

## **Hepatitis B Positive?**

### **How to ensure Meryl Dorey will have your newborn catch it**

The following are emails from the AVN's Yahoo! Group in which Meryl Dorey advocates for preventing proper vaccination of a neonate born to a hepatitis B positive mother. The truth or not of this piffle has never been established.

But calls for money were ramped up to fever pitch. Dorey also claims to have had personal help from {previous} NSW Health Minister and Dept. Premier, Carmel Tebbutt.

### **Urgent help needed in Sydney for mother being threatened with DOCS**

Fri Oct 23, 2009 10:54 am

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/AVN/message/40555>

Hi all,

After the situation last year where DOCS and the NSW Police force had to back down because they were trying to arrest the parents of a newborn baby who were refusing the Hep B vaccination (the mother was Hep B positive), I would have thought that they might have informed the hospitals to stop bullying people in this way. For those who don't remember, the family in question was forced to go into hiding for weeks until DOCS and the police backed off and they were able to go back to living their lives with their young children.

Unfortunately, this situation is happening again only in this case, the young woman in question has nobody to support her through this. She is booked into a large Sydney hospital to have her first baby and she is HepB positive from a transfusion she received at birth. Unlike the other woman last year, her HepB status is non-chronic and her viral load is extremely low.

The head midwife at the hospital has told her that if she refuses the Hep B vaccine for her baby, DOCS will be called in and the baby will be vaccinated against her wishes. She will also lose custody of the child and she may not be allowed to leave the hospital.

All of this is bullying and is totally against both NSW Health

Policy which states specifically that the vaccine is to be OFFERED - there is no legal requirement - and the law in Australia.

This poor woman has nobody to support her and is incredibly stressed out. She is also very clear in her mind that she does not want her baby vaccinated which is her right. I have been onto her local member of parliament who is going to see what they can do to help, but it is possible that she will go into labour before this is resolved. If so, she will need a strong and capable person to go to hospital with her. She is in Sydney's south west area. If you are a midwife, health professional or a very strong and committed person who feels they would like to help out with this by being on call to accompany her to hospital, please call me on 02 6687 1699 so I can talk to you about what will be required.

Kind regards,  
Meryl

This email is in clear breach of guidelines provided to ensure neonatal health. It was followed by this email on November 9th, 2009:

### **A great victory for informed choice!**

Mon Nov 9, 2009 4:48 pm

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/AVN/message/41001>

Hi All,

I have been out since early this morning and have just returned so please give me a little while to catch up with everything that's been happening. It looks like it's been a very busy day indeed! I will get on to the Adelaide newspaper article in my next email but I wanted to just share a great victory with you - one that I wanted to write about this morning but simply did not have the time to before leaving. I had to go to the Gold Coast to do a talk for a pregnancy support group there and left pretty early for that.

Anyway, you may or may not recall that about 2 weeks ago, I wrote to the lists about a young woman in Sydney who was looking for help

because the hospital she was booked into for the birth of her first child was going to try and force her to vaccinate it against Hep B and give it the Hep B immunoglobulin.

This young woman who was born in Eastern Europe but who was raised in Australia from a very young child and had spent her last few years living in Israel, had come back to Oz to have her baby so her mother could help her through the last few months of her pregnancy and the first few months after her baby's birth.

She had become Hep B positive at birth due to a blood transfusion and was aware of that status but had a very low viral load - so low that the last doctor she saw in Israel stated that he wasn't really sure that she had Hep B at all.

Anyway, when she booked into the hospital here, 4 months ago, the blood test she was given showed her Hep B status as just on the borderline of detectable. Despite that and despite the doctor in the hospital stating that the risk to her baby was very small, she was told that if she did not agree to vaccination for her baby and the immunoglobulin (a pooled blood product with its own list of issues), DOCs would be called and the child would receive the vaccine and the immunoglobulin whether she wanted it or not.

