



California Incidents of Vaccination Harassment, Discrimination and Coercion by the Medical Profession

WHY AB 2109 SHOULD BE DEFEATED

May 10, 2012

Dear Honorable Members of the California Assembly,

We urge you to vote NO on AB 2109, which is scheduled for a third reading on May 10th, 2012. AB 2109 seeks to add the expensive imposition on parents utilizing a personal belief exemption to mandatory vaccinations to obtain an appointment in a medical office, receive "vaccine education" from a medical provider, and obtain a signature on the exemption form from that provider in order for their exemption to be valid. Central to the debate on why this bill needs to be defeated is the plain and simple fact that far too many medical offices already deny medical care, harass and bully, and even dismiss patients for making informed and educated vaccination decisions. It is extremely difficult if not impossible for many families to find medical providers who will even see their children if they are electing to delay or decline a vaccine.

Under the current pervasive climate of Vaccination Harassment, Discrimination and Coercion, make no mistake, this bill removes the accessibility of the personal belief exemption to vaccination for many California families.

Assembly Member Dr. Pan, the bill author, believes these accounts rarely occur and challenged our volunteer California state directors to provide real examples when they tried to talk with him about the problems his bill will cause. We have surveyed our California supporters and have produced this report for you. For families using vaccine exemptions, this threatening treatment is more the norm than a rare occurrence. These are real families with real horror stories. There are many more where these came from. If any of you would like to talk to any of these families for yourselves, please let us know and we will assist you in making that happen. We've removed the identities of the families reporting for this web version to protect their privacy, however we can put you in touch with any of them if you send us a request. Please VOTE NO on AB 2109. Attached to the back of this report, is our statement of opposition with references. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	9/13/2007
Offending Entity:	Shawn Bissonnette MD
Offending Individual(s):	Shawn Bissonnette MD
Incident City:	San Diego
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92131
Fully Describe What Happened:	I took my approximately 2 month old daughter in to Dr. Bissonnette for checkup / possible vaccinations around Sept. 2007. (Please note incident date is approximate.) I brought research I had found about adverse effects of vaccination and said I was considering delaying or forgoing vaccinations. Dr. Bissonnette gave me a long, silent look and then said I would be a "fool" for doing so. Although this incident occurred 4 1/2 years ago, I still remember it clearly as the day. I wish I had picked up my infant daughter and left then and never returned. My daughter was born at home, and Dr. Bissonnette told me before she was born that he did not consider home birth to be safe. This should have been my first clue to run.
Consequence or Harm:	My daughter ended up receiving 4 of the 5 DTaP shots, and a few other shots, against my better judgment / gut feeling. I thought I had an ally in the nurse, Carmen, but it was not to be. I did not realize the depth of the doctor's belief in the safety of vaccinations and his unwillingness to listen to me, the mother, or to take my concerns seriously.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	My mistrust of Western medicine runs deep, especially after I myself was diagnosed with an autoimmune condition which may or may not be genetic. I was treated with several toxic drugs, all of which I reacted to. My 7-year old son has been diagnosed with Pervasive Development Disorder - Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS), which is on the autistic spectrum. He received almost all of the recommended vaccinations as an infant, which I regret.
Name:	xx
City:	San Diego
State:	CA
Zip:	92131
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	12/19/2011
Offending Entity:	Sutter Medical Foundation "Pediatrics" - 3100 Douglas Blvd.
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Jane Y Leong M.D.
Incident City:	Roseville
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	95661
Fully Describe What Happened:	Our new daughter was born on December 13th, so we had briefly met Dr. Leong at the hospital for our daughters initial check up at the hospital. There seemed to be no problem at the time with Dr. Leong, but we did not have any discussion about immunizations at that time. Upon arriving at the Sutter Pediatrics office on Dec. 19th 2011 for her first doctor's appointment my husband and I received shocking news. Once Dr. Leong came into the room and my husband informed her that we would be choosing to not immunize our daughter her demeanor completely changed. She instantly became rude and condescending. Her first words were "Well that is going to be a problem". She spoke to us as if we were stupid telling us we seemed like "nice kids", but that she would not treat our daughter unless we immunized a long list of immunizations that she wanted us to. There was only a couple that she was okay with us not getting. She said since your here I will look at her today, but unless you choose to immunize then your going to have to find another Dr.. She repeated herself over and over again that she would not see her unless we immunized. Then she went on to say that no one in that office would see us either, but that "maybe" we could find someone around the area. She lectured us and lectured us as we sat there in shock and dismay at what was happening. We left that appointment feeling sick to our stomachs at what we just endured. Complete and utter disrespect of our rights as American citizens and parents making an informed decision that we feel is best for our daughter.
Consequence or Harm:	The doctor refused our daughter care unless we chose to immunize her. Being bullied and pressured to do what the doctor wanted. Emotional distress of the horrible encounter.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	Our view of the public health system is skeptical and leery. It is our right to make informed decisions that are best for our daughter. This is our choice and no one else should be making it for us. It is very difficult to find a doctor that respects your decision to not immunize. We in no way shape or form should be ostracized for being involved in what is put into our children.
Name:	xx
City:	Roseville
State:	CA
Zip:	95747
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	6/9/2009
Offending Entity:	Aspen Family Medical Group
Offending Individual(s):	Doctor(s)
Incident City:	Modesto

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Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	95350
Fully Describe What Happened:	My son was born on 03-17-09, I took him in for check ups as scheduled. I declined all shots and was harassed and even told that I wasn't a good mother. I was questioned as per why I was choosing to not vaccinate and was given websites & brochures that were pro vaccine, in attempt to change my mind. It worked, I got scared and even questioned myself, being a first time mother was hard enough and I thought maybe I wasn't being a good mother. My son was 4 months old when he received his first set of shots because I was tired of having the doctors look at my like I had 2 heads. I nursed him until he was 1, and chose to nurse him while he was given the shots, I had multiple nurses roll their eyes and even one told me that they like it if I waited to nurse him until they were finished. I stood my ground at the point and said that I would nurse him the entire time they injected him with shots. Within the months of his scheduled shots I did countless research to see if I had made the correct decision to give him shots. I regretted my decision and stopped all shots at 11 months. Unfortunately, he had already had a slew of shots, although not all of them. I will NEVER vaccinate any more future children even if I am harassed and bullied by a doctor! I stopped going to this particular doctor and chose to go to another doctor in Lathrop, CA. It was then that I chose to stop giving my son the shots. Again I was harassed and questioned, so I chose to keep my son away from doctors and have been doing everything at home holistically. When he is sick (which is extremely rare) I stay home and take care of him. He is now 3 and the healthiest little boy I know.
Consequence or Harm:	Lethargic, tired, extremely fussy and not hungry
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I hate doctors. I don't go to them for much of anything and I don't think they know what they are talking about. My Aunt is a Mental Health Nurse Practitioner who lives in Portland, and I go to her for things I don't know. I took my son in for a check up a couple months ago, and the doctor was a little shocked that he had not been to a doctor in over 2 years. I told him it was because I thought I was a better "doctor" at home than any doctor I had ever met. He chuckled and that was that. He was the only doctor who didn't say a word about vaccinating my son. I do everything at home and feed my son healthy snacks and meals, he hasn't been sick in about a year. :-)
Name:	xx
City:	Oakdale
State:	CA
Zip:	95361
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	3/1/2009
Offending Entity:	Kaiser Permanente
Offending Individual(s):	Dr Laura Givant
Incident City:	Sacramento
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	95825
Fully Describe What Happened:	I took my children in for routine annual physicals and dr Givant Sacramento wanted my daughter to have the Gardasil shots. My daughter and I had already researched the shot and side effects and reason for need and had determined that with our lifestyle she was not at risk for an STD. We decided this together. Dr Givant then took my daughter out of the room and into another room, away from me. As I scrambled to dress her siblings, Dr Givant then drilled my daughter. Why don't you want the shot? If it's because your mom doesn't want you to have it but you do, I'll give it to you now and she won't have to know. After nearly ten minutes of trying to force this shot on my daughter, she brought her back to me and told us both that if my daughter were ever raped, she would die from cancer. AB 499 wasn't even law at that time! No child should ever be treated that way, never ever!
Consequence or Harm:	The result of this visit has made my daughter terrified of doctors. She will not go for routine physicals or preventative medicine. I have to drag her when she is sick and needs medical attention. My daughter has problems with her blood pressure but will not seek help and now that she is 18, I can not make her go. I do not yet know how much damage was caused by this incident but I do know hat if my daughter never regains trust in a doctor this will affect her health and the health of her children forever. Her body= her choice or it should be.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I don't have much trust in doctors. I have been through many doctors trying to find one that believes what I do or at least will have an intelligent conversation with me and respect my informed decision. I wonder every day how Dr Givant is now treating her patients now that she legally doesn't need parental permission. How many children don't want that shot and she is lying to them by making them believe they will never get cervical cancer if they have the shot. How many other kids and parents has she bullied? This law will make it legal for her to do just that!
Name:	xx
City:	Antelope
State:	CA
Zip:	95843
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	8/8/2011
Offending Entity:	Valley Pediatric Medical Group
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Marshall Goldberg
Incident City:	Encino

