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*Public Health Agency of Canada*, 33,

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USEFUL SITES FOR ALL AUDIENCES

• CDC: What if We Stopped Vaccinations?
  www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/whatifstop.htm

• CDC: Vaccine Safety and Adverse Events
  www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/safety/default.htm

• CDC: Parent Information Resources
  www.cdc.gov/vaccines/spec-grps/parents.htm

• FDA: Vaccines Provide Effective Protection and FDA
  Makes Sure They are Safe
  www.fda.gov/opacom/factsheets/justthefacts/19vaccine.html

• FDA: FAQs on Thimerosal
  www.fda.gov/CBER/vaccine/thimerosal.htm

• Immunization Action Coalition
  www.vaccineinformation.org

• National Network for Immunization Information
  www.immunizationinfo.org/

SITES FEATURING VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASE STORYTELLING

• Families Fighting Flu.org:
  (Stories from families seriously impacted by influenza disease)
  www.familiesfightingflu.org

• National Cervical Cancer Coalition, Survivor Stories
  www.nccc-online.org/community/stories.html

• National Meningitis Association.
  (Founded by parents whose children died from Meningococcal disease)
  www.nmaus.org

• Parents of Kids with Infectious Diseases
  www.pkids.org

• Voices For Vaccines
  www.voicesforvaccines.org
Evaluating Health Information on the Web

- **Evaluating Information on the Web**
  www.immunizationinfo.org/parents/evaluatingWeb.cfm

- **Health on the Net Foundation**
  (Offers a search of “Honor Code” accredited health sites)
  www.hon.ch/

- **Medical Library Association**: A User’s Guide to Finding and Evaluating Health Information on the Web
  www.mlanet.org/resources/userguide.html

- **National Cancer Institute**

Useful Websites for Professionals

- **National Immunization Technical Assistance Network**
  (TA Calls on Immunization Topics, past presentations and slides are archived on this site. Topics are very timely.)
  www.izta.org/confcall.cfm

- **National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program**
  www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation/

- **Peter Sandman Vaccination and Autism**: Responding to the Hannah Poling case (March 9, 2008)
  (Note: Scroll down to find this piece by risk communication expert Peter Sandman)
  www.psandman.com/gst2008.htm

- **Refuse to Vaccinate Form: American Academy of Pediatrics**
  www.cispimmunize.org/pro/pdf/RefusaltoVaccinate_revised%204-11-06.pdf

Anti-Vaccine Sites: See What Parents See

- **CafeMom.com**: (Multiple chat groups question immunization, although some groups also support vaccinating. A sample “Refusal to Vaccinate Form” is posted at H:\IZ-VPD General\Anti-IZ and controversies\Refusal to vax form - CafeMom.htm. Register to view.)
  www.cafemom.com

- **Evidence of Harm**
  (Book site for David Kirby’s controversial book on vaccines and autism)
  www.evidenceofharm.com

- **Generation Rescue.org** (Site sponsored by Jenny McCarthy, celebrity mom of an autistic son. Site advocates an “alternative vaccination schedule.”)
  www.GenerationRescue.org
• Dr. Bob Sears, pediatrician and author of The Vaccine Book: Making the Right Decision for Your Child (Dr. Sears encourages parents to delay and spread out vaccinations and supports the notion that that parents not wanting to vaccinate won’t erode herd immunity very much.)
  www.askdrrsears.com
  (Dr. Sears’ website). Book Amazon.com also has many comments at: www.amazon.com/Vaccine-Book-Decision-Parenting-Library/dp/0316017507/ref=pd_bbs_sr_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1200183076&s=r=8-1

• National Vaccine Information Center
  (A non-governmental site with negative vaccine messages)
  www.909shot.com/About.htm

• VaccineAwakenings
  Blog by Barbara Loe Fisher (founder of NVIC)
  www.vaccineawakening.blogspot.com/

• World Association for Vaccine Education
  (Community discussion/stories among parents against vaccines)
  www.novaccine.com

• YouTube.com
  (Search key words “immunization” or “anti-vaccination” for videos from all points of view)
  www.YouTube.com

This useful resource list is provided by the California Immunization Coalition.
www.immunizeca.org