

**Dear Readers,**

There are many homeopaths who take a reserved and negative opinion on vaccination. It's not that they are doing it without a reason. There are 48 rubrics in Essential Synthesis and 20 rubrics in Kent's Repertory which talk about bad effects of vaccination.

The answer to this pondering question on vaccination is to be answered by homeopaths of today . Hahnemann didn't have the challenge to see vaccine effects or side effects as that was very new for that century. Therefore we do not find enough reference on vaccination in his works (except aphorism 46). But yes, he does guide us by saying "to give remedies we know well off".

Can we say of a vaccine that we know its impact accurately? In recent years a growing number of doctors, researchers and concerned parents are taking a strong stand against modern medical vaccination procedures. Adverse effects of vaccination can be short term as well long term.

VAERS was started in 1990 in USA as a passive surveillance system for adverse events occurring after vaccination. VAERS is a passive reporting system that accepts reports from the public on adverse events associated with vaccines licensed in the United States. VAERS data are monitored to detect new, unusual, or rare vaccine adverse events, monitor increases in known adverse events, and identify potential patient risk factors for particular types of adverse events, identify vaccine lots with increased numbers or types of reported adverse events and assess the safety of newly licensed vaccines. Approximately 30,000 VAERS reports are filed annually, with 10-15% classified as serious (resulting in permanent disability, hospitalization, life-threatening illnesses or death). Anyone can file a VAERS report, including health care providers, manufacturers, and vaccine recipients or their parents or guardians. Many of such adverse reaction are likely to go unreported. And if we take an approximate number of such happenings of the whole world population, the number definitely will be high.

On the other hand if we consider the people saved from these deadly diseases, which have been prevented by vaccination, that number would also be large. To date, only one infectious disease that affects humans has been eradicated. In 1980, after decades of efforts by the World Health Organization,

the World Health Assembly endorsed a statement, declaring smallpox eradicated. Coordinated efforts rid the world of a disease that had once killed up to 35% of its victims and left others scarred or blind.

There are also huge number of cases which have been vaccinated against polio, measles, mumps etc. These processes would have certainly immunized atleast a certain percentage of this population against these diseases which otherwise would have left deformity or secondary effects in these people.

What is required is to analyze the pros and cons of vaccination. We have to see if people were not vaccinated by BCG, Polio, Measles, Whooping Cough etc what be the consequences. Would we as doctors be able to save all those people if they get the infection. So not immunizing can cause equally if not more devastating diseases.

Will the parents or people around be able to identify the symptoms in the very first exposure and before the picture of disease develops completely. Will the person have access to the medical care he or she needs if they get the infection? In comparison, vaccination programs are done in a way that it covers the maximum percentage of population. In India, there is a house to house survey done by the team the next day of vaccination to assure that all the houses in the area have got the vaccination done. Vaccination programs are done in far reaching areas also so as to cover the entire population. These places many times will not have medical access.

What was done in Andhra Pradesh was a very good example of prevention and treatment of Filariasis by medicines like Belladonna. What WHO vaccination programme does is ascertaining to help reach the vaccines to the entire population and that's the strength they have. Consider doing this! Maybe this will change the perspective of people towards homeopathy when they have access to it, as then they have more chances to try and use it. And then at some point homeopathy can become an option for vaccination if it can prove itself to be more safe and useful against these infectious diseases.

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