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Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	91316
Fully Describe What Happened:	Dr. Goldberg and every doctor in the Valley Pediatric Medical Group practice, refused to sign our vaccine waiver required by my son's school. He is 20 years old, severely autistic, non-verbal and already severely damaged by his childhood vaccines.
Consequence or Harm:	We were forced to pay about \$200 out of our own pocket for an office visit to another (holistic) pediatrician sign our form.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I have no confidence or trust in allopathic doctors and I and my kids no longer see them. Dr. Goldberg is responsible for poisoning my son and continues to insist that autism is caused by this genetic nonsense. The medical industry, Feds, Pharma, etc., is corrupt and backward; focused solely on profits and protecting their bottom line and each other.
Name:	xx
City:	Sherman Oaks
State:	CA
Zip:	91403-3008
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	9/7/2010
Offending Entity:	Pleasant Valley Pediatric Medical Group
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. D'Andrea
Incident City:	Camarillo
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	93010
Fully Describe What Happened:	It was the third office visit and the third time Dr. D'Andrea told me that if I didn't vaccinate my 9 month old baby that I would need to find another doctor and another office to go. He told me that if I didn't agree with him that there was no need to be coming to his office.
Consequence or Harm:	Being a military wife and just moving to California, really made me upset. I called many doctors' offices and to my total surprise said the same thing. I finally found a doctor that although still lectures me would see my child without vaccinating.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	This made me believe that although my husband is stationed here that California is not a place where we could live long term. What happened to our freedom of choice, this is MY child and would really like to raise her MY way not someone else's way that I don't even know.
Name:	xx
City:	Point Mugu
State:	CA
Zip:	93041
Incident Category:	Hospital
Incident Date:	4/9/1998
Offending Entity:	Good Samaritan Hospital
Offending Individual(s):	Nursing Staff
Incident City:	San Jose
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	95124
Fully Describe What Happened:	When our first son was born at Good Samaritan Hospital in April 1998, the HepB vaccine was being heavily pushed on newborns. My husband and I had already discussed with our pediatrician that our baby would have NO VACCINES as a young infant. We felt that we had effectively communicated this to the hospital staff, AND it was in our birth plan, AND in our son's chart. However, over a 2 day stay at the hospital, we were harassed by every nurse that entered our room. "You need to get this HepB shot before you'll get released." WHAT?!! I had to keep referring to our birth plan and that we would not be administering this vaccine.
Consequence or Harm:	Well, most importantly, I felt like I could not risk falling asleep unless my husband was in the room...It appeared that there was a very strong agenda to vaccinate my child for Hepb, whether we wanted to authorize it or not.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I knew that I could not trust medical staff inherently. I have to be extra vigilant in making sure that what I communicate is actually followed through on. Unfortunately, this was the beginning of a long road of harassment and threats from doctors regarding our personal education and choice about vaccination.
Name:	xx
City:	Granite Bay
State:	CA
Zip:	95746
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	9/1/1998
Offending Entity:	Dr. Mazhar Khan
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Mazhar Khan
Incident City:	Morgan Hill

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Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	95037
Fully Describe What Happened:	Upon being "fired" from our infant son's first pediatrician for vaccine issues, we interviewed Dr. Khan who seemed to be cooperative in working with us on a very limited and delayed vaccine schedule for our baby. However, he really pushed us hard on the DPT vaccine when our son was 5 months old...we gave in and did it. He had a reaction to it...so when the time came 2 months later for the 2nd shot, I was obviously very concerned. Dr. Khan told me we had no option. I had read about getting a blood test to check the titer level to see if he had enough protection. I asked Dr. Khan to order this test AT MY OWN EXPENSE, to gather enough information to help me decide. I was completely unprepared for his strong and harassing response. He told me that he WOULD NOT ORDER THIS UNNECESSARY TEST, and that I was A TERRIBLE MOTHER TO PUT MY SON'S LIFE IN JEOPARDY by not administering the 2nd DPT vaccine. He threatened me, and gave the ultimatum that if I did not do this vaccine that day then we were no longer welcome at his practice.
Consequence or Harm:	Now for the 2nd time in 6 months, our infant son had no pediatrician. What if he got ill or was injured during this vulnerable time?! We finally ended up at a General Practitioner (who was a trusted family friend)for just the basics in case of illness or need for hospitalization. No well-baby visits, no pediatric specialty. We were pretty much on our own as new parents...
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	Obviously, after being fired from now the 2nd pediatrician's office in less than 6 months due to our beliefs and choices regarding vaccinating our child, I realized that this was going to be a rough road. My husband and I have worked very hard to stay current on the information, looking at it objectively for our family. I do not believe that most doctors look at the individual they are treating...they only follow a social health policy. That is not good enough for me!!
Name:	xx
City:	Granite Bay
State:	CA
Zip:	95746
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	5/1/1998
Offending Entity:	RAMBLC Pediatrics
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Keith Ahmann
Incident City:	San Jose
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	95119
Fully Describe What Happened:	With the birth of our first child in 1998, we interviewed several pediatricians to find a doctor that would work cooperatively with us on a delayed and very limited vaccine schedule. In our initial interview, Dr. Ahmann seemed the least likely of our options to give us a hard time on our educated choices. However, by the age of about 1 month old, we were feeling extremely pressured to vaccinate our son. When I tried to discuss this issue directly with Dr. Ahmann, he said that maybe we were not the best fit for his practice and that we should look for a different pediatrician. We were no longer welcome.
Consequence or Harm:	Of course, this was harmful to our confidence as new parents. We had worked hard to make an educated choice, and were definitely not well-received. We then had to spend more time and money to interview more pediatricians. What if our son had gotten sick or had an injury during this vulnerable time?...without a pediatrician!! We moved on to another pediatrician, and were "fired" from that doctor's practice as well for the same issue.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	It confirmed that only my husband and I are qualified to make the vaccine decision for our children. We have a trusted family friend who is a general practitioner, who was honest and said that the vaccine schedule is a public health policy and that he could not honestly recommend that it was the best choice for MY CHILDREN. Our personal rights to choose ARE VITAL!!
Name:	xx
City:	Granite Bay
State:	CA
Zip:	95746
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	4/7/2012
Offending Entity:	7 Pediatric practices in Florida, 5 in California (Military family that relocates every 3 years)
Offending Individual(s):	Multiple Doctors
Incident City:	Tampa, FL and entire East Bay of California
Incident State:	Florida and California
Incident Zip:	Multiple
Fully Describe What Happened:	I realize you may not be able to use my letter because it is anonymous, but please explain to the legislators that it is BECAUSE OF unspeakable harassment that I feel the need to remain anonymous in the first place. If at all possible, please tell my story. I have chosen to exercise my legal right to a vaccine exemption for my child because of my sincerely held and lifelong religious faith. I've written an in-depth religious statement to that effect. It is my understanding that freedom of religious belief and expression is protected by the U.S. Constitution AND that both Florida and California have granted parents a legal right to exempt their healthy children from medical interventions that undermine our faith. I later found out that yes, sincerely held religious faith is RESPECTED BUT NOT ACCOMMODATED. 4 Florida pediatric practices refused to see my healthy son for well checks because of his vaccine exemption. 3 would see him if I signed a carefully-worded self-incriminating form that required me to "admit that I was

