

# **Thimerosal in vaccines: inconvenient reality**

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## **Abstract**

Thimerosal has not been removed from all vaccines licensed by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and currently available in the USA. At present, 17 of these vaccine formulations contains some level of Thimerosal and 10 of these contain a preservative level of Thimerosal (33 to 100 micrograms of Thimerosal per milliliter (mL) of vaccine. Moreover, the FDA neither revoked the licenses for all of the previous Thimerosal-containing formulations nor rescinded there approvals so that vaccine makers are free to make and market these vaccines where, currently outside of the USA, and whenever they chose to do so. Finally, the CDC continues to refuse to state a preference for “no Thimerosal” vaccines where such are available.

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