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## Re Australian Federal Government mandated pertussis revaccination

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Professor Baggoley

In recent years problems have been emerging with pertussis vaccination i.e. the apparently defective acellular pertussis vaccine may actually be causing new strains of the disease to develop[1], and spreading the disease via vaccinated individuals.[2]

The response to the emerging problems with acellular pertussis vaccination has been to recommend 'boosters', e.g. A/Professor Ruiting Lan of the University of New South Wales says: "We need to look at changes to the vaccine itself or increase the number of boosters." [1]

**The question is, how does increasing the number of 'boosters' of the current acellular pertussis vaccine protect against new strains?**

Repeated revaccination with the apparently defective acellular pertussis vaccine is being foisted upon the community. In Australia the National Immunisation Program Schedule[3] now stipulates that children be vaccinated **six times** with the aluminium-adsorbed combination diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis vaccine product, i.e. primary vaccination at two months, four months and six months, then so-called boosters i.e. revaccination at 18 months, four years, and again between 10-15 years.

Pregnant women, household contacts of infants, and healthcare workers are also being urged to be revaccinated again and again with the diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis vaccine[4], in other words lifelong revaccination with this vaccine product.

**What is the point of imposing more and more so called 'boosters' with an apparently defective acellular pertussis vaccine product which may be causing new strains of the disease to develop, and spreading the disease via vaccinated individuals? What sort of science is this? The so-called vaccination experts seem to be making this up as they go along, and using the community as guinea pigs, without informed consent.**

Certainly repeated revaccinations/'boosters' must be a very lucrative profit centre for vaccine manufacturers.

Professor Baggoley, **I suggest children are being grossly over-vaccinated with the diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis vaccine product, and that their parents are not being properly informed about the uncertainties surrounding this vaccine product.**

**I question whether it is ethical to (a) not properly inform citizens about the uncertainties surrounding pertussis revaccination, and (b) for the Australian Federal Government to implement vaccination laws[5] which coerce parents to have their children repeatedly revaccinated with the questionable diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis vaccine product (DTPa).**

Professor Baggoley, in your role as Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health, I request your response on this matter.

Sincerely  
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