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	<p>endangering my child." My lawyer advised me not to sign these forms because states have taken children away from some parents after similar "confessions." These forms and policies are clearly discriminatory against religious families and place the burden of germ control solely on children. But the policies are veiled as genuine concern. One office told me they were worried my healthy son might introduce measles or whooping cough to infant patients who are too young to be vaccinated. Of course, unvaccinated parents and parents whose booster shots have long expired are allowed to enter these pediatric practices without question. In the end, I was not able to find a pediatric practice that would see my child for well-child check-ups. The doctors all said they were deeply worried about the infectious disease dangers my son might face. But they were not at all worried about sending a toddler out into the world without medical care. They didn't care if we found a doctor or not, just as long as we left their practice (and paid them for the unproductive visit). Each of the 4 unique practices that flat-out refused to provide care to my son presented me with an identically-worded vaccine policy that used the following hostile and judgmental phrases: 1.) "By not vaccinating your child you are taking selfish advantage of thousands of others who do vaccinate their children, which decreases the likelihood that your child will contract one of these diseases. We feel such an attitude to be self-centered and unacceptable." 2.) "If you should absolutely refuse to vaccinate your child despite all our efforts, we will ask you to find another healthcare provider who shares your views, we do not keep a list of such providers, nor would we recommend such a physician. Please recognize that by not vaccinating you are putting your child at risk for life-threatening illness and disability, and even death." The policies seem to have been penned by the same author, though I don't know who. AND IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBT ABOUT DOCTORS REFUSING TO SEE UNVACCINATED PATIENTS, PLEASE COPY EITHER ONE OF THOSE ABOVE PHRASES AND PASTE THEM INTO THE GOOGLE SEARCH BAR! You will get over 5,000 results. That means over 5,000 pediatric practices have adopted this "policy" and those numbers just represent the offices that have policies posted online and who have not paraphrased the language in any way. The "policy" also goes on to say that a parent may "discuss" any vaccine concerns with the doctors at any time, but what kind of a discussion can be had with a doctor who has already made his decision to exclude certain religious families from his practice? 3 practices stated they would agree to see my son if I agreed to sign a self-incriminating form (against my lawyer's advice). The form asked me to "admit" that I was "risking my child's life" by not vaccinating. The form was thinly veiled as an innocent "educational tool" but my lawyer knows of well-documented cases in which this parental "confession" was later used to take children from their parents under the charge of medical neglect. Because I did not agree to sign the form, I was told to find a new doctor. Even if I had been willing to sign the form, I could tell by the change in the doctors' attitudes that my decision was not respected and was a source of great annoyance to them. Our doctor-patient relationship would be strained. Legislators, if you don't believe me, I encourage you to be secret shoppers. Go to a pediatric office, spark up a friendly conversation with a doctor for five minutes or so, then mention you've chosen not to vaccinate. Watch the doctor's bedside manner change abruptly. Watch the smile turn into a thin line. Note the glaring eyes. Observe how the doctors handle your child a little less gently than they were at the beginning of the appointment. Don't forget to listen for clipped, one-word answers to your questions before they rush you out the door with the stated message that you should not return. We never did find a Florida doctor who would see us. When I found out our military family was being transferred to California, I was overjoyed. I was under the impression tolerance was a California value, and that progressive thinkers resided here. I was under the impression that a natural approach to health was respected. I was wrong. Or should I say, partially wrong. There are doctors who will see unvaccinated children here in the East Bay. But they "boutique practices", only available to rich people. They often have acupuncturists and chiropractors on staff in addition to regular MD's, and because of this, they've decided to not accept insurance. Well child visits are \$400+ dollars. Simply unaffordable on a military salary. I found only one of these practices that would accept insurance. (Pediatric Alternatives in Mill Valley). Unfortunately, they were only contracted with Blue Cross and OUR family's very good military insurance is through Humana. If I wanted my son to be seen at this practice, I would've had to pay \$900.00 to join their "Secret Garden Program" and I would've had to pay the difference between their inflated costs and whatever my insurance company's allowable amount was at every visit. Again, on a military salary, this was not even an option. So I went about looking for doctors in the East Bay, nearly every one I called refused to see unvaccinated children. But I did find 5 offices that had receptionists who insisted the doctors would be fine with our legal religious exemption. Of course, once I was in the office, I encountered the same contempt I'd left behind in Florida, the same incriminating forms, and the same speeches that dismissed my deeply held faith and instead insisted I was practically killing my child for not vaccinating. Because I would not sign the form, I had to leave, again, paying for the unproductive visits. I scoured the internet, and finally found a doctor in the area who would see us. She has been kind to us, respectful of my faith, and our repoire is wonderful. I do know, however, that she will not sign the type of form you are proposing in AB2109.</p>
<p>Consequence or Harm:</p>	<p>The search for a competent and kind doctor for my son has been a long exhausting, terrifying, humiliating, and stressful journey. My faith and views have been insulted and dismissed. I have wasted hundreds of dollars on useless office visits only to be kicked out of the practice for my quiet and sincerely held views. Families who do not share my religious faith are not treated this way when they look for something as self-evident as medical care for a small child. I am horrified at he discrimination, coercion, unkind words, and quite frankly, it breaks my heart that my sensitive and sweet son was put through so many disturbing office visits. We are a military family and have made sacrifices for our country. We have deeply-held and sincere religious beliefs that are protected by the U.S. Constitution. We have insurance. We are healthy and intelligent people. And yet, finding a doctor has been a ridiculous struggle. Now, finally, we have a pediatrician, and I've been able to breathe easy. She is a wonderful doctor. BUT, I know she is seeing us because it is the ethical thing to do. She is kind to us because she truly does care about the well-being of my child. She is aware of her peers who have kicked children out of their practices, and she knows she is going "above and beyond" what most other pediatricians will do. This creates a sense of overwhelming gratefulness in me. I feel like she is giving me a gift that she can retract at any moment. She has told me if AB2109 passes, she will continue to be my son's doctor, but she will not sign the form. Presumably, I will have to find some doctor to sign it, so I will have to leave our wonderful doctor and start searching again. This discrimination is expensive and tiring and cruel. My son should be playing outdoors, not doctor-shopping. What happens to those of us who cannot find a doctor to sign the form Dr. Pan is proposing?</p>
<p>How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:</p>	<p>Every day, in the back of my mind, I worry that my son will be taken away from me, or that he will be forcefully vaccinated against my will, or that he will not be able to attend school. I worry about these things, because they have happened to others. It is well documented. I am quiet and mind my own business. I just want to take my child to his scheduled check-ups and move on with my</p>

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	life. But instead, there is this fear. What if the exemptions are removed? What if AB2109 passes and I have to give up my wonderful doctor and search for another? What kind of discrimination will we face today? Will my child be able to attend school? It's wonderful that California offers legal exemptions to religious families. And it's wonderful that my child has the legal right to attend public school. Unfortunately AB2109 is a barrier that will punish us for exercising our legal right to an exemption. We will be sent on an expensive wild goose chase to find a new doctor. And the criteria we use to find said doctor will no longer be competency, ethics, bedside manner, recommendations, knowledge, and skill. The lead question will always have to be, "Will you sign this form so my son can go to school?" And who among us would want to choose a doctor under that (and only that) condition? There is enough for conscientious and loving parents to worry about every day. It comes with the job. Please find a way to halt this discrimination I've described. And PLEASE do not pass AB2109. This piece of legislation has the potential for much misuse and discriminatory behavior and suffering.
Name:	I'm so sorry, but I'm too scared to give you my name.
City:	East Bay
State:	CA
Zip:	94530
Incident Category:	Hospital
Incident Date:	6/16/2012
Offending Entity:	Marian Medical Center
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Turbow
Incident City:	Santa Maria
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	93454
Fully Describe What Happened:	My grandson was born at home (unintended) We called took my grandson to the hospital to be checked out after the obgyn checked him out in her office. The hospital told us if we didn't admit him for 24 hrs it was medical neglect. Once admitted they told us he had to have his hep b within 12 hrs of birth. We told him that we do not vaccinate with hep b due to his mother having seizures from the hep b shots. They said it was a law and he had to have it. He then informed us that he was taking care of babies suffering needlessly with pertussis and meningitis. When we pointed out that hep b has nothing to do with those two conditions, he blew up and left. The nurses continued to harass my daughter about it, she signed a refusal for the hep b vaccine. Later they called me and again told me I needed to get my daughter to agree, I refused. So they called CPS on my daughter for medical neglect. The CPS officer got to our house before my grandson and daughter were even released from the hospital. The CPS officer was confused on why she was there and told us that it was our choice to immunize, but she had to see both my daughter's children before she could close the case and won't give us anything in writing that it is closed. When my daughter took my grandson to his 2 month check up, the dr. said "Oh great I see he had his hep b vaccination at birth" This baby was jaundice for 3 months. The child was vaccinated when they told my daughter they were taking him to be circumcised. When we got copies of the hospital records, there is nothing in there that shows the vaccine and the dr won't give us the record.
Consequence or Harm:	The child was given chemicals into his body and he remained jaundice for a longer than normal period. He is almost too and hardly speaks.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I do not trust doctors or nurses at all now. It makes me not even want to take any child to the doctor. Our doctor who was fine with us not immunizing is closing doors and moving back east. So far all the doctors offices I have called, do not take patients who won't immunize. So I guess until I find a new doctor, the urgent care is my only choice to take my children to. Unfortunately, they can't get the well child checkups minus vaccinations at the urgent care centers. The new doctors offices have even told us that the insurance companies are going to quit giving us coverage, if we don't vaccinate.
Name:	xx
City:	Santa Maria
State:	CA
Zip:	93458
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	10/16/2008
Offending Entity:	Urgent Care Office
Offending Individual(s):	Doctor
Incident City:	Burbank
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	91505
Fully Describe What Happened:	I took my 7 year old daughter in to urgent care because she was having an acute attack of asthma, and her inhaler was not stopping the asthma. When the doctor saw her, he asked if she had had the flu shot. When I said no, he said that she would get it there. When I told him that I didn't want her to get it, the doctor got upset with me. He ranted about how important the flu vaccine is for asthma patients. I have read the research and am not convinced that it is effective at all, and some research shows that death rates for asthma are increased with annual flu shots. Not to mention that any vaccine is contra-indicated when a child is sick. During an acute asthma attack, a child is sick. Vaccines should not be administered. But this doctor dressed me down and basically questioned my parenting ability. It occurred to me that this guy might call child protective services about me. I left feeling terrible but knowing that I had made the right choice to protect my daughter's health.

