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Debunking Medical Myths: Do Vaccines Cause Autism?

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DO VACCINES CAUSE AUTISM?

No.

There are many complications associated with measles, including:

- Ear infection
- Diarrhea
- Pneumonia (infection of the lungs)
- Encephalitis (swelling of the brain)
- Hearing loss
- Death.

The increase in prevalence of autism diagnoses over the past 30 years causes many to question whether vaccinations of infants/children are directly or possibly indirectly contributing to this rise.

What do the experts have to say about this?

A retrospective cohort study, involving approximately 110,800 children born between 1992 and 1998, encountered only 200 children diagnosed with autism, despite the number that had received the TVC vaccine. It was concluded that there is therefore no association between the vaccine and diagnosis.

Researchers conducted a meta-analysis of 1.2 million children which showed no relationship between Autism Spectrum Disorder and MMR vaccination. These researchers advise “the continuation of immunization programs according to national guidelines”.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about any vaccines, your family practice physician is always a good point of contact. If a physician is not readily available to you, here are some resources you can check out regarding vaccine safety and efficacy.

- https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/immunizations/Pages/default.aspx

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