She was terrified of not only having her child vaccinated but of the possibility of losing custody should DOCs decide that this was a baby at risk.

She contacted me and straight away, I contacted the Minister for Health's office and presented them with the NSW Health Policy regarding HepB positive mothers which states specifically that the vaccine is to be OFFERED - not forced. We also contacted several lawyers - and received a variety of different answers and some offers of support should the worst happen and a court order be issued against this family.

This young woman was ready to go into hiding should that be required - as the family last year did when they were also being forced to decide between their child's health and their freedom to reject the Hep B vaccination.

The hospital did call DOCs and she was greatly concerned that steps

were already in place to take her child away. She was told by the hospital that they were in the process of preparing a court order to make this baby a ward of the state as soon as it was born! Imagine how terrifying that would be!

**Today though, she told me that the Minister for Health's office has contacted the hospital and asked them why they were pushing this vaccine on this woman's child when the state health policy does not allow for that. The hospital contacted her as did DOCs to say that they will NOT be pursuing any action against her and it is totally up to her if she decides not to give the vaccine to her baby when it is born. Not only that, but the hospital (this is a very large hospital in Sydney) is changing its written policy to ensure that this sort of situation never occurs again!**

Yes - all this is false. A fantasy.

I have called Carmel Tebbutt's (Deputy Premier and Minister for Health) office and asked that a message be passed on to the Minister thanking her for her assistance in this matter. You may want to also - her details are below:

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<[http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/AVN/post?postID=IKMsUaANGtxtJT5WXVqpuL5U5arKici8kZPjDb6\\_tdYUPcygjo3PXMz7Cg8jG3tewlYRTFsn7rEqrlS272Wp6lA2tSGwutBdPCSLpU](http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/AVN/post?postID=IKMsUaANGtxtJT5WXVqpuL5U5arKici8kZPjDb6_tdYUPcygjo3PXMz7Cg8jG3tewlYRTFsn7rEqrlS272Wp6lA2tSGwutBdPCSLpU)>

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This has been a fantastic victory for free and informed health choice and for human rights as well.

I have to applaud this mother who at 24 years of age, stood her ground in very trying circumstances. It is also an example of the sort of work the AVN does in the background all the time - many times unable to actually say anything for fear of throwing a spanner

in the works due to the efforts of the anti-choice brigade.

Anyway, it isn't often that we have such a stunning victory and I did want to share this with you. I will write soon about the other matter as well.

All the best,  
Meryl

Eventually, a member of the email list named "b c" noted there was no victory for the neonate.

On 13/11/2009, at 4:08 PM, b c wrote:

**Re: A Great victory for informed choice!**

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/AVN/message/41072>

A win for a baby who is now at a greater risk of contracting Hep B - not so much. Liver inflammation, cirrhosis, and risk of liver cancer are just some of the potential problems this baby is now at greater risk of catching. Preventable by vaccination.

It sounds from below that the mother's Hep B is chronic- more than a few weeks. Children are less likely than adults to clear the infection - meaning they are more likely to have it for life.

Personally, I believe in the duty of care the mother and hospital have to keep that baby as safe as possible. I'm not saying the state should take the baby away. I also think procedures should be consistent and followed. But can anyone honestly say the baby will be better off with an 'informed choice' in this instance?

Was that the right choice? Is it freedom to put babies at unnecessary risk? What about the health of the baby and their freedom?

There's a time to wave freedom pom-poms and then there's a time to use common sense and keeping vulnerable babies safe.

This email was met with personal incredulity of individual members. Regrettably, one thing Meryl does very well is give grieving and confused parents someone to blame. One member replied that her husband was ill following the vaccine. Another mother mentioned that her daughter "has profound brain damage", due to the vaccine.

Then asks "at what point did children who suffer from the illness become more important than those who suffer from the vaccine". Needless to say Meryl offers no comfort to this distressed member. The more confusion and emotional pain, the more easily her goals are achieved.

