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## Teenage girl left brain-damaged after receiving cervical cancer jab

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A teenage girl has been left brain-damaged after suffering epileptic seizures just days after being given the controversial cervical cancer jab.

Stacey Jones, 18, suffered her first seizure in March when she was 17, days after she had the Cervarix injection.

In the following weeks she had several more fits, causing such severe brain injury that she had to be admitted to a rehabilitation unit, where she is relearning simple tasks.



**Stacey Jones (centre) pictured with her cousins at her 18th birthday party started to suffer epileptic seizures just days after having the cancer jab**

According to the Sunday Telegraph, the parents of the teenager, from Bilston in the West Midlands, are convinced that the vaccination caused swelling in the brain.

The swelling has been diagnosed as the cause of Stacey's neurological problems.

Mother, Julie Jones, 44, told the newspaper: 'She was such a lovely, happy-go-lucky girl, now she is just a shell.

'I really feel she has been used as a guinea pig.

'I don't think there is enough evidence that the vaccination programme is safe - this all happened days after Stacey was given the vaccine, and we don't have any other explanation for what triggered her brain injury.'

Amid growing concern among parents about the safety of the jab, drug manufacturers insist that there is no evidence to

suggest that the vaccine carries any long-term side effects.



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This would suggest that the timing of Stacey's seizures is mere coincidence rather than being linked to the vaccine.

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However, a leading expert who helped develop the cancer jab today told the Sunday Express that the vaccine may be riskier and more deadly than the cancer it aims to prevent.

The doctor also claimed the jab would do nothing to lower the rates of cervical cancer in the UK.

Dr Diane Harper, who was involved in the clinical trials of Cervarix said the vaccine was being 'over-marketed' and parents should be warned about possible side effects.

Dr Harper, of the University of Missouri-Kansas told the newspaper she believed the risks were 'small but real'.

She said: 'All this jab will do is prevent girls getting some abnormalities associated with cervical cancer which can be treated.

'It will not decrease cervical cancer rates at all.

'Parents need to know this and that in a small number of cases there are serious side effects.'

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Some interesting comments. This is a wake up call everybody. You have to do your research to know the truth and to make a truly balanced decision. Most people will accept what they are told. Is it wise to only consider research produced by the Pharmaceutical companies who have a vested interest in getting their products used? There is plenty of info on the internet. Who are you going to believe and why?

- IASB, England, 06/10/2009 09:31

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Keep it up "Daily Mail". You'll have parents and female children all over the country scared again. Of course you probably couldn't care less about the likely consequences of young women avoiding this potentially life saving treatment.

Shame on you.

- PJ, Westminster, 4/10/2009 18:57

I fail to see how the Daily Mail, or any other newspaper for that matter are scaremongering by reporting how some girls have become ill or died directly after having the inoculation.

We are simply being informed of the facts. I personally would prefer the freedom of speech that our newspapers have to report such things, than have the government hide the facts from us as they most certainly would if they could.

We have the right to hear both the pros and the cons of this so that each of us personally can make an informed decision.

- Zandranna, Christchurch Dorset, 05/10/2009 23:42

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To hell with demanding 'proof' that these chemicals are not dangerous! Whatever happened to the "do no harm" maxim, and the "precautionary principle"? They used to be paramount in medicine! And we should never forget that it was a government and doctors blinded by dogma and dodgy science who oversaw the Krankenlager ("Health Camps" ) at Bergen Belsen and elsewhere.

- Peter North, Sutton, Surrey, 05/10/2009 20:20

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Stephanie from London,

"safe in the knowledge that they are protected from cervical cancer?"

So I guess you've forgotten about hepatitis, HIV, genital warts, gonorrhoea.....need I go on? Protection from cervical cancer does bring protection from all these I'm afraid

- Gavin, Lancaster, 05/10/2009 17:21

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So Dave and W McM,i take it you will be first in line for the swine flu jab,

Over 9,000 with side effects and over 200 deaths in USA for this so called vaccine,

There are over 100 HPV viruses and this supposedly offers protection against only 4 of them,

If a girl is sexually active then this offers no protection whatsoever and increases the chance of any HPV virus being far more serious.

- Geoff, Leeds, 05/10/2009 13:37

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It's paradoxical that a vaccine to prevent deaths, results in deaths and yet the government and drug companies think the benefits outweigh the risks.

If you are in the business of preventing death then surely not a single person should die as a result of the vaccine that supposedly prevents the death in the first place?

Compatibility tests should be done on anyone before they are vaccinated against anything. The nationwide programme of flu and HPV vaccines just shows the government is as bent as the drug companies by putting their profits before the public's health.

- JB, Preston, Lancashire, 05/10/2009 12:47

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