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Controversial Doctor and Autism Media Channel Director proven right

Two landmark events - a government concession in the US Vaccine Court, and a groundbreaking scientific paper – confirm that physician, scientist, and AMC Director, Dr. Andrew Wakefield, and the parents were right all along.

In a recently published December 13, 2012 vaccine court ruling, hundreds of thousands of dollars were awarded to Ryan Mojabi,ⁱ whose parents described how "MMR vaccinations," caused a "severe and debilitating injury to his brain, diagnosed as Autism Spectrum Disorder ('ASD')."

Later the same month, the government suffered a second major defeat when young Emily Moller from Houston won compensation following vaccine-related brain injury that, once again, involved MMR and resulted in autism.

The cases follow similar successful petitions in the Italian and US courts (including Hannah Polingⁱⁱ, Bailey Banksⁱⁱⁱ, Misty Hyatt^{iv}, Kieran Freeman^v, Valentio Bocca^{vi}, and Julia Grimes^{vii}) in which the governments conceded or the court ruled that vaccines had caused brain injury. In turn, this injury led to an ASD diagnosis. MMR vaccine was the common denominator in these cases.

And **today**, scientists and physicians from Wake Forest University, New York, and Venezuela, reported findings that not only confirm the presence of intestinal disease in children with autism and intestinal symptoms, but also indicate that this disease may be novel.^{viii}

Using sophisticated laboratory methods Dr. Steve Walker and his colleagues endorsed Wakefield's original findings by showing molecular changes in the children's intestinal tissues that were highly distinctive and clearly abnormal.

From 1998 Dr. Wakefield discovered and reported intestinal disease in children with autism.^{ix} Based upon the medical histories of the children he linked their disease and their autistic regression to the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR vaccine). He has since been subjected to relentless personal and professional attacks in the media, and from governments, doctors and the pharmaceutical industry. In the wake of demonstrably false and highly damaging allegations of scientific fraud by British journalist Brian Deer and the British Medical Journal, Dr. Wakefield is pursuing defamation proceedings against them in Texas.^x



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While repeated studies from around the world confirmed Wakefield's bowel disease in autistic children^{xi} and his position that safety studies of the MMR are inadequate,^{xii} Dr. Wakefield's career has been destroyed by false allegations.^x Despite this he continues to work tirelessly to help solve the autism catastrophe.

The incidence of autism has rocketed to a risk of around 1 in 25 for children born today. Meanwhile governments, absent any explanation and fearing loss of public trust, continue to deny the vaccine-autism connection despite the concessions in vaccine court.

Speaking from his home in Austin, Texas, Dr. Wakefield said, "There can be very little doubt that vaccines can and do cause autism. In these children, the evidence for an adverse reaction involving brain injury following the MMR that progresses to an autism diagnosis is compelling. It's now a question of the body count. The parents' story was right all along. Governments must stop playing with words while children continue to be damaged. My hope is that recognition of the intestinal disease in these children will lead to the relief of their suffering. This is long, long overdue."

Dr. Andrew Wakefield is a best selling author,^{xi} founder of the autism research non-profit Strategic Autism Initiative (SAI), and Director of the Autism Media Channel.

See:

"Identification of Unique Gene Expression Profile in Children with Regressive Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Ileocolitis" *PLOS ONE* March 8, 2013, available online at:
<http://dx.plos.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0058058>

To see an exclusive interview with one of the study's key authors Dr. Arthur Krigsman, go to autismmediachannel.com

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ⁱ <http://www.usfc.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/CAMPBELL-SMITH.MOJABI.PROFFER.12.13.2012.pdf>

ⁱⁱ http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-31727_162-20015982-10391695.html and <http://www.usfc.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/CAMPBELLSMITH.%20DOE77082710.pdf>

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://www.usfc.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/Abell.BANKS.02-0738V.pdf> (see footnote 4)

^{iv} <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2008/03/06/eveningnews/main3915703.shtml>

^v <http://www.usfc.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/HASTINGS.Freeman.pdf>



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^{vi} <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2160054/MMR-A-mothers-victory-The-vast-majority-doctors-say-link-triple-jab-autism-Italian-court-case-reignite-controversial-debate.html>

^{vii} <http://www.usfc.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/MORAN.LAWSON011211.pdf>

^{viii} Walker S., Fortunado J, Krigsman A., Gonzalez L. Identification of Unique Gene Expression Profile in Children with Regressive Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Ileocolitis.

^{ix} Wakefield AJ. Callous Disregard: Autism and Vaccines – The Truth Behind a Tragedy. 2010. Skyhorse Publishing, NY, NY. Chapter 1, footnotes 1 & 4, p.20

^x For Affidavits see www.DrWakefieldJusticeFund.org

^{xi} Wakefield AJ. Waging War on the Autistic Child. 2012 Skyhorse Publishing NY, NY. Chapter 2, footnotes 2-11, pp.255-256

^{xii} Jefferson T et al, Unintended events following immunization with MMR: a systematic review. Vaccine 21 (2003) 3954–3960