Another member asks the concerned member, "b c", - after mocking his presence - if "you are aware that every vaccine carries the risk and none are guaranteed to work".

Indeed. Much like every motor vehicle on our roads. Again Meryl offers no clarification tacitly supporting her USA conspiracy cohorts.

Meryl Dorey's reply:

**Re: A Great victory for informed choice!**

Fri Nov 13, 2009 4:51 pm

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/AVN/message/41075>

Hi b.c.

I'm wondering how much information you actually have on the effectiveness of both the Hep B vaccine and the immunoglobulin product? Are you aware of the large-scale studies which were done in China in areas where Hep B is endemic (and may even be natural in this group of people?). Babies of Hep B positive mothers were given both the Hep B vaccine and immunoglobulin on schedule and yet, a large number of them - about 30% from memory though I will look up the study if necessary, seroconverted by 6 months of age.

Are you aware that the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons has stated that a child is 100 times more likely to have a reaction to the vaccine than to suffer from Hep B?

Apart from that, there are other ways to clear Hep B from the system including chinese herbal medicine - there are peer reviewed studies on this. So if the virus itself or its antibodies are suspected of causing problems, vaccination is not the only answer - nor is it necessarily even ONE of the answers since it does not appear to be effective in newborns who can't seem to develop antibodies for

months anyway.

And for all this guesswork, nobody has the right to demand that a baby receive a vaccine its mother - who is highly informed - has rejected. It's all about informed choice and informed choice is always right.

All the best,  
Meryl

As "b c" did not reply to dismissals of his concerns and the many suggestions that these concerns arise from ignorance, Meryl finally offers:

**Re: A Great victory for informed choice!**

Sat Nov 14, 2009 10:22 am

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/AVN/message/41088>

Don't expect Brendon to respond to any post that makes scientific sense, that uses medical references or that talks about one's personal experience. This sort of person is good for the whizz-in, whizz-out attack but will never stay to defend their position. Like all bullies, they are cowards through and through.

Want to prove me wrong, Brendon?

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That was the extent of the exchange. The below are just for bonus reading...

“There will come a time – I pray to God that it will happen in my lifetime – when those who have pushed vaccines upon innocent, helpless babies – doctors, pharmaceutical companies, government officials – will be proven to have lied and cheated these instruments of death into our children’s bloodstream. When that occurs, the outcry will be heard around the world and there will not be enough hiding places on the globe for these murderers to hide or enough money to pay for compensation. Of course, it will be too late for the babies, like this poor child, to be saved. But we will be able to take satisfaction from the fact that never again will anyone have to be pushed to poison their child because for once and for

all, it will be known as poison and we will all wonder how it was we fell for the vaccine lie for as long as we did.”

/Meryl Dorey, President, Australian Vaccination Network

AVN Yahoo group, Wed 17 Dec 2008, message #36449

<[http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/AVN/message/36449?](http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/AVN/message/36449?threaded=1&l=1)

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Referring to the suspension of Wyeth vaccination in India following the death of an infant with \*pre-existing cardiac disease\*. Whilst this is a concern for any ethically minded public health advocate the primary variable here is at worst a breach of India's vaccine trial guidelines. Distressing as this is, I fail to see how "our children", "murderers", "instruments of death", "poison their child" or "vaccine lie" is even applicable, apart from furthering Ms. Dorey's fear mongering.

<http://www.pharmalot.com/2008/11/india-halts-wyeth-vaccine-trial-over-infant-death/>

“Of course I think that nothing is worth the risk as I know vaccines do NOT give immunity” – Sheri Nakken: AVN Member & Educator: October 26th, 2009: \*\*AVN Yahoo! Message # 40641  
<<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/AVN/message/40641>>

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Kind regards,

Paul Gallagher

***Whether you're a dad  
Or whether you're a mum  
Make sure that vaccine needle  
Is jabbed into their bum***