

Vaccines, Amen gets the silent treatment

Childhood vaccines are credited with saving millions of lives per year. This chart below shows the total number of deaths from the diseases children are vaccinated against in the year before the vaccines became available. They total 4906. Better sanitation, cleaner water, antibiotics and other improvements had vastly reduced their rates prior to vaccination. Notice that 75% of those deaths were for diseases addressed by the four earliest vaccines, DTP and Polio. Nothing special about the diseases. Public health in general has improved since the 1940s.

Things would have continued to improve even without the vaccinations. How much is hard to say, but reducing deaths from childhood diseases to one thousand deaths per year would be a reasonable estimate.

No vaccine is free of risk. Alongside those thousand lives saved by the vaccines, one has to also measure the increases in death due to adverse effects of vaccines. Nobody in authority has shown any desire to do that!

Disease	Year Vaccine Licensed	Number of Deaths in Year Prior to Licensure
Diphtheria	1949 (DTP)	634
Pertussis		1,146
Tetanus		506
Polio	1955	1,368
Measles	1963	408
Mumps	1967	43
Rubella	1969	24
Hepatitis B	1981	294
Hib	1990	34
Hepatitis A	1995	97
Varicella	1995	124
Pneumococcal	2000	200
Meningococcal	2005	8
Rotavirus	2006	20

The book *Vaccines, Amen*, addresses each of these vaccines in turn. I have selected text on the first one described, which is Hepatitis B. There is text from three sections describing what it is, an assessment of the level of risk against which it is protecting, and a brief description of how it was approved, just as Siri does for the other vaccines as well.

Hepatitis B

Next on the Pre-Vaccine Chart is Hep B, a primarily blood-borne infection that is typically spread through sexual contact and contaminated needles. The first Hep B vaccine was introduced in 1981 and made with human blood plasma from donors who were chronically infected with the Hep B virus. In 1986, a new Hep B vaccine using recombinant DNA technology without human blood was licensed. In any event, the mortality from Hep B climbed after introduction of the 1981 vaccine, continued to climb after the introduction of the 1986 vaccine, and has never returned to pre-vaccination levels. In 1980, there were 294 deaths in the United States from Hep B.⁶⁰ Today, there are around 1,700 deaths per year.

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Regarding the Hep B vaccine, mandating this vaccine for school (and hence expelling children from school for not having this vaccine) is not rational since Hep B is mainly passed through sexual intercourse or sharing needles, neither of which are school related activities. To confirm and drive home this point, my firm, on behalf of ICAN, sent a FOIA request to CDC for “documentation sufficient to reflect any case(s) of transmission of Hepatitis B in an elementary, middle, or high school setting.”¹⁹ CDC’s response? It could not identify any such case. Not one. As CDC conceded: “A search of our records failed to reveal any documents pertaining to your request.”²⁰ Meaning, CDC could not find documentation of a single case of Hep B being transmitted in a school setting.

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Hep B Vaccine As discussed, the two licensed hepatitis B vaccines injected into newborns (and at 2 months and 6 months) were licensed with no placebo control and no more than five days of safety monitoring after injection. So, bottom line, they had no clue if these two products were safe for babies when licensed. But that is not where the story ends, because these products were then used as controls for later hepatitis B vaccines. From those later trials, we can get a glimpse into their safety, and it is disturbing.

For example, Heplisav-B, a Hep B vaccine, was approved by the FDA in 2017 for adults.¹⁸ The trial for this new hepatitis B vaccine, which contains a novel adjuvant, did not use a placebo control.¹⁹ Instead, the control was Engerix-B.²⁰ The serious adverse event rate in the primary clinical trial for Heplisav-B was 6.2%, which the researchers deemed similar to the serious adverse event rate of 5.3% for Engerix-B.²¹ A “serious adverse event,” as defined by the FDA, means:

- Death
- Life-Threatening Hospitalization
- Disability or Permanent Damage
- Congenital Anomaly/Birth Defect
- Required Intervention to Prevent Permanent Impairment or Damage
- Other Serious (Important Medical Events) (...the event may jeopardize the patient and may require medical or surgical intervention ...
- to prevent one of the other outcomes)²²

Despite the 6.2% rate of serious adverse events, Heplisav-B was deemed safe only because it was as safe as Engerix-B. But Engerix-B was licensed without a control group and with only 4 days of safety monitoring after injection.²³ The serious adverse reaction rate for Engerix-B and Heplisav-B in the latter’s clinical trial should have caused massive concern regarding the safety of both vaccines, not confidence that the new Heplisav-B is safe.

