

10 Questions to Ask Your Child's Pediatrician About Vaccines

1. How many vaccines will my child receive by the age of 18 if we follow the [CDC schedule](#)¹ and would you consider a delayed schedule?
2. Are vaccines [100% effective](#)?
3. In medical school, did you study each vaccine and its possible side effects?
4. Do you find any of these vaccine ingredients problematic for young children?
 - [Aluminum](#)², a developmental toxin
 - Animal tissues: pig blood, horse blood, rabbit brain, dog kidney, monkey kidney, chick embryo, chicken egg, duck egg
 - [Formaldehyde](#)³, may be linked to leukemia, according to researchers
 - Human diploid cells, derived from human aborted fetal tissue
 - [Mercury/thimerosal](#)⁴, a developmental toxin, may be linked to autism
 - [Monosodium glutamate \(MSG\)](#)⁵, may injure brain neurons
5. Do you believe that [adverse reactions](#)⁶ happen, know what to look for, and report any adverse reactions to [VAERS](#)⁷?
6. Do you have an understanding of the illness for which you are giving an immunization, and what is the risk today of my child acquiring this illness?
7. Did you know vaccine manufacturers are [free from liability](#)⁸ when children are injured or die following vaccination?
8. Prior to injection, do you look into whether or not there is a family history of auto-immune issues or do testing for the [MTHFR genetic polymorphism](#)⁹, which may increase the chances of vaccine injury?
9. Are you knowledgeable about the clinical trials for the vaccines you administer and do you know if they have been [tested against an inert placebo control](#)?
10. Does your practice receive a [financial incentive](#)¹⁰ for having patients follow the CDC vaccination schedule and will you allow my child to remain in this practice if we decide not to follow it?

Children's Health Defense has continually heard from parents of vaccine-injured children who express regret that they weren't better informed about the potential for adverse reactions. Many wish they had asked their child's pediatrician more questions before proceeding with vaccination. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, more parents than ever are evaluating the risks and benefits of vaccines and engaging their physicians in deeper conversations. This list of essential questions can help you make more informed decisions about vaccinations for your children.

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