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## Vaccine Info Sheet #1: Recent History

### Did you know?

In **1983**, the CDC recommended U.S. children receive **11 doses** of **four** vaccines by age **one** and **24 doses** of **seven** vaccines by age **18**,<sup>1</sup> at an average **cost of \$100**.<sup>2</sup>

In the **mid 1980s**, drug companies faced several multi-million dollar judgments from vaccine-related injury and death lawsuits. Unable to retain insurance, they threatened to stop production unless given legal protection from liability.

In **1986** Congress passed the **National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986**, granting **vaccine manufacturers and physicians immunity** from most lawsuits.

In **1988**, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services established the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (NVICP). Funded by a 75 cent tax on every vaccine dose, this government-administered program has awarded **over \$3 billion to victims of vaccine injury or death**, despite most claims being denied. Decisions are generally sealed; discovery and subpoena powers are all but absent.<sup>3</sup>

Since **1986**, the vaccine schedule has tripled with the CDC currently recommending **26 doses of nine vaccines by age one and 69 doses of 16 vaccines by age 18**.<sup>4</sup>

In **2011**, the **Supreme Court shielded drug companies from all liability** for government-mandated vaccines, even when safer vaccines could have been created.<sup>5 6</sup>

In **2014**, the average cost to fully vaccinate a child from birth to age 18 was **\$2,192**.<sup>7</sup>

In **2013**, **Phrma.org** announced that **271 new vaccines were in development**.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/images/schedule1983s.jpg>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/03/health/Vaccine-Costs-Soaring-Paying-Till-It-Hurts.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/03/health/Vaccine-Costs-Soaring-Paying-Till-It-Hurts.html?_r=0)

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.ebcala.org/unanswered-questions/vaccine-epidemic>

<sup>4</sup> Hepatitis B, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, HiB (*Haemophilus influenzae* type B), Rotavirus, PCV (Pneumococcal), Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella (Chicken Pox), Influenza, Hepatitis A, HPV (Human papillomavirus) and Meningococcal <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.nvic.org/NVIC-Vaccine-News/March-2011/No-Pharma-Liability--No-Vaccine-Mandates.aspx>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/10pdf/09-152.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/03/health/Vaccine-Costs-Soaring-Paying-Till-It-Hurts.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/03/health/Vaccine-Costs-Soaring-Paying-Till-It-Hurts.html?_r=0)

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.phrma.org/press-release-medicines-in-development-vaccines>