



COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

NATUROPATHIC GUIDELINES TO IMMUNIZATION ISSUES

These recommendations are meant to prevent others from misconstruing our intentions as Naturopathic Physicians, in our efforts to educate the public to make informed choices about vaccinations. This ensures a standardized process and procedure for all registrants to ensure public safety.

What to do if you are faced with a Parent or Guardian contemplating vaccinating their child, OR a patient contemplating vaccinations, the following must apply:

1. DOCTOR as a TEACHER – Educate yourself first!
2. Discuss both aspects of vaccinations, pros & cons
3. Discuss worst consequences of pros & cons

**When the patient or guardian opts NOT to immunize:
Recommendations**

1. Have Patient, Parent or Guardian sign INFORMED CONSENT if they decide not to vaccinate.
2. SIGNED INFORMED CONSENT:
 - a. Should be copied for patient file; give one copy to Patient, Parent or Guardian
 - b. Should explain that Patient, Parent or Guardian understands that given the fact that they will not be vaccinated, naturopathic treatment is by no means a substitute for the efficacy or security of vaccinations.
 - c. Should explain that the naturopathic treatment is not guaranteed to prevent childhood diseases or infections that vaccinations are available for.
 - d. Should explain that there is an inherent risk of contracting the disease or infection if they are not conventionally vaccinated, whether by you or their medical doctor.
 - e. Should ideally be one page in full; otherwise have patient initial both pages.
3. AVOID written statements, certificates or verbal discussions that could be misconstrued or misrepresented, including but not limited to:
 - f. VACCINATIONS
 - g. ALTERNATIVE VACCINATION
 - h. ALTERNATE to VACCINATION
 - i. FLU SHOT
 - j. IMMUNIZATION
 - k. NATURAL IMMUNIZATION
 - l. HOMEOPATHIC VACCINATION
4. USE INSTEAD a term that explains that naturopathic treatment is generalized, such as:
 - a. IMMUNE SUPPORT PROTOCOL
 - b. NATUROPATHIC FLU SUPPORT
 - c. IMMUNE SUPPORT PROGRAMMES
 - d. IMMUNE OPTIMIZATION
 - e. SUPPORT YOUR IMMUNITY FOR THE FLU SEASON

The information below contributes to some sources that can educate you about vaccination pros and cons. This document is not meant to replace the information below.

*Check out the British Columbia Naturopathic Association Position paper on Vaccinations at <http://www.bcna.ca/index-new.htm>

*For a comprehensive compilation, Vaccines: The Good, The Bad, The Buggie Dr. David Bayley
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