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Consequence or Harm:	Other than being disrespected for my choice, no harm was done (because I refused the shot-I feel certain that the shot would have done harm to my child).
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I don't trust doctors. The fact that a doctor would recommend a flu shot for a child who was in the midst of a severe immune response is disconcerting. I am a strong person and commuted to my children's health, but being harassed by a person who is supposed to help you when your child is ill has definitely colored my opinion of the medical industry.
Name:	xx
City:	Glendale
State:	CA
Zip:	91205
Incident Category:	Hospital
Incident Date:	2/11/1993
Offending Entity:	holy cross hospital er
Offending Individual(s):	dr richard benedon
Incident City:	mission hills
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	91343
Fully Describe What Happened:	doctor refused to treat my son in the er, accused me of child abuse and neglect, called the lapd, called cps.
Consequence or Harm:	I was detained in the er for ten hours while my son bled. I was not allowed to leave to get help for his wound.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	do not trust any one at all who claims to be a medical official. I hate CPS. I hate hospitals.
Name:	xx
City:	burbank
State:	CA
Zip:	91510
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	4/29/2011
Offending Entity:	Sutter Medical Group
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Trevor Hacker
Incident City:	Elk Grove
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	95758
Fully Describe What Happened:	My son had an agonizing, consistent cough. The Doctor knows our stance on vaccines – we don't do it! When we joined his practice, even though he insisted on vaccinations, we provided the doctor with lab work proving our child had immunity to various diseases. We had done this with the previous doctor – it's called titer testing. Upon calling the doctor that the prednisone nor the antibiotics were helping my son with his cough, the doctor said in an unsympathetic tone, "Well, you didn't have him vaccinated, so if he has whooping cough, my hands are tied." What a lousy statement to make! I replied, "He has NO SIGNS of INFECTION. He doesn't have whooping cough!" We got into an argument over toxins in vaccines in to which he asked, "What toxins? What are you talking about?" He didn't even know what I was talking about?!?! I brought my son in for a chest x-ray along with blood work. I provided the Doctor's nurse with a list of toxins in the DTaP Vaccine (World Association for Vaccine Education) and studies confirming the vaccine is ineffective. California Department of Public Health actually admits 8 out of 10 people vaccinated, are the ones actually getting sick. I had given him LAB RESULTS CONFIRMING my son had IMMUNITY to PERTUSSIS, but he still made this crass remark. I emailed several more links about vaccines causing harm. His reply was, "Please STOP sending me information on this topic."
Consequence or Harm:	I ended up going to two more Sutter Specialists, who found nothing. After speaking to a Biomedical Doctor, he diagnosed my son via the internet within 5 minutes - mold allergy. The Sutter Allergist didn't even catch it! We treated for antifungal and my son's cough stopped.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	After contacting the Sutter Medical Board with this Doctor's rude remarks and behavior, I was kindly asked to find another doctor. No justice there. When you cannot find a Doctor to listen, why would he/she sign a waiver? I am thoroughly disgusted with allopathic medical doctors. This was my third incident of rude behavior and harassment from a doctor and I'm done!
Name:	xx
City:	Sacramento
State:	CA
Zip:	95828
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	6/5/2007
Offending Entity:	Private Practice / Dr. Jeanette Frei, MD

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Offending Individual(s):	Jaya Karnani, MD
Incident City:	Sacramento
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	95828
Fully Describe What Happened:	I asked for my child to be titer tested to see if he needed boosters. I had it done the year prior with a DAN Doctor, so I knew the process and who locally would do it. My child's local doctor she said it couldn't be done. When I referenced the testing (IgG, IgM, IgA), the Lab, and gave phone numbers of lab personal to go about doing it, the Doctor got SO FRUSTRATED, she yelled, "JUST DO WHATEVER!" then abruptly turned her back and walked away. AFTER, I convinced the nurse to write out the lab paperwork and took my son to the laboratory for a blood draw.
Consequence or Harm:	I got the labs results. His testing CONFIRMED he was fully protected against ALL VIRUSES REQUIRED for 1st GRADE. The doctor NEVER talked to me about the results (saw the Nurse Practitioner for the results), never apologized for her behavior, never spoke to me. I CHOOSE to NEVER RETURN after that incident.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	This was the second time this happened. Doctors have shown repeatedly that they do not know what they are doing, don't know how to listening to me, the parent, or to ASK for HELP when they DO NOT have the ANSWERS! I am completely FRUSTRATED with he lack of listening skills and lack of admitting they don't have ALL the ANSWERS!.
Name:	xx
City:	Sacramento
State:	CA
Zip:	95828
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	4/14/2010
Offending Entity:	Previous Pediatrician
Offending Individual(s):	Robert Fromuth
Incident City:	Modesto
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	95355
Fully Describe What Happened:	When my son was approximately 3 months old he had a double ear infection at his "well baby visit". At the same visit I asked about starting a delayed schedule for vaccines so that he would only receive one vaccine at a time instead of the 5 that they wanted to give him. I was told that "you would be giving your child substandard health care" if I did not let him get all 5 vaccines WHILE HE WAS SUFFERING FROM AN EAR INFECTION. I voiced concern about him already being sick and the number of vaccines at once and was made to feel like I was a bad mother if I didn't do what he said. I was not given any information on the vaccines, no inserts, no data, nothing. This same doctor, however, when I was having him circumcised made me listen to possible side effects and was made to sign a form releasing him of liability of any negative outcomes from the surgery. I did not get any of this when I questioned the safety of 5 vaccines at once. I felt so bullied that I let him have 1 vaccine that day.
Consequence or Harm:	As a result of the vaccine he received he had a horrible bout of diarrhea, while his body was still trying to heal the ear infection. Also, the ear infection did not resolve and we had to go through another kind of antibiotic. I sincerely believe that the unresolved ear infection and the diarrhea were both a result of having a vaccine while he was still sick.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I left that pediatrician in search of a more flexible one that would listen to my concerns and follow my wishes. I did not appreciate the condescending tone he had with me and talking down to me. I am the customer and had the right to fire him, which I did. It made me question that whole office more and now I always feel on the defense when I walk in, even though I now see a different doctor. I do not feel like the current medical community is on my side, or part of my team. I feel like I am in a fight for my child's health and safety, which is funny since that is supposed to be a doctor's job.
Name:	xx
City:	Oakdale
State:	CA
Zip:	95361
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	1/4/2012
Offending Entity:	Scripps - North Coast Pediatric Medical
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Steven Balch
Incident City:	Encinitas
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92024
Fully Describe What Happened:	My son's 5 month check up we declined vaccinations. From that point in the appointment forward we were scowled at and then ushered into his office for a 20 minute lecture on how we were hurting our son by declining vaccinations and that he would get a deadly disease. All this was said even after I brought up the fact that our son had a negative reaction to the HIB and PC vaccines at his 3 month check up. Completely disregarded and blown off.
Consequence or Harm:	None. We won't be seeing that doctor again.

