

Flu Vaccine Info Sheet

The **efficacy of the flu vaccine** for the 2012-2013 year was only **about 9%** in the elderly (over 65) population, which is less than the efficacy of a placebo.¹ According to the **CDC in 2014-2015, the overall flu vaccine effectiveness against all influenza viruses was 19%.**²

A 2008 Lancet study reported **the flu shot did not reduce risk of pneumonia in the elderly.**³

The flu vaccine is the most commonly reported vaccine in the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS).⁴ **The flu vaccine is also the most compensated vaccine.** Between 11/16/14 and 2/15/14 (a 3-month period), of 91 cases settled, **74 were for severe injury or death due to influenza vaccination.**⁵

The flu vaccine has historically been ineffective and the studies on its merit are lacking. The Cochrane Review, widely considered the gold standard for mainstream medical review, has concluded in every review of the **flu shot for over a decade** that the available **safety/efficacy studies are of extremely poor quality.**⁶

Through their AFIX program, the **CDC rewards doctors who have high vaccination rates.** In effect, **taxpayer funds** are used to incentivize physicians who sell the most vaccines.^{7 8}

Flu deaths are exaggerated by public health officials as they **are combined with pneumonia deaths** in CDC reports. Data from 2010, reported by the CDC in 2013, lists 50,097 deaths from both diseases, but further investigation reveals this number is **500 from influenza and 49,597 cases of pneumonia.**⁹

Most multi-dose vials of **flu vaccine still contain Thimerosal**, a **mercury derivative** known to cause neurological damage.^{10 11}

There is evidence **that repeated flu shots may blunt the vaccine's effectiveness** in subsequent seasons.¹²

Influenza vaccines contain three or four influenza virus strains and are produced using either **chicken eggs or genetically-engineered dog kidney or caterpillar cells.** Influenza vaccines sold by different drug companies contain various ingredients, including non-human protein and genetic materials, polysorbate 80, **Thimerosal**, and other chemicals with unknown side effects.^{13 14}

In 1986, the **federal government granted vaccine manufacturers civil immunity** from harm their products cause. However, taxpayers have paid over **\$3.2 billion in compensation to those injured by vaccines.**

¹ <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/health/2013/02/21/flu-vaccine-doesnt-work-over-65/1934651/>

² <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/news/updated-vaccine-effectiveness-2014-15.htm>

³ <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2008/08/study-flu-shots-may-not-protect-elderly-pneumonia>

⁴ <http://www.nvic.org/vaccines-and-diseases/Influenza/Influenza-Vaccine-Package-Inserts.aspx>

⁵ <http://vaccineimpact.com/2015/march-2015-settlements-in-vaccine-court-117-vaccine-injuries-and-deaths/>

⁶ http://www.cochrane.org/CD001269/ARI_vaccines-to-prevent-influenza-in-healthy-adults

⁷ <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/afix/index.html>

⁸ <http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2012/06/02/bribery-affects-vaccination-rates.aspx>

⁹ http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr61/nvsr61_04.pdf (see table 10, page 39)

¹⁰ <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/thimerosal.htm>

¹¹ <http://www.sciencelab.com/msds.php?msdsId=9925236>

¹² <http://www.cmaj.ca/content/early/2015/03/02/cmaj.109-5000.full.pdf>

¹³ https://www.nvic.org/CMSTemplates/NVIC/pdf/FluBrochure_8102013-web.pdf

¹⁴ http://www.immunize.org/packageinserts/pi_influenza.asp