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We read elsewhere that the number of babies used in the clinical trial of Hep B vaccination Recombivax was 147. They were observed for only five days after injection.

This Hep B material is representative of what the book has to say about all vaccinations on the childhood vaccination schedule shown in the table above.

Cost effectiveness

How much does it cost? A simple search on “total pharmaceutical industry income from childhood vaccines” yields

Yahoo Finance

<https://finance.yahoo.com › news › pediatric-vaccines-industry-exceed-156-160200982.html>
Pediatric Vaccines Industry to Exceed \$156.5 Billion in Revenues by ...

5 Dec 2024 The global pediatric **vaccines** market accounted for USD 54.17 billion in 2023 and is expected to reach at USD 156.57 billion by 2034 with a CAGR of 10.13% during the forecast period 2024-2034.

Author: Research And Markets

Dividing by that estimate of 1,000, even ignoring deaths from adverse events, and assuming that the vaccines actually work, coercing children to get vaccines is costing the country \$156.6 million per life saved.

The US National Institutes of Health has published [Five Hundred Life Saving Interventions and their Cost Effectiveness](#).

The text from the abstract includes the words

The 587 interventions identified ranged from those that save more resources than they cost, to those costing more than 10 billion dollars per year of life saved. Overall, the median intervention costs \$42,000 per life-year saved. The median medical intervention cost \$19,000/life-year; injury reduction \$48,000/life-year; and toxin control \$2,800,000/life-year. Cost/life-year ratios and bibliographic references for more than 500 life-saving interventions are provided.

Even if childhood vaccines did save lives, other uses of the money would save vastly more.

Health Effectiveness

The number of vaccines American children receive in their first year of life has gone from three to twenty nine since 1986. The number of children affected by chronic disease has risen from less than 10% to over 40% in that same timeframe. While nobody can cite the cause, the fanatics insist that it cannot be vaccines. And they don't want anybody to be investigating the question, either. Take their word for it.

CDC VACCINE SCHEDULE In Utero To 12 Months



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CDC schedules available at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/schedule-related-resources.html>

Do your homework!

I invite you to do as I did, search on “**critical review of Vaccines, Amen**”. I found nothing. Maybe because it is a recent book? How about his 2018 book. You can search as well on “**1000 mLs of Truth: The Deposition of Stanley Plotkin critical review**”.

You will find none. I am flattered, however, that what you do find is

[Book Review: 1000 mLs of Truth - by Graham Seibert](#)

None of the heavyweights want to touch Aaron Siri. That alone should spark your curiosity. Maybe they are hiding something. Not maybe. They are! Read the book!

The news about vaccines (or throttling thereof) is itself the news. [Vaccines, Amen again](#)
Unless you (Americans) live under a rock, you have been introduced to the name of Dr. Marcus Zervos over the past few weeks. For the rest of you, the story is this:

Vaccine skeptics have for decades been clamoring for a large-scale study comparing life outcomes of vaccinated children against unvaccinated children. The American public health institutions, chiefly the National Institutes of Health and Food and Drug Administration, stiffed them at every turn.

Finally, in 2017, the skeptics encountered a vaccine advocate confident enough to agree to such a study – Doctor Zervos. While the government health agencies would not allow access to their data bases, Dr. Zervos, as head Infectious Diseases at Henry Ford Health, agreed to perform a study comparing life outcomes of vaccinated vs. unvaccinated children.

From Ford’s large database, a total of 18,468 subjects met eligibility criteria for the study, of which 1,957 had no exposure to vaccination and 16,511 had received at least one vaccine. Most of the children had been under the care of Henry Ford for most of their lives. Dr. Zervos, a firm believer in vaccines, was confident that the results would confirm that the outcomes were better for the vaccinated.

The agreement was that whatever the outcome, the study would be published.

The very rigorously constructed and executed retroactive (i.e., after the fact) study was completed in 2020. But it was not published! Dr. Zervos’ superiors at Henry Ford would not allow it. The authors feared that their professional reputations would be ruined if it did get published.

Word of the study did get out. It has garnered a huge number of headlines over the past few weeks. The details of even this warrant comment. If you search the supposedly unbiased DuckDuckGo on “Zervos Study” you get something like this:

<https://www.vaccines.news> › 2025-09-12-study-exposes-alarming-health-risks-vaccinated-childre... ***

Landmark study exposes alarming health risks in vaccinated chi...

