

Forum: Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS)

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Abstract

The “Forum” is comprised of the experiences of parents and caretakers charged with Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) in connection with an infant under their care. In the majority of the cases presented, the babies were premature, had pre-existing medical conditions, or had other underlying neurological conditions and thus should not have been vaccinated according to the Physicians’ Desk Reference. Often, attending physicians noted no bruising and no other physical evidence to support the claim. In one case a mother experienced an unremarkable pregnancy and delivery with the infant receiving Hepatitis B vaccine less than 24 hours following birth. A month later, this parent told the pediatrician her concerns that the infant (1) was arching his back and rolling onto his side with his eyes rolling back in his head, (2) had blue hands and feet that were cold to the touch, (3) had a pale skin tone—almost white, (4) had vomited late in the afternoon, and (5) had started to fist his hands and began gnawing on them. The pediatrician failed to recognize these concerns as serious neurological problems and vaccinated the child with Tetramune (DPTH) and Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV). Within 12 days, the infant was hospitalized and CAT scans revealed extensive brain damage. In another case, a cardiopulmonary monitor graph contained no motion artifacts and the highly vulnerable infant experienced vaccine-induced encephalitis and associated retinal hemorrhages.

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