

Tuesday February 11, 2020
Testimony of JoAnn Farb

Re: HB 2601

Dear Chairman Huebert and Education Committee members:

I am here testifying in support of HB2601, to prevent the Secretary of Health of KDHE from adding additional vaccines to the schedule of those mandated for school entry in Kansas.

My name is JoAnn Farb and I am a former microbiologist with a global pharmaceutical company. I had a unique position with Merck and Co Inc., because normally the marketing side and the scientific side are entirely segregated, so that lower-level employees on one side know nothing about the other. But that was not true in my case. I had a split position. Half the time I reported to managers in marketing where I was part of an army of sales reps. In that capacity I helped disseminate scientific studies that supported sales of our products. All of us reps just assumed that the studies handed to us by supervisors were unbiased in design...science is unbiased...right?

But then while doing my duties on the scientific side, I was also part of meetings where I heard management on that side discuss how we could get a study design set up just the way we needed it set up, by giving a grant to a cash-strapped university, so that the resulting data would support sales of our products.

Seeing first hand, that a pharmaceutical company not only had the will and the means to create biased science and get it published in the scientific journals wouldn't have troubled me as much as it did, had I not also seen that the same company had the will and the means to make sure that THAT science would be more read and seen by doctors, scientists, regulators and legislatures than any other science that might challenge its findings.

However, I didn't realize at the time how much this experience would lay a foundation for my future passion on the subject of vaccines.

Years after I was no longer working for Merck, a friend confided to me that she was not planning on vaccinating her new baby, and I was horrified. Everything I had ever learned up to that point in my life had affirmed my view that vaccines were one of the greatest medical interventions of all time. So I was convinced that my, "scientifically illiterate" friend was making a huge mistake and it was my responsibility to educate her, as I was very scared for her child.

I decided that the best way to proceed was to look into everything my friend was reading and then show her how it was misrepresenting the actual published science. This was in the early 1990s – before we had the internet. When I read the magazine articles and books she shared, I found things I'd never heard discussed before -- not in my microbiology and immunology classes, and not in my work with Merck. I thought to myself, "this will be easy to show my friend that these are all lies." I headed straight to the medical library of my local hospital and found a very helpful librarian who was eager to help me locate all the original science that the crazy anti-vaccine articles referenced. The librarian also made sure that I saw some of his favorite medical books extensively detailing the history of vaccines.

I spent the next year reading everything while frequently visiting the medical library, and then calling the CDC and my old immunology professors to discuss what I was finding. But things didn't go as I planned, because I found the science I was reading did not support what I had been taught –and which so many people I respected still incorrectly believed was true. To make matters worse, none of the scientists I spoke with at the CDC in the early 1990s (all of whom were adamant that the benefits of vaccines far outweighed their risks) had any awareness at all of some of the horrific harms that were documented to have come from mass vaccination.

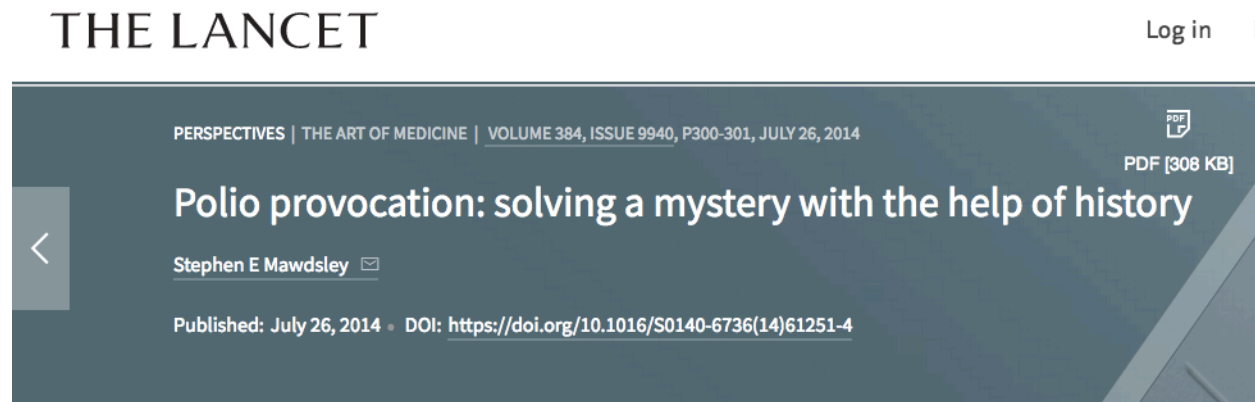
Here is one example: The polio vaccine, which was grown on monkey kidney tissue, was injected into millions of people before it was discovered that it was contaminated with a cancer-causing virus called SV40. Even worse – when some government scientists tried to point this out, those pushing for mass vaccination tried to hide this from the public, because they didn't want to undermine public confidence in vaccines. We now know that some of the cancers that SV40 is associated with in humans, have 20-40 year latency periods. How many people have died because of this? To my knowledge, these cancers and deaths are never taken into account when public health officials tell us that the benefits of the polio vaccine outweigh the risks.

This tendency to **prioritize the vaccine program over actual public health** has accelerated since the passage of the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, which removed liability for most vaccines, and thus removed the most important check encouraging companies to make vaccines as safe as possible.

