccines alone. This does not take into consideration the known use of thimerosal in the manufacture of other Canadian vaccines.

Dr. Kulik also states: "*The amount of aluminum is miniscule amounts*" and "*less than the amount in breast milk and formula.*" Dr. Kulik seems unaware there is a significant difference in the rate of absorption between ingesting aluminum and injecting aluminum into muscle tissue.

While breast milk and conventional formula may be a source of aluminum, it is mostly cleared by the kidneys of a healthy person, and only a minute part is

absorbed into the body. With injected aluminum, however, nearly all of the aluminum is retained in the body.

Dr. Kulik's statement is also at odds with the known neurotoxicity of aluminum in vaccines.² No clinical studies have been conducted to establish the safety of using aluminum in vaccines. The neurotoxicity of aluminum is well documented, affecting memory, cognition, psychomotor control, and damage to the blood brain barrier.³ The amount of aluminum used in vaccines **regularly exceeds** the maximum amount permitted by the FDA.^{4, 5}

Dr. Kulik also incorrectly refers to aluminum as a preservative when it is an adjuvant.

Dr. Kulik also references a 1998 study and incorrectly attributes the study with the claim that vaccines cause autism. The Lancet study never claimed that the MMR vaccine causes autism. The study referenced a new bowel syndrome found in some children who have autism. The concluding statement of the study was – *“We did not prove an association between measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine and the syndrome described. Virological studies are underway that may help to resolve this issue.”*

Dr. Kulik describes the study as *“completely falsified, made up”*. Again, Dr. Kulik seems unaware the results of the study have been replicated by more than 25 independent labs around the world. To continue to refer to the 1998 study as *“completely falsified”* is dishonest or grossly uninformed.

Finally, Dr. Kulik states: there have been *“thousands of studies that show no relationship between MMR and autism”*. This statement too is completely false. There have been less than a dozen studies that were unable to find a relationship between the MMR vaccine and autism. Most of these studies have been discredited as being of poor design. Also, the inability to find a link between vaccines and autism does not mean there is no relationship, it only means those researchers using that particular study design did not find a link.

Dr. Kulik seems unaware of the findings of an extensive meta analysis done by the Cochrane Collaboration on MMR safety where they state, *“The design and reporting of safety outcomes in MMR vaccine studies, both pre- and post-marketing, are largely inadequate. The evidence of adverse events following immunisation with the MMR vaccine cannot be separated from its role in preventing the target diseases.”*⁶

The most commonly referenced study where researchers were unable to find a relationship between the MMR vaccine and autism is the 2004 CDC study. This is the subject of the documentary Vaxxed in which one of the lead authors and senior scientists with the CDC, Dr. William Thompson, has taken whistleblower status and declared the CDC has been fraudulently manipulating data for ten years in their effort to deny a clearly evident vaccine-autism link.

There are more than 127 studies that demonstrate vaccine-autism causation. ⁷

Your host and guests also express a distorted perception of the potential risk posed by unvaccinated individuals. The fact is individuals recently vaccinated with live-virus vaccine pose more of a health risk to the immune compromised than healthy unvaccinated individuals.

Consider that individuals who are immune compromised or being treated for cancer are advised to avoid anyone who has received a live-virus vaccine because these viruses *can* and *do* shed, some for as much as four weeks, potentially infecting the immunocompromised patient with disastrous results. This includes the MMR vaccine, the intranasal flu vaccine, and the chicken pox shot. In fact, it is much more likely for an immune compromised individual to encounter a peer at school who has been recently vaccinated with a live-virus vaccine than he or she is to encounter natural disease from an unvaccinated child.

It is well established that pertussis is more easily “spread” by vaccinated people than non-vaccinated people because vaccinated people can be asymptomatic carriers who don’t even know they harbor an active pertussis infection.

Program Bias

Mr. Mulroney clearly demonstrates a bias in this program. By using the terminology “*anti-vax*” he fails to recognize that those expressing hesitancy about the safety of the current vaccine program are mostly parents whose children have been injured by vaccines. If these parents were truly “*anti-vax*” their children would never have been injured in the first place.

These parents ought to be respectfully referred to as “*pro-safety*”, “*pro-choice*” and “*pro-accountability*” or “*anti-unsafe vaccines*”. Further, describing the relentless efforts to silence the voices of parents of vaccine injured children as “*a war against the anti-vax movement*” shows callous disregard for the suffering families have experienced as a result of our systemic and willful blindness to vaccine injury.

The pediatricians failed to disclose that every G7 nation other than Canada has a national vaccine injury compensation plan. Canada is the outlier with its systemic denial of vaccine injury, aided and abetted by a complicit media. This is in stark contrast to the more than \$3 billion paid to date by the U.S. government to individuals and families whose loved ones have suffered catastrophic injuries and death from vaccines. This alone should be cause for concern.

The pediatricians also failed to disclose they have a financial conflict of interest in recommending vaccinations. Canadian doctors, in addition to compensation for administering the vaccines, receive bonuses for achieving a high rate of vaccination amongst their patients.

This episode of 'Your Morning' is a compelling example of why having balance in the media is so necessary. When only one perspective is offered, there is no opportunity to hold those who blindly advocate their perspective accountable for their inaccuracies, biases, and distortions.

My request is that CTV and Bell Media make a **public correction** of the inaccurate statements in this program and **apologize** for any misunderstanding this may have caused. Any failure to do so undermines confidence in the CTV and Bell Media as credible sources of information as pertains to the topic of vaccinations.

Sincerely,

Ted Kuntz, parent of a vaccine injured child

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