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How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I felt like we were not being heard as parents and that our research, decisions and opinions were not considered of value. Basically we were treated like ignorant people. I don't trust very many doctors, I avoided all physical checkups for my son until we found a supportive pediatrician.
Name:	xx
City:	San Diego
State:	CA
Zip:	92129
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	3/10/2010
Offending Entity:	St. Joseph's Hospital
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Michael Cater
Incident City:	Orange
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92868
Fully Describe What Happened:	When our third daughter was born, we let St. Joseph's and the pediatrician handling our baby, Dr. Michael Cater know that we would not be vaccinating our child. After a discussion in our room, Dr. Cater told us that we would need to find another pediatrician, as a non-vaccinated child would not be a good fit for his practice.
Consequence or Harm:	Denial of attending a physician Discrimination
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	If Dr. Cater's actions and/or viewpoints are a representation of the general pediatrician population in California, then many parents will have a very difficult time getting an approval and signature to exercise their informed consent right to not vaccinate if AB2109 is passed. I feel the intention is not necessarily to educate and let one make a decision regarding the health of their child, but its a "my way or the highway" approach to health care. This is also evident by Dr. Richard Pan trying to pass legislation to force parents in California to consult with an MD or allopathic practitioner regarding their constitutional right and managing the health care of their child. It is the 21st Century, and many parents choose alternative methods of medicine or health care, and they shouldn't be forced into the medical model of "doing business."
Name:	xx
City:	Tustin
State:	CA
Zip:	92782
Incident Category:	Hospital
Incident Date:	3/10/2012
Offending Entity:	Mercy Folsom
Offending Individual(s):	ER Intake/Triage Nurse
Incident City:	Folsom
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	95630
Fully Describe What Happened:	Our five year old daughter became extremely ill over the course of a few hours and since it was a weekend we knew we needed to take her to the ER immediately because things were progressively getting worse very quickly. Once there I filled out the intake form and waited for her to be seen by triage. The triage nurse called our name within five minutes because of her condition upon us arriving and proceeded to do the initial exam to access her. He then began to ask me the standard health questions and when he asked if she was up to date on her immunizations, I responded with, "No, we do not vaccinate." He immediately stopped entering the info into the computer and turned to look at me. He then said, "you don't...hmmm, why is that?" I instantly knew that he did not approve of our choice by the tone of his voice, but my daughter's condition was the important issue at hand, and all I wanted him to do was complete the assessment of her so we could start getting her the medical attention she needed. I responded with a quick, "Because we have done the research" hoping that would get him back on track doing his job, but instead he continued to stop the triage appointment and not proceed with her care and just looked at me. I began to feel uncomfortable. After a bit of awkward silence and him just staring at me he made a comment under his breath and then turned back to the computer screen and started to reenter in the information and continued with his questions.
Consequence or Harm:	As a triage nurse, his concern should have been my daughter's health and there was visibly something extremely wrong with her. We were at the ER and we had no idea why she could not walk, was lethargic, had a fever of 102.8, and had severe abdominal pain all happening within just a few hours. Instead of focusing on those things he wanted to sit and chat about our choice to vaccinate or not and give me a stare down. These moments he put his opinion before my daughter's health could have been life threatening to her since we had no idea what was causing her condition. He should not have wasted any time and simply treated her and I no differently then any other patient that comes into the ER.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	Vaccination status should not equal standard of care. A triage nurse should treat all patients the same no matter how they answer that intake question and it scared me to think how the time wasted could severely impact a persons health. Even though I would never do this, it honestly made me feel like I should lie next time if we ever find ourselves in the ER so that we do not risk having time wasted and keep the focus on the condition at hand and not vaccination status. I was sad to see even ER staff affected by their opinions.

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Name:	xx
City:	El Dorado Hills
State:	CA
Zip:	95762
Incident Category:	School
Incident Date:	2/8/2011
Offending Entity:	Oak Meadow Elementary School
Offending Individual(s):	Admissions
Incident City:	El Dorado Hills
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	95762
Fully Describe What Happened:	Upon registering my oldest daughter for kindergarten I had all proper forms in hand, along with a vaccine exemption affidavit. When asked to show my daughter's shot record I explained that we did not have one, but had the exemption form. I am not at all ashamed of our choice to be a natural immunity family and opt to not vaccinate, but the admissions clerk helping me gave a very loud response that made everyone else waiting become quiet and take notice of our conversation. She then loudly proclaimed for all to hear that she would have to "go dig out the proper form and it could be awhile". She acted disgruntled that I was making her have to go "dig". She returned with the form and I signed it, but could tell she was extremely annoyed with me for not making it easy on her.
Consequence or Harm:	I really felt the loud response that I received was uncalled for and made my private business public to everyone else in line. Being a health related issue it was as though my daughter's HIPPA rights were being violated to some degree by the school. When I asked I gladly tell people are stance on this subject, but that is my choice to share and mine alone. Not that of a disgruntled school employee.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	This initial unprofessional response to our family's choices made me realize that we may be treated that way in the future as well and that was not ok with us so we actually opted to enroll our daughter in another school that did not even hesitate at our exemption and handled our enrollment in a professional manner. A stark contrast to this experience.
Name:	xx
City:	El Dorado Hills
State:	CA
Zip:	95762
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	5/9/2011
Offending Entity:	Kaiser Permanente
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Guthry, Pediatrics
Incident City:	Clovis
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	93611
Fully Describe What Happened:	Dr. Guthry was my son's pediatrician for a short time. I tried to explain to Dr. Guthry that my son is not vaccinated based on both the adverse effects experienced by family members and the harmful ingredients in vaccinations. I have 5 family members (my aunt and 4 cousins) that have experienced seizures and brain swelling following being vaccinated. Dr. Guthry did not seemed concerned about my family history. When I told him I am concerned about the mercury in vaccinations, he told me that there is no mercury in vaccinations. I told him that for me to consider vaccinating my son, I would want to see the list of ingredients in each vaccination that would be administered. He told me that it would be difficult to find because most of it was filed away. The Dr. Guthry told me that vaccinations are completely safe and that adverse affects were rare. He made me feel like I was uneducated and did not have any grounds for my decision concerning my son.
Consequence or Harm:	There was no harm done to my son as he still has not been immunized. Dr. Guthry is no longer my son's doctor.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I have a hard time trusting Pediatricians. Dr. Guthry either lied or was not knowledgeable about the ingredients in vaccinations. Either way, it definitely makes me wary to completely trust doctors. My family members have experienced extreme adverse affects from vaccinations. Any educated person would take into consideration these concerns before making a medical decision. I have educated myself by reading books and journals written by doctors concerning the issues surrounding immunizations. I am by no means ignorant on the subject, and my decisions should be considered not down-played, which Dr. Guthry did.
Name:	xx
City:	Tollhouse
State:	CA
Zip:	93667
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	6/12/2009
Offending Entity:	San Ramon Valley Primary Care Medical Group
Offending Individual(s):	Dr Tracy Trujillo

