

Autism and Vaccines

EARLY REPORT

Early report

Ileal-lymphoid-nodular hyperplasia, non-specific colitis, and pervasive developmental disorder in children

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Summary

Background We investigated a consecutive series of children with chronic enterocolitis and regressive developmental disorder.

Introduction

We saw several children who, after a period of normality, lost acquired skills, including language and social skills. They all had gastrointestinal symptoms, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, and weight loss.

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NEW RESEARCH LINKS AUTISM AND BOWEL DISEASE

Researchers at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine may have discovered a new syndrome in children involving a new inflammatory bowel disease and autism. Their paper, to be published in the journal on 28 February, also suggests that in a number of cases the onset of behavioural symptoms was associated with MMR vaccination.



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What ASF has done

- Vaccines are a tricky subject, in 1998, little or no info on causes of ASD
- Unfortunately with regards to vaccine debate – all responses reactionary
 - On public health issues, need a clear and concise messages with no equivocality at all
 - Partnerships with CDC, NIH, and AAP
 - Be wary of press releases from universities (this still holds true)
 - Trainings to researchers on how to deal with press inquiries
 - Teach them how to talk to the press, carry the important message
 - Don't be afraid of knocking down science or telling the media what you think

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