

FALL 2000 EDITION – DR. DOI’S TALKING STORY

MERCURY IN MEDICINE: ARE WE TAKING UNNECESSARY RISKS?

On July 18, 2000, the Government Reform Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives conducted a hearing entitled “Mercury in Medicine – Are We Taking Unnecessary Risks.” The information presented was overwhelming (www.house.gov/reform/hearings/healthcare). Dan Burton (R-IN), chairman of this committee, stated the FDA determined that, mercury compounds used as active ingredients in over the counter drug products were not “generally recognized as safe” (Federal Register Notice of December 14, 1998, Volume 63, Number 239, pages 68775-68777, DOCIDfr4de98-67). On their own website, the FDA states, “lead, calcium, and mercury are examples of elements that are toxic when present at relatively low levels” (Chapter 14, Metals Analysis Training available at <http://www.fda.gov>).

How is it that mercury is not safe for food additives and over the counter drug products, but it is safe in our vaccines and dental amalgams? Do you question the logic and safety of this, too? H. Vasken Aposhian, Ph.D. of the University of Arizona, presented documentation that dental amalgam is the largest contributor of mercury burden in non-occupationally exposed individuals. Hopefully you are not one of these people.

One physician treated autistic children with chemicals that removed mercury from the body. There was marked improvement in the symptoms of autism as well as a large amount of mercury being excreted in the urine. These results strongly suggest mercury as a primary causative factor in autism. Other witnesses provided documentation on the appearance of autism following vaccinations containing thimersol.

There are several organizations dedicated to the investigation of autism. These include Cure Autism Now (CAN), Defeat Autism Now (DAN), and the Autism Research Institute (ARI). These organizations all seem convinced that mercury is a cause, or more probably, the primary cause of autism.

ARI (www.austin.com/ari/mercurylong) has provided a seventy-page document entitled “Autism: A Unique Type of Mercury Poisoning.” Twenty-two of these pages are published scientific references. The authors compare the following 15 characteristics between an autistic child and a child with mercury poisoning: psychiatric disturbances, speech, language and hearing deficits, sensory abnormalities, motor disorders, cognitive impairments, unusual behaviors, visual impairments, physical disturbances, gastrointestinal disturbances, abnormal biochemistry, immune dysfunction, CNS structural pathology, abnormalities in Neuro-chemistry, EEG abnormalities/epilepsy, and population characteristics.

The authors site 80 positive matches within these 15 characteristics. They state, “The parallels between the two diseases are so close that it would be unreasonable to assume that the similarities occur by chance.”

The evidence presented here seems to be consistent with my belief that there is no such thing as acceptable amounts of mercury in the human body. Any such action has to be questioned, and alternatives other than mercury compounds need to be found for dental fillings and sterilizing vaccines.

MERCURY ALERT
Consider our office for AMALGAM REMOVAL

We routinely receive many calls asking us why people travel so far to have us remove amalgams rather than go to a dentist who is much closer or who charges a lower fee. I feel there are many reasons.

Probably the most important reason is the respect we have for the deadliness of mercury and its effects on the human mind and body. Any dentist can remove amalgam, but not every office will exist without any amalgam in its supplies, refuse to place amalgam in any patient's mouth, and educate patients about the reasons why this belief is held. Our office is unique. My staff and I have had our amalgams removed, and we have taken tests to monitor how much mercury we may have in our bodies.

We have special air evacuation systems in place.

We use non-latex dams.

We provide oxygen during amalgam removal.

I regularly attend holistically-oriented dental seminars on the mainland to learn the latest techniques and theories concerning amalgam removal.

I support and belong to numerous holistic dental organizations such as the Holistic Dental Association and The International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology.

I keep in touch with many experts in the area of holistic dentistry.

We use magnification, fiber optic overhead lighting and air abrasion which help us to better visualize the material to be removed.

Since we place no amalgam, we have a lot of experience doing non-amalgam dentistry.

We can guide patients to do allergy testing in order to eliminate allergic reactions to the materials we would place.

We keep in touch with like-minded health care providers who can help patients who have been diagnosed with above average mercury burdens in their systems.

We do not mislead and give false hope to patients by telling them that by removing

Amalgam removal and mercury-free treatments distinguish our office from many other offices.



TESTIMONIALS

Aloha Dr. Doi,

I'm writing to you to say thanks for your insistence that I have a couple of teeth pulled because they were infected. I chose to delay the extraction partly because I didn't want to lose the teeth and because they weren't very painful. You, however, tried to explain the effect on my immune system always having to fight off this ongoing infection. I, of course, felt fine and figured my immune system could handle it. Well, to make a long story short, after 1 year the teeth finally came out and I'm planning on an implant. The unexpected benefit is I'm no longer allergic to cats. It used to be I couldn't even stay at a friend's house more than 5 minutes without my eyes watering and nose itching. Since the extraction, no more problems, though I haven't picked the buggers up and petted them yet.

Thanks again,

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