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Information regarding the need for Mumps “boosters”

If you have been advised elsewhere that ‘booster’ doses are needed for Mumps and Rubella single vaccines, this advice is **INCORRECT**. As you are aware, the single antigen Measles vaccine **DOES** need a ‘booster’ dose.

Please find enclosed Independent information which states that ‘booster’ doses for single Rubella and Mumps vaccines are **NOT** necessary. The relevant paragraphs are highlighted. It is hardly in the Manufacturers’ financial interest to state that ‘booster’ doses are not necessary.

To administer ‘booster’ doses of these vaccines would be contrary to the Manufacturers’ advice, which means that any adverse side effects caused by a ‘booster’ dose would be the sole responsibility of the Healthcare Professional who administered the vaccine, and **NOT** the responsibility of the vaccine Manufacturer.

In my opinion it is totally unethical to provide / administer unnecessary medication of any kind.

Please show this information to any person who advises you **INCORRECTLY** that ‘booster’ doses are required for Mumps and Rubella single vaccines.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.drugs.com/mmx/mumpsvox.html/printable=1>

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments, especially if you feel that you are being pressurised into consenting to the administration of unnecessary / unwanted vaccines for your child.

The Department of Health is currently urging NHS Professionals to ‘push’ the combined MMR vaccine to increase the number of children who are protected against Measles in order to try and avoid a Measles epidemic.

We are receiving increased number of queries from parents who are being advised by NHS Practitioners, on DOH instructions, that their child should still receive two doses of the combined MMR, despite receiving a full course of single vaccines! In my opinion it is unethical to adopt this approach, as it is **NOT** in the best interests of your child, unless blood tests show that they are unprotected against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella.

The single vaccines used in this Practice are manufactured by either Sanofi Pasteur and/or by Merck, both of whom also supply combined MMR vaccines to this Country. The Manufacturers' information show that the protection offered by single antigen vaccines is more protective and longer lasting than that offered by the combined MMR vaccine.

It would seem a more logical approach to inform parents of children who have received NO immunisation against Measles that there is an urgent need for that protection to be given. This WOULD be in that child's best interest.

Please note that in September 2008 the combined MMR II vaccine used in this Country was changed to a new combined vaccine called M-M-RvaxPro. This is despite the fact that over 400 million doses of MMR II (Stated to be very safe by the World Health Organisation W.H.O.) have been given worldwide.
Why change the vaccine?

The Manufacturer's Information for M-M-RvaxPro states that NO specific studies have been conducted on the use of this vaccine at the same time as other vaccines, and NO traditional safety studies have been carried out on the new vaccine.

For further information see: www.emc.medicines.org.uk

Please remember that no vaccine is 100% effective. There will always be an occasional individual who does not respond to a particular vaccine. The efficacy rate of modern vaccines is extremely high, but we cannot guarantee that **every** child that we vaccinate will achieve full immunity

The information and opinions in these information sheets have been checked by me, Dr John Oakley, and I believe them to be correct. They are designed only as a supplement to a full consultation with me and should not be used as a single definitive source of information. My opinion may differ from that of some other Doctors.

If in doubt, please consult another suitably qualified and informed medical professional.

Dr John Oakley.

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