

Parent Case Report

Encephalomyelitis caused by Hepatitis B vaccination

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Abstract (1st 10% words)

I want to tell the story of an accident that changed radically my son George Kobalia's life as well as our family's.

On March 18, 2002 the Hepatitis B vaccination was administered to my son George Kobalia in the polyclinic. At that time, George was 12¼-years-old. This particular vaccine was manufactured by Green Cross Vaccine Corporation in Korea and was imported in Georgia by the UN Children Fund - UNICEF humanitarian mission.

Three days following vaccination, the child suffered acute headache, general weakness, a loss of coordination that was followed by diminished mental capacity and he lapsed into a coma. An ambulance from Center of Catastrophic Medicine rushed the child to Kutaisi, and then to intensive care at Children's Republican Hospital in Tbilisi, under the care of Dr. David Pulariani who initiated the child's connection to an artificial respirator. These circumstances were the basis for the Georgian press and television broadcast that "12-year-old George Kobalia was struggling with death."