12 Sept 2025 · For nearly a decade, a groundbreaking **study** comparing the long-term health of vaccinated and unvaccinated children gathered dust in the files of Henry Ford Health, one of America's most respected medical institutions. Conducted by Dr. Marcus **Zervos**, a staunch vaccine proponent...

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<https://www.hsgac.senate.gov> › wp-content › uploads › Entered-into-hearing-record-impact-of-C... ***

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Impact of Childhood Vaccination on Short and Long-Term Chronic Health Outcomes in Children: A Birth Cohort **Study** Lois Lamerato, PhD1, Abigail Chatfield, MS1, Amy Tang, PhD1, Marcu

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<https://publichealthpolicyjournal.com> › authors-of-astonishing-study-showing-unvaccinated-kids-... ***

Authors of 'Astonishing' Study Showing Unvaccinated Kids Are ...

Zervos "looked us right in the eyes and assured us that he was a man of integrity and would publish the results, whatever the finding," Siri recalled. **Zervos** also agreed to use a truly unvaccinated control group. **Study** never published

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<https://www.freep.com> › story › news › health › 2025 › 09 › 25 › henry-ford-study-vaccine-safety ›... ***

Unpublished Henry Ford study at center of vaccine safety debate

25 Sept 2025 · The retrospective epidemiological **study** was led by Dr. Marcus **Zervos**, head of Henry Ford's division of infectious diseases and medical director of infection control. It included more than 18,000 ...

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The Suppressed Vax vs. Unvax Study: A Call for Transparency i...

The **Zervos study's** suppression for five years, despite its alarming findings, exposes a troubling lack of transparency in vaccine safety research. The reported threefold increase in chronic health conditions among vaccinated children demands further investigation, not dismissal.

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Big Pharma's Greatest Fear: The Vaccine Study They Tried to B...

18 Sept 2025 · The largest childhood vaccinated vs. unvaccinated **study** in U.S. history was discussed in Washington, D.C., on September 9, 2025, at the U.S. Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. Chaired by Senator Ron Johnson, the never-before-discussed **study**, completed in 202...

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Inside the Henry Ford vaccine controversy

4 days ago · **Zervos** and his colleagues agreed to perform a comprehensive comparison of vaccinated versus unvaccinated children using the health system's electronic medical records. For years, the Institute of Medicine had urged the CDC to conduct such a **study** using its Vaccine Safety Datalink. It...

[Children's Health Defense Canada Chapter](https://childrenshealthdefense.ca)
<https://childrenshealthdefense.ca> › news › henry-ford-birth-cohort-vax-vs-unvax-reveals-staggeri... ***

Henry Ford Birth Cohort Study Vax vs. Unvax Reveals Staggerin...

11 Sept 2025 · Data came directly from electronic medical records, the gold standard for real-world health outcomes. The 2020 **study** conducted by infectious disease doctor Marcus **Zervos**, MD is titled: "Impact of Childhood Vaccination on Short- and Long-Term Chronic Health Outcomes in Children: A...

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Suppressed Study Reveals Vaccinated Kids 453% More Likely t...

10 Sept 2025 · A suppressed Henry Ford Health **study** found vaccinated children had a 453 percent higher rate of neurodevelopmental disorders and 57 percent chronic illness after 10 years, compared to 17 percent for unvaccinated.

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<https://alpolitics.com> › unpublished-henry-ford-study-sparks-controversy-in-vaccine-debate ***

Unpublished Henry Ford Study Sparks Controversy in Vaccine ...

15 Sept 2025 · The **study**, led by Marcus **Zervos**, an infectious disease specialist at Henry Ford Health, tracked 18,468 children born between 2000 and 2016. The findings were presented during a U.S. Senate hearing titled "How the Corruption of Science Has Impacted Public Perception and Policies..."

If you search Google, you get half as much, the bias of which seems pretty obvious.

I had initially not paid too much attention to these headlines. Government lying again? Yawn! So what? I figured that if I needed to know, I would learn soon enough. I did!

The penultimate chapter of Vaccines, Amen is dedicated to the Zervos study. It is a wow! All of the skullduggery explained in detail.

I am confident that Siri will not charge me with copyright infringement for putting the chapter into a [dual-language document](#) so my Ukrainian readers can easily grasp the magnitude of the lies that the US government has been telling for decades, and the incredibly difficult position of the authors of the study, torn between the scientific ethic of telling the truth and the catastrophic effect of truth-telling on their careers.