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Individual(s):	
Incident City:	San Ramon
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	94583
Fully Describe What Happened:	I was denied further care at my pediatrician's office and asked to look for another pediatrician within 30 days after refusing a 3rd chicken pox booster for my 3 kids. They had been fully vaccinated until I researched vaccination extensively and decided to pause. I was sent home after a lengthy and pushy conversation, given 3 days to think about it, after which I received a letter of "eviction". In my home country, kids don't get vaccinated for chicken pox, they simply have it during their childhood and as a result develop a life-long immunity.
Consequence or Harm:	I felt completely belittled and offended that my informed decision as a parent was unheard and denied. At the end of the day, it is my child and it is my right to choose how to take best care of his health based on my Doctor's advice and my personal research.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I no longer trust conventional Doctors, they are manipulated by Big Pharmaceuticals. I go to them for a diagnosis or tests, and choose alternative Doctors when it comes to prevention/treatment. Doctors are meant to give professional advice not orders, we as patients, are free to decide how to take best care of our health. Where is our freedom?!
Name:	xx
City:	San Ramon
State:	CA
Zip:	94583
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	2/7/2008
Offending Entity:	Pediatrician
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Beederman
Incident City:	Los Angeles
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	90046
Fully Describe What Happened:	We went to the pediatrician. She told us that next week when our baby was six weeks old she was going to innoculate our child for eleven different diseases. When we said we wanted to wait, because we were not sending our child to day care and he did not have any siblings. She was very upset. She said "If you do not follow the AAP schedule of vaccines for your child you need to find another doctor." Therefore, we found another doctor. It should be my choice of the parent when and if to vaccinate.
Consequence or Harm:	We had to look for another doctor.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	Doctors don't listen to their patients. They are more concerned with rules of the AAP than the concerns of the parents.
Name:	xx
City:	LA
State:	CA
Zip:	90046
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	2/9/2012
Offending Entity:	pediatrician
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Sheldon Kishineff
Incident City:	North Hollywood
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	91602
Fully Describe What Happened:	We saw Dr. Kishineff for the first time, as the original pediatrician we had seen refused service once we brought up altering the vaccine schedule. We brought our 2 month old twins in for a rash and their 2 month visit. We told the doctor we were not ready to vaccinate at that time, as the boys were suffering from acid reflux and yeast infections, and were on multiple medications. We stated that we wanted to wait until they were in good health before beginning any shots, and that we would want to alter the vaccine schedule. He scoffed at this, and said there was no reason why we should wait to begin vaccinating, that they were fine. I questioned this, and asked how we would know if they were having a reaction to a vaccine if they were already having issues and were in pain from the acid reflux. He rolled his eyes and began a 10 minute diatribe on why "parents like us" were causing so many problems for pediatricians. He said it was this foolish thinking that caused measles outbreaks throughout our country and in France. He then proceeded to lambast our concerns regarding vaccine ingredients (aluminum, formaldehyde, mercury) as ridiculous, and that since we weren't medical professionals, we didn't actually know what we were talking about. He then stated this is why he won't treat children who aren't being vaccinated, as they are a danger to his patients.
Consequence or Harm:	We left the office feeling insulted and frustrated, and had to begin the search for yet another pediatrician to treat our infant twins. They were having ongoing issues with acid reflux and yeast rash, and we really wanted the consistent treatment from a pediatrician to help us with this. It was frightening to think that we had no one to treat our children, and would have to deal with these issues alone until we could find a doctor that would agree to treat our children. We had to find a doctor out of network who

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	costs us out of pocket expenses, which is a hardship considering we have twins, and thus double medical bills.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	We are shocked at the closed minded attitudes of so many doctors, to not even consider our children's safety and well being in altering the vaccine schedule. Instead, they have to treat exactly as they see fit, without any negotiation or consideration for the individual treatment of every child. My children should not have to suffer the consequences of being treated like a number instead of an individual, without regards to their medical issues and family medical history. As parents, we feel we are being talked down to, and our wishes ignored or chastised, instead of working as a team to make sure our children are healthy and happy.
Name:	xx
City:	Burbank
State:	CA
Zip:	91504
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	12/13/2011
Offending Entity:	Pediatrician
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Bess Raker
Incident City:	Beverly Hills
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	90211
Fully Describe What Happened:	Met with pediatrician for follow up visit, my twins were being seen for jaundice and 2 week checkup. We had a great conversation about breast feeding, sleeping habits, and general child care questions I had as a new mother. I then brought up the fact that I wanted to alter their vaccine schedule. I did not mention that I was considering not vaccinating them at all, just that I might want them to start shots later than 2 months. I watched the doctor's face turn red, her jaw clench, and her happy demeanor fade. She responded that she absolutely would not alter the vaccine schedule, and would not continue to see a patient who wanted to do so. I was told how dangerous and irresponsible it was to consider, and if I chose to alter their shot schedule, she would not treat my children.
Consequence or Harm:	We had to search for a new pediatrician, and see a new doctor that was not the treating doctor for my infant's original issues at birth.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I was shocked, disappointed, and scared. For our next visit with a new pediatrician I was incredibly nervous about bringing up the vaccine discussion, and fearful we would be turned down again and have to find yet another doctor. This is exactly what happened, and we are now on our third pediatrician in 3 months.
Name:	xx
City:	Burbank
State:	CA
Zip:	91504
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	8/22/2008
Offending Entity:	Marshall Medical
Offending Individual(s):	Marshall Medical Staff
Incident City:	Placerville
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	95667
Fully Describe What Happened:	At my son's 2 month appointment there was a sign on the wall stating that all children must follow the vaccination schedule all the way otherwise they would be removed from the practice.
Consequence or Harm:	I left the practice for not wanting to follow the vaccination schedule to the letter. I had many questions and wanted to do a lot of research first but was told if I didn't follow the schedule and give all the vaccinations including the flu vaccine and chickenpox I was no longer welcomed at the practice.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I didn't feel comfortable giving all the vaccinations on the schedule and wanted to do more research. The practice policy didn't seem to care about my concerns or questions they were just set on following the vaccination schedule to the letter and denying anyone promptly that didn't follow it. I am glad that I found a new practice to go but worry about the parents that still go to that practice that are pressured to follow the vaccination schedule even when they are not comfortable doing so for a variety of reasons.
Name:	xx
City:	Diamond Springs
State:	CA
Zip:	95619
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	1/15/2009
Offending Entity:	Doctors office
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. William Pazdral

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Incident City:	Victorville
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92392
Fully Describe What Happened:	My two year daughter had been very ill for several months. She was scheduled to have surgery within a week. We were told that she had to get in immediately to see a new pediatrician as an insurance requirement. I was given three names of doctors in our medical group that she could see. I contacted Dr. Pazdrals office and scheduled the appointment. On the appointment day, my daughter happened to be ill and running a fever so not only did I need the surgery referral I also needed her examined. Dr. Pazdral came in to the our room and began reviewing my daughters chart. He then asked if I was planning to get all of her immunizations done that same day as he had noticed that she was missing many as a result of having been ill since birth. I informed him that I would not as she was ill and in compromised health. I also explained that she had missed many as she was ill frequently since birth and her previous pediatrician didn't feel it was in her best interest to give her shots at her well baby checks based on her illnesses. Dr. Pazdral abruptly shut the file, stood up and he stated that he would not accept my daughter as a patient and that the visit was over. He quickly left the room and called out to his receptionist to refund my co pay as I was being asked to leave. I was shocked and very distraught knowing that my child was ill and I was required to get the doctors referral in order to have the surgery authorized. I stayed with my daughter sitting in the patient room and completely broke down sobbing. I called my husband and my medical group to file a complaint. I then went to and called for the nurse to come into the room (she is the doctors wife) and I explained that my daughter was ill and I needed her examined today and that the doctor was refusing to see an ill patient due to a differering opinions regarding immunizations. The nurse called "William" back into the room to do an exam in my child. Dr. Pazdral did return and completed a very brief and disgruntled exam. I ultimately located another pediatrician later in the day who welcomed us to his office and informed us that it was a parent's choice regarding immunizations. My daughters surgery was a success thanks to the referral from Dr. Ghael.
Consequence or Harm:	My daughter would have lost her eligibility for receiving a very needed surgery as a result of Dr. Pazdral refusing to see us because we would not agree to immunize a sick child who was in comprised health as he so directed.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	After this experience with Dr. Pazzral, I was disgusted and outraged with his rude arrogant manner. I later learned from several friends (3) who informed me that they had received letters front his office stating that if they didn't make immediate appointments to bring their children in for vaccines, they would be dropped from his practice. They were ultimately dropped.
Name:	xx
City:	San Diego
State:	CA
Zip:	92154
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	10/3/2001
Offending Entity:	San Benito Pediatrics
Offending Individual(s):	Marie Spencer, Nurse Practitioner
Incident City:	Hollister
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	95023
Fully Describe What Happened:	My daughter got terribly sick. She became violently ill within hours after her 18 month vaccinations. She vomited for 6 hours straight with a 102.9 fever. I contacted the Doctor at 3:00am the next morning. She told me to come in. When seeing the doctor, she looked at my child and said, "She's got Coxsackie Virus. It's going around." She gave me some Tylenol and sent us on our way. She didn't even culture her throat and test for this virus. Within the week, my daughter changed from a smiling child, full of light and energy, to a non-verbal, no eye contact, blank-starring toddler. She ate non-edible things, paced, ran in circles, wouldn't point or talk (did this previously), didn't know who we were, wouldn't engaged in social behavior at all. She had diarrhea and constipation (almost potty trained prior to the illness), and would cry out without reason. On the day in question, I pressed Ms. Spencer as to why my child had changed and was eating things. She tested her blood, citing 'Pica,' but it came back normal. Then, she stated, "Your child is just a little slow. She will catch up." When I asked, "How can a child that hits every milestone with specific skills, completely change?" She didn't know. I asked her, "Why didn't you culture her throat when you said she had Coxsackie's virus?" She didn't answer and walked out of the room. When Ms. Spencer came back I asked, "What explanation could there be for my child's behavior?" She sternly replied, "I don't know what's wrong with your child. I can't help you!" At that, she left the room.
Consequence or Harm:	My child was not tested for the Coxsackie's Virus. I didn't connect the dots as far as the vaccines given that day. Neither did the Doctor, or did she? Why was she so adamant and left the room. Could she not bare to tell me the truth? My child is suffering for this action and is still suffering today. If that Doctor would have tired to find a cause, done the correct testing, my child might not be so destroyed today. I blame this doctor for turning her back on my child.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	After this incident, being young and naive, I didn't know what to think. Now that I'm older, and have seen some pretty disturbing behavior from other 'professional doctors,' I can honestly say I don't trust them. My family and I avoid Medical Doctors as much as possible.
Name:	xx
City:	Sacramento
State:	CA
Zip:	95828