Lest you dismiss the cancer cases caused by the polio vaccine, because of the widespread (erroneous) belief that polio was such a deadly disease it doesn't matter that many got cancer from the vaccine – consider this fact: The Merck Manual actually states that during epidemics of polio in unvaccinated populations, **over 99% of those who contract wild polio have asymptomatic infections**, yielding lifelong immunity -- with no paralysis.

We also now know that two factors make one more likely to have been in that unfortunate less than one percent. A) Having their tonsils out and B) Having any kind of intramuscular injection

(like diphtheria vaccine or a penicillin shot) within 30 days of being exposed to wild Polio. (Read the whole paper at this link: [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(14\)61251-4/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(14)61251-4/fulltext))



The question public health officials should be asking about Polio is this: Given that we have historical descriptions suggesting that sporadic cases of paralysis from polio have probably plagued many human populations going back thousands of years, why are there no descriptions of *paralysis epidemics* in any human groups prior to the 1800s? (There are a number of good reasons why polio paralysis became epidemic – which understanding could help us prevent paralysis from polio, without mandating a vaccine, that has caused so much injury.

I have continued to study the science as it relates to vaccines and have continued to discuss my findings with doctors, scientists and the staff at health departments and disturbingly here is what I have discovered:

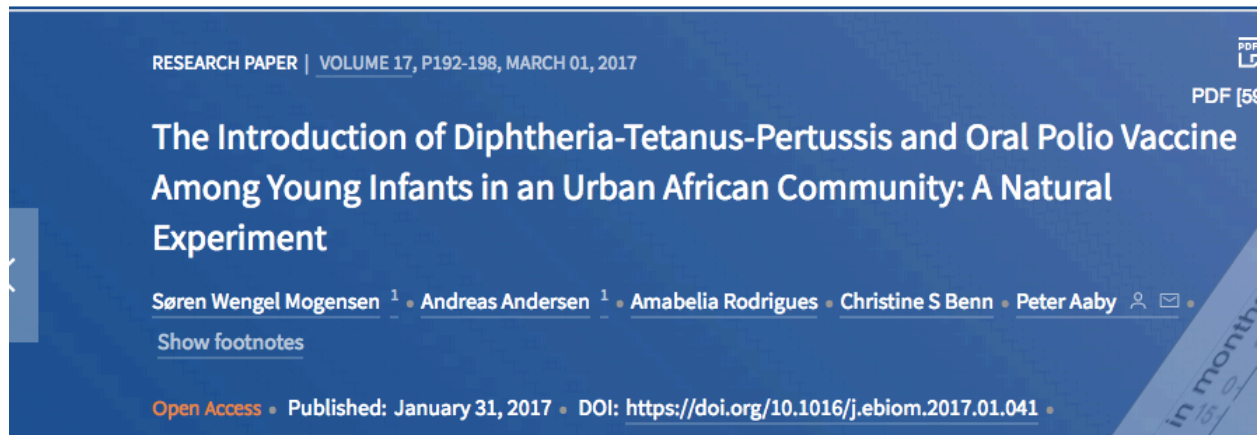
- 1) The vast majority of highly educated people who believe the current vaccine program is generally good for public health, are absolutely ignorant about a lot of very important science. They don't realize how much they don't know, because everyone around them has had similar education and reinforces that perspective just like I experienced when I was a microbiologist working for Merck.
- 2) Nobody who believes that vaccines are safe and effective has ever been able to disprove good evidence to the contrary that I am familiar with. But you must dive deep to see this. The devil is in the details as I have tried to show above. But please know I have barely scratched the surface so as not to overwhelm you, but would be very happy to return for a “vaccine education day” and share a lot more.

I could spend all day discussing published science with you that contradicts the current narrative the media screams at us continuously -- that vaccines are safe and effective. But I will limit this testimony to just one other study, so as not to overwhelm you, while hoping to pique

your curiosity. The next study I am choosing to share is a retrospective study, because it demonstrates how even when a vaccine was causing a shocking number of deaths in otherwise healthy infants, none of those caring for these children had any idea that their deaths were related to routine vaccination – the connection was only discovered years later by a very cleverly done study that made use of existing data. You can read that study here:

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The Introduction of Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis and Oral Polio Vaccine Among Young Infants in an Urban African Community: A Natural Experiment

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But it's not just deaths that I hope you will consider.

We've had a quadrupling of chronic health conditions in children that have paralleled the increase in the number of vaccines they are given, to the point that now half of all children, by the time they graduate high school are being diagnosed with a chronic condition.

Given that the purpose of a vaccine is to alter the function of the immune system, and that most of the chronic diseases plaguing America's children are related to an abnormally functioning immune system (allergies, asthma, autoimmunity and cancer) shouldn't we be able to point to at least one study that compared vaccinated children to unvaccinated children and followed them long term and then demonstrated better health outcomes in those who were vaccinated? But not only has such a study never been done, we have an abundance of evidence suggesting that growing numbers of vaccines may be causal to the epidemic of chronic disease that American children are suffering from.

You have the ability to hit the "pause" button for the citizens of Kansas suffering from this vaccine epidemic by supporting this bill. I urge you to do so.

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