Vaccination site reactions were the most common AEFI. This is the only chart where children did not experience a majority of AEFIs, although they did experience almost half of these reactions.

The ‘Other’ event category is the information that the text would like to ‘exclude’ when looking at AEFI reports for children less than one year old. Yet this group suffered 185 (41%) of these adverse events including such serious events as intussusception, HHE, thrombocytopenia, SIDS and so forth.

It is notable that older children (7 to <18 year olds) suffered more Allergic reactions than younger age groups, perhaps because this is the age group that receives HepatitisB and Tdap boosters, HPV and Meningococcal-ACYW-135 in school vaccination programs.

Rashes are an allergic, inflammatory reaction, usually defined in case definitions as Systemic Events. However CAEFISS chooses to list them separately.

Infections, syndromes and systemic reactions (ISS) are often serious. They include Kawasaki syndrome, fibromyalgia, influenza like illness fatigue and lethargy and sepsis.

Neurologic adverse events had the most number of serious reports. This is understandable considering this category contains ataxia (loss of muscle control), seizures, meningitis, encephalitis and ADEM, and various forms of paralysis including GBS and Bell's Palsy.

But, despite this number-bashing, we are still left in the dark as to how many of the reports in each group is Serious in nature. This information is simply no longer available to the public in CAEFISS reports.