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Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	4/23/2011
Offending Entity:	Tarzana Medical Center
Offending Individual(s):	Heather Cindric
Incident City:	Tarzana
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	91356
Fully Describe What Happened:	<p>Dr. Cindric was already upset that I didn't follow her orders for the night before. I brought my daughter in for "observation" per the urgent care doctor. He almost didn't send her. She had congenital heart defect which required surgery to correct but until the surgery she was in hospital 3 times mostly from colds. She came in after doctor hours in the evening and seemed fine when we got to the hospital. The nurse came in and told me she is hooking her up to IV for fluids, I declined as my daughter was clearly not dehydrated and she was a very hard stick. I didn't want her to go through that. She was fine throughout the evening. The next morning when Dr. Cindric came in, she was visually irritated that I didn't let them do IV. She would not look at me when she was speaking. She was kind and sweet to my baby girl, but to me very disrespectful and not okay that I wanted my daughter seen first by her before she ordered random things done. A nurse even agreed me with me the evening before that my daughter seemed fine. Dr. Cindric asked me why I didn't do the IV and I told her because my daughter wasn't dehydrated. She said there are many other reasons for an IV, like meds...she proceeded to ask me quite a few questions...down a list. Not one time looking at me as she asked the questions and being very curt. There was a nurse standing in the room listening to her. As she went down the list, she said "she's up to date on her vaccinations?" I said "no, she hasn't been vaccinated", she looked up at me with these eyes that could cut glass and said "Why not"...at this point I was sick of being disrespected and I looked at her (which is out of character for me) and said "because I am her mother and I chose not to". I didn't feel she needed or deserved any kind of answer. She looked back down and continued with her questions. Her rudeness was so obvious, that the nurse came and whispered to me after the Dr. left. She reassured me my decision is okay. She has also been harassed and says she really doesn't even share this in her profession but didn't have her own daughter vaccinated until she was 5. Gave me a title of two books to read...about schedules. Meanwhile, the doctor did order the IV and I sat there while my 6 month old child was tortured by 3 different nurses poked 7 times until the PICU head nurse came in and asked why they are giving her this IV when these meds can be given with a shot and she clearly didn't need fluids. So they stopped poking her. I was so angry. I was the one having to hold this 6 month old down while she screamed and looked at me with terror in her eyes. They decided to then give the shot of meds. Which she didn't even need nor did they help. Her breathing issues all had to do with her heart which none of the doctors seemed to acknowledge. As soon as she had her surgery, her breathing difficulties have gone.</p>
Consequence or Harm:	<p>I feel the doctor reacted to my decline of a few services and made me feel like I was possibly not mothering correctly. My daughter had a very weak immune system. The defect originally diagnosed as moderate, was actually quite large after an MRI was done...which changed her cardiologists perspective on things...things I had told many doctors all along. Had I given my daughter any vaccinations during this time of such a weakened immune system, who knows what it could have done to her and the response her body may have had.</p>
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	<p>I don't believe that doctors trust mothers. I will say that I did so much research on my child's condition that I did make a few decisions that were not the popular choice, but I KNOW that it was the best for my child and my family. I went with the "unpopular" surgery, over having a device done through a cath lab procedure. With ALL the different doctors and hospitals we have seen and been to, I have realized that my trust level is no where near as high as it used to be. I do believe that most doctors really believe that vaccinations are fine. I don't think they are lying but I do think that some of that is simply overworked and under educated on that particular topic. Sometimes it seems like a simple game of "lets see if this works". No answers for us, and definitely no trust or respect from several doctors. I know I didn't go to school to be a doctor. When I have asked SEVERAL doctors what kind of training and schooling they get on vaccinations that they are SO confident about them, none of them have answered my question...but I need to answer theirs when they ask why not. Just because they vaccinate their own kids, does not mean I need to vaccinate mine. If you jump off a cliff...I will research the height and depth and safety before jumping whether you have done that already or not. I make my decision informed and I do not rely on information (probably biased or tainted in some way) from any base, government ruled or not. I would say 9 out of 10 doctors I saw were very concerned my daughter was not vaccinated and they made it clear to me that I knew that. If not verbal signs, then signs on doors...we will not accept new patients that do not get vaccinated. Well, love my doctor, so guess its when I say...good thing we are not "new patients".</p>
Name:	xx
City:	Santa Clarita
State:	CA
Zip:	91350
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	2/17/2012
Offending Entity:	Coastal Kids (Pediatric group) - Ladera Ranch, CA
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Amy Cox
Incident City:	Ladera Ranch
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92694
Fully Describe What Happened:	<p>I was taking my 2 kids in for a sick visit and the doctor was worried that I had not scheduled a proper vaccination schedule for my 4 month old daughter. I explained that oldest daughter had food allergies, my son had multiple (8 + foods) of food allergies and my</p>

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	medical history (hodgkins lymphoma) made me worried to do vaccinations due to my immediate family having overreactive immune systems. She let me come back for follow up visits because my kids were sick, but by the last visit she then pushed again about vaccinations. I then stated I had researched the vaccinations, spoke with my husband, friends, naturopath, etc and declined the vaccination schedule. She then said, I am sorry to tell you this even though I want to help you, but it is our office policy that all our patients be on a proper vaccination schedule. We can not be your doctors office any longer."
Consequence or Harm:	See above
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I have a very unsettled view of th whole medical world. I think they are going nuts over insurance reimbursements, and forget why they became doctors in the first place. Doctors are there to help not override a parents' right to make informed decisions for their children. Human beings are all unique from one another. And therefore, shall be treated delicately and on a case by case basis. Not like a dollar figure or number. It's outrageous!
Name:	xx
City:	San Clemente
State:	CA
Zip:	92673
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	7/1/1998
Offending Entity:	Doctor
Offending Individual(s):	Myself
Incident City:	Livermore
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	94550
Fully Describe What Happened:	We had just moved here and my sister recommended this pediatrician that she loved. I took my son to see her for a check-up and after a nice initial meeting she began to check my son. When she learned I had not vaccinated him, she became angry, it was weird. She then told me that unless I vaccinated him she would not examine him or see him in the future. I said fine and left.
Consequence or Harm:	I only used family practitioners after that experience.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I rarely take my children in. We go to a Chiropractor, Naturopath, or DO first.
Name:	xx
City:	Rocklin
State:	CA
Zip:	95677
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	3/9/2012
Offending Entity:	Mercy Midtown clinic
Offending Individual(s):	Urgent care doctor on duty
Incident City:	Sacramento
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	95843
Fully Describe What Happened:	Took my daughter in for care and the doctor asks whether immunizations are up to date. Then says the system doesn't show she had a flu shot yet this year. I explain that she had a bad reaction to the last flu shot and her pediatrician and I agree she should not get another. I was then informed that, because my daughter was not allergic to eggs, it was an impossibility that she had a reaction. It was merely coincidence and that she was infected with a different virus which is what I saw. Within hours of the injection my daughter spiked a fever of 105, the injection site swelled to larger than the size of a grapefruit, she developed hives, and she was lethargic. She was treated with Benadryl, and a combo of ibuprofen and acetaminophen. She will not get another flu shot and this doctor and her thinking is dangerous for my daughter.
Consequence or Harm:	The pediatrician we had at the time of the reaction told me that my daughter should not get another flu vaccine. I am capable of knowing that if she gets another flu shot the reaction will be worse or even fatal. This doctors belief is life threatening for my child.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	Telling me that I am not intelligent enough to keep my child safe and healthy is an insult to me and dangerous to my child. I already have lots of reasons to not trust doctors and now my own elected officials won't speak for me or my children. I am not anti-vaccine. But I also don't believe every child's body is capable of handling every shot. It is not fair of my government to make me track down a doctor that will look at the facts and support my decision to protect my child. It will be an emotional and financial burden. I have the right, according to the CDC, to make an informed decision. No one has the right to take that away from me.
Name:	xx
City:	Antelope
State:	CA
Zip:	95843

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Incident Category:	Hospital
Incident Date:	5/15/2010
Offending Entity:	Maternity Ward
Offending Individual(s):	Nurse
Incident City:	Montebello
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	90640
Fully Describe What Happened:	I had recently declined a Hepatitis B vaccine for my daughter before my Cesarean section because of adverse reactions experienced by both my brother and I had. As I was getting ready to be discharged from the hospital a nurse comes in and reminds me that I still have not immunized my daughter. I told her that I knew and that she cant because of a medical history as well as the specific reactions. She insisted over and over, talking to me as if I were stupid. I flat out told her "I have a medical history, shes not getting that shot." she angrily leaves the room. Minutes later when my husband is readying my belongings to leave he overhears the same nurse slandering me as a bad parent to the other nurses. He repeats what I said in front of the other nurses. One of the others says that it sounds like both me and my brother both went into shock. The same nurse pushes the issue. My husband asks "You would risk putting my newborn daughter into shock?" She scrambles and tries to find another excuse, citing a situation where my 3 day old daughter would be sharing razors with someone. My husband laughs at her and asks if that's the best she's got. She says nothing more.
Consequence or Harm:	Making a new mother recovering from surgery look like a fool despite medical evidence. Destroying patient confidentiality.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I don't trust medical professionals with my daughter alone anymore, it gave me the impression that they don't really care about the health of me or my child. This will make me avoid a hospital birth at all costs in the future.
Name:	xx
City:	Montebello
State:	CA
Zip:	90640
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	11/10/2011
Offending Entity:	Dr. Narayanan's Office
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Narayanan
Incident City:	Montebello
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	90640
Fully Describe What Happened:	When Dr. said that she would begin vaccinations at our next visit, we said that we were not sure that we wanted to start vaccines, or maybe even get them at all - that we had not made up our minds about them yet, needed further information, etc. She glared at us, and in a scolding tone told us basically that we did not know what we were talking about, that we shouldn't follow the celebrity pediatricians, and that we should trust her and do what she told us. She threatened that there are still diseases like polio that are just a plane ride away, and that even homeschoolers were not safe. When I asked if we could at least see the ingredients or packaging of the vaccines to see what was in them, she acted very offended and said that we could not, that there wasn't anything harmful in them. Her basic tone was that of 'you need to trust what I am telling you and do as I say, and there will be no discussion. This is what I do, and I follow the schedule.' She asked us to review the information on the AAP website regarding vaccines and told us to make our next appointment on the way out. We decided that this doctor was not the right fit for our family, and did not go back. I feel, given the example of previous office visits that there would have been harassment about not vaccinating on schedule.
Consequence or Harm:	The consequence is the loss of faith in that doctor, the feeling of condescendence and that there would not be a partnership in health. We had to seek out a new doctor. We felt bullied by this doctor and that we would have no control or say in the healthcare of our family.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	This made us feel fearful of our choice in healthcare for our family. The health of our family is something we do not take lightly, and, like all parents, we want to make decisions that we feel are best and support the our health. How can this be done without communication and respect? This has definitely further affected my trust in the medical establishment. This made me feel that perhaps there was an agenda (for this doctor at least) to give vaccines that was greater than public health. It spurred me to further investigate vaccines.
Name:	xx
City:	Pico Rivera
State:	CA
Zip:	90660
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	8/27/2010
Offending Entity:	Ridgefield Pediatrics
Offending	Dr. Jay D'Orso

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Individual(s):	
Incident City:	Ridgefield
Incident State:	Connecticut
Incident Zip:	06877
Fully Describe What Happened:	I took my three children in for their annual exam to fulfill state requirement before entering school. In the presence of my three children, the doctor told me that I am jeopardizing my children's lives by choosing not to vaccinate. He used scare tactics on me that I can counter with all of the research I have done and continue to do. The fact that he did so in front of my children is unconscionable. It undermined my authority as a mother, while placing doubts in my children's minds about my love for them. My children and their well-being are the main focus of all of my actions. To have this doctor try to destroy this trust and love goes beyond his place as a health care provider.
Consequence or Harm:	It took many discussions with my children to rebuild their trust.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I am incredibly hesitant to visit another doctor. Because we have moved so often we have lost the ability to stay with one pediatrician. Each time my children have to visit the doctor, it causes great anxiety in the whole family.
Name:	xx
City:	Sunnyvale
State:	CA
Zip:	94087
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	2/11/1998
Offending Entity:	our pediatrician
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Iris Lois a woman pediatrician
Incident City:	Riverside
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92507
Fully Describe What Happened:	My second child's first doctor's appointment was in Feb,1998 with Dr. Lois, Pediatrician. The Dr's nurse gave me a form to fill out, it was a waiver that I had never seen before. The waiver stated that the vaccinations could cause seizures, blood clots and death.....I started to panic! My first born son was vaccinated, I asked the nurse to please get the doctor, I have some questions. First question was: What is this? Referring to the waiver. I don't even remember what her answer was to that question. She seemed to be, not prepared, or had no clue how to answer most of my questions. Question #2: What is different with the vaccination that requires us to sign something like this? Doctor couldn't answer this one either. Question #3: What has changed in two years, since I vaccinated my son? The doctor said, we have a shot now for polio, I asked why? Doctor didn't answer. Questions #4: What's was wrong with the oral polio? She said to me, I quote "I can give you the oral polio if you want." No! I said, I want to know what changed? My son had that one! This is where she started yelling at me." IF YOUR NOT GOING TO VACCINATE YOUR CHILD, I WILL NOT TREAT YOUR KIDS!! I said, wait a minute.... "I didn't say I wasn't going to Vaccinate". "I just asked you some questions, that you haven't been able answer." Still yelling at me, "you need to VACCINATE YOUR CHILDREN", "and sign the waiver because it's worse for them" if they DON'T GET THERE VACCINES, they can get very sick and get all kinds of diseases. I said, "So that's worse than death? That's what the waiver said vaccinating could cause". I was so upset and shocked that a doctor could act like that and could not answer most of my questions. Also, I have a witness, my mother in-law, Kathy Shipton was right in the room with us the whole time. I did walk out of there, without getting any vaccinations. I had to do a lot of research, to get my questions answered. I have,now researched for 14 years educating myself about vaccines and none of my 3 other children have been vaccinated. I feel very confident with my husband's and I decision not to vaccinate. It took about 2 years of really educating myself on both sides to feel comfortable with my decision. Because of western medical brain washing here in the US and the 90% vaccination ratios here. I still dread going to any doctors, because I have to explain myself every time because he can't remember. We are that family.....that does not vaccinate. Thank you NVIC!!! for all your doing to help us with our personal belief exemption. Our family of six really appreciate all your are doing!! Thanks you again Rick Veronick Dad Laneisa Veronick Mom Ricky Veronick 17 son Taylor Veronick 14 daughter Kendall Veronick 12 daughter Ryan Veronick 7 son
Consequence or Harm:	I think a lot about the consequence, if that doctor had been successful in her bullying and pressuring me and I went ahead and vaccinated that child.I know that she would have been one of the statistics.Woman intuition, I know that is why I was so strong that day.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I don't trust doctors at all.They only know one side and they don't know how to handle it when you question them.
Name:	xx
City:	moreno valley
State:	CA
Zip:	92555
Incident Category:	Hospital
Incident Date:	6/1/2010
Offending Entity:	Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital

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Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Marie Strohl
Incident City:	Camp Pendleton
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92055
Fully Describe What Happened:	I took my daughter to the ER suspecting she was simply teething but wanting to rule out an ear infection, as she had suddenly come down with a higher than normal fever. Dr. Marie Strohl did not listen to me at all and hardly even checked my baby's gums, but instead cropped an attitude towards me for not getting my kids shots, and she lectured me about vaccines and completely marginalized anything I tried to say. She seemed to fly onto a mission of convincing me that I had to vaccinate, and since I wouldn't she threatened evasive measures as a means of coercion. After it was determined that there was no ear infection and I was looking to leave without taking Dr. Strohl's recommendations because I instead insisted that I wanted a second opinion, (namely my child's own PCM,) she degradingly stated that she'd have child protective services involved. She bombarded me in the most unprofessional manner, and was relentless in telling me again and again how greatly at risk of dying I was putting my child in and acted like I was an idiot for thinking otherwise. (As it so happened, just