The bottom line is that kids are better off unvaccinated. My 43-year-old son was vaxxed to the max. He underwent treatment for ADHD (Attention Deficit / Hyperactivity Disorder) throughout junior high and high school. He took vast amounts of ritalin and dexamyI until finally concluding on his own that it wasn't helping and simply quitting.

You find in this study that of the 16,511 vaccinated children, 262 were diagnosed with ADHD. Of the 1,957 unvaccinated children, absolutely zero were so diagnosed!

The results have to be honest – nobody knew at the time the data were collected that it would be subjected to a study like this. Even more amazing to me is that ADHD is such a vague diagnosis, subject to the whims of the educational establishment, that just by mistake one would expect some unvaccinated kids to get the label. But none did!

Please follow the link to read the chapter in either English or Ukrainian! This is a must-read.

[Vaccines, Amen again. The role I see for myself in the controversy.](#)

My reading frequently familiarizes me with people whose lives are more glamorous, adventuresome, risky and seemingly productive than my own has been. Should I be jealous? Are there challenges to which I should have arisen? What is my niche in a world of shrinking freedom of speech, growing medical tyranny and collapsing finances?

Reviewing books is the niche that found me. I have read far more than anybody whom I know personally. I am able to connect the dots, compare and contrast thoughts in broad range of disciplines.

Reading Vaccines, Amen makes this clear. Aaron Siri's notes and bibliography fail to mention a number of books that strongly support his arguments. Having read widely

positions me to more readily accept just about everything he says. It dovetails with other authors.

Forrest Maready's [The Moth in the Iron Lung](#), which addresses only polio, provides a far more extensive history of the disease. *Dissolving Illusions* by Suzanne Humphries and Roman Bystryanyk gives a more detailed history of polio, as well as all of the childhood diseases vaccines for which are on the CDC childhood schedule. It supplements and agrees with Siri down the line.

Peter Goetzche's [Vaccines – Truth, Lies and Controversy](#) covers the same ground. The best-selling 2019 book *Turtles All the Way Down* also does a thorough job of describing the weaknesses of the CDC / FDA approval process for childhood vaccines, complementing what Siri writes.

Likewise, Siri makes no mention of [Turtles All the Way Down](#), which made his arguments about the lack of testing of childhood vaccines six years ago. He surely has not seen my video review, which you can find [here](#).

He does not cite Dr. Paul Thomas, whose [Vaccine Friendly Plan](#) has so many positive reviews that I found nothing to add. Thomas allowed unvaccinated children in his large pediatric practice. The book compares the overall outcomes of vaccinated vs. unvaccinated children, showing that the latter come out better. It is a prelude to the far larger and more rigorous Zervos study cited in chapter 12 of *Vaccines, Amen*.

Many of the adverse events associated with vaccines affect the brain, such as strokes, brain fog, palsies, amnesia and so forth. Marc Girardot's [The Needle's Secret](#) provides a compelling argument as to how vaccines cause the many problems they do, especially autism. When a vaccine serum is injected into the body via needle, the objective is to put it into a muscle, from which it can disperse slowly into capillaries and then into the whole body.

Nurses have long been taught to aspirate a needle when giving an injection. Push the needle in, then retract the plunger a bit to see if it draws any blood. The presence of blood means that the needle is in a vein. It should be withdrawn and stuck someplace else. The [purpose of aspiration](#) is to avoid shooting the serum directly into a blood vessel. Sometimes this happens despite precautions. During Covid they told nurses to avoid "vaccine hesitancy" by skipping aspiration.

In any case, Girardot's theory is that undiluted serum can reach capillary systems and kill whole tracts of epithelium, causing problems such as mini-strokes in the brain or myocardia in the heart. Michael Nehls' [The Indoctrinated Brain](#) describes a path whereby vaccination could systematically weaken a person's will and ability to confront arguments that don't make sense. Nehls' area of expertise is memory, centering on the hippocampus' function of storage and retrieval between long-term and short-term memory. His theory is that we are easier to manipulate when vaccines take the edge off of our critical thinking ability.

An important note is that Maready, Girardot, Bystryanyk and others of these are smart guys from outside the medical profession. They are driven by curiosity, and frequently by vaccine tragedies of their own or within their families. Perhaps more importantly, they have no medical careers to risk by telling the truth. Neither do I. I am heartened by their resolve and their bravery, and content with my small role in telling their stories.

