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## Another Mother Blames Gardasil for Daughter's Illness

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Gardasil is in the news again. This time, a 17-year-old woman and her mother will be participating in an Internet forum concerning serious reactions the daughter suffered following a **Gardasil** injection, said Press Republican.

This is not the first time patients have complained about similar, serious, adverse reactions to the controversial cervical cancer injection.

- \* After one Gardasil injection, a 13-year-old girl was diagnosed with Acute Pancreatitis, was hospitalized for over three months, and underwent two surgeries to remove Pseudocysts. Her family filed a petition for vaccine compensation, seeking damages from the government.
- \* A group of Australian researchers found young women there who received the drug were five to 20 times likelier to suffer rare and severe allergic reactions
- \* In the U.S., a 20-year-old woman suffered a stroke after receiving a second Gardasil injection
- \* Two women overseas died after receiving their Gardasil injections.
- \* Three young women died in the U.S. days after Gardasil was administered.
- \* A 14-year-old girl experienced debilitating headaches, fainting spells, and arthritis-like stiffness and became so dizzy she could barely walk, was hospitalized, missed nearly one month of school, and suffered a seizure.
- \* Another 13-year-old began showing signs of a degenerative muscle disease after her third Gardasil injection; she is almost completely paralyzed.

Following a Gardasil injection, a 16-year-old girl is sick with constant exhaustion and nausea; hair falling out in clumps, ongoing fainting episodes, numbness, and paralysis; dangerously low blood pressure; and severe back spasms that cause her to stop breathing. The family is convinced the reactions are a result of Gardasil vaccinations, which in her case, were given with a meningitis vaccine.

Despite all of these claims, Merck & Co. maintains that Gardasil—the three-shot inoculations that claim to prevent some—not all—types of the human Papillomavirus (HPV)—are safe.

In this recent case, 17-year-old Kirstie receive her first injection last February and then fell ill with headaches, dizziness, confusion, and lethargy. Kirstie received her second Gardasil dose last April, said Press Republican, and was not improving. Her mother, Debbie LaBombard Cook, told Press Republican, "In June, she had a grand-mal seizure, and we almost lost her. Now, she has auto-immune disease, a brain disease." Kirstie is now being treated with 14 pills three times daily.

According to the **Centers for Disease Control** (CDC), said Press Republican. Over 23 million Gardasil doses have been administered in the United States, with the CDC receiving about 12,000 reports of adverse events. While 94 percent were deemed non-serious—fainting or pain and swelling at the injection site—the remainder, which were deemed serious, were found to be random reactions since experts were unable to locate a similar pattern, said Press Republican.

Kirstie and Debbie will be participating in an audio-streamed segment on KRFC FM Public Radio in Fort Collins, Colorado, which can also be accessed via Internet at 8:00 PM Monday, reported Press Republican. "There is no test that says 100 percent that these problems are caused by Gardasil, but if enough people hear about this and share information, it might get someone's attention," Debbie Cook told Press Republican.

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1. *Mr. Blair M. Phillips* Says:

March 4th, 2009 at 10:26 am

"There is no test that says 100 percent that these problems are caused by Gardasil, but if enough people hear about this and share information, it might get someone's attention," Debbie Cook told Press Republican.

This is sad! This is what I call, "The Body Bag Theory". If you count enough dead young women - then - we'll do a little investigating! Shouldn't Gardasil be required to have done Independent, long term studies as a "Precautionary Principle" to insure the safety of the product which is administered to the Public? I bet that 17 year old woman and her mother would agree! IMO - Capitalism has become as evil as Communism!

2. *Tory* Says:

March 4th, 2009 at 1:48 pm

It's all about the money and lobbyist!  
These people are the same as the Nazi's. Experimenting at your child's cost!

3. *Caroline* Says:

March 4th, 2009 at 3:26 pm

Sure, blame the government! These are all tragic stories and I am very sympathetic for all of the

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girls and their loved ones who are affected.  
 But come on, people. Vaccines have always had side effects. The government and big business has been proven wrong and countless safety issues. At one point, there were campaigns to encourage tobacco smoking because of medicinal purposes! What is the conclusion of the newest study of the effects of one glass of red wine a day? Is it bad for you this month, or healthy?  
 Yes, medicine has helped many people. But sticking needles full of foreign substances into one's body should not be the answer for every illness. Particularly HPV. Don't sleep around, your chances of contracting HPV are lowered. WOW! You see how simple that is?  
 For the record, I am a nineteen year old female in America. When someone mentioned Gardisal to me, I asked, "You want to give me a shot...WHERE?!" No, thank you.  
 Please, please, please, don't trust the government or big business when it comes to what is good for you or not. And ESPECIALLY not for your children. You and yours are your own responsibility. "Slow down! You're moving too fast.."

4. *Mrs. Shultz Says:*  
**March 4th, 2009 at 10:23 pm**  
 My 16 year old daughter has completed all three injections with absolutly no adverse reactions. We have, however, watched friends of the family die with cervical cancer. I have had several procedures due to HPV and bad pap smears indicating pre-cancerous conditions. I'm hoping this prevents the same things happening to my daughter. We discussed the benefits and risks..just as there are for any vaccine, and she made the choice herself. While I grieve for these families, something has to be done to stop this disease. I think this is one step.

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