

Thoughts on Shots

Shots are good. Shots are not bad. If the evidence I have could change your mind, or if it mattered to your decision, we wouldn't be discussing this. I have science, you have science. The science behind the anti-vaccine websites ignores the real science and plays on fear and conspiracy theory, as do the emotional anecdotes.

If I felt that immunizations were harmful to children, I wouldn't give them. I understand the fear and confusion. You trust me to tell you the right things to do for your children. I say give the shots. But I won't make you immunize your child if you understand the risks and options and still choose not to immunize. If it's Christianity that's keeping you from vaccinating, you might look at Romans 13. And to expand on the Biblical side, in Ezekiel chapters 3 and 33 God tells the prophet to warn the people, then he's done his duty, and the people are on their own to heed or not to heed the warning. Get your child immunized.

In a format that most of you will recognize, here is my stance on immunizations:

MY JOB: Recommend and provide the appropriate shots at the recommended times and intervals.

YOUR JOB: Heed or ignore my advice. If you choose to ignore it, Good Luck. If your child contracts a vaccine preventable disease, I'm sorry. This page is just to make sure that you are informed and understand my position so if it occurs, I'm not liable.

I respect parents for having questions and concerns about shots. I don't refuse to take care of kids whose parents won't have them immunized, some pediatricians do.



I am putting a signature line at the bottom of this page so that you may sign that you have read and understand my thoughts and recommendations.

If you choose to delay shots, Please provide a schedule that you would like to follow including which shots at which times, and be prepared to make appointments – these are your responsibility. We may not stock all the single component vaccines (i.e., measles, mumps, and rubella as separate vaccines).

“Most of the world's really destructive political, educational, and social movements took as their starting point the false view that human beings and human situations are perfectible.”
–Steve Brown

You can take that quote either from a pro-vaccine or anti-vaccine stance. A tremendous amount of education can be destroyed by a dreadful lack of wisdom. I recommend the vaccines as they are printed on each sheet. If you wish to alter the schedule, please let us know, and come prepared with a schedule of your own.

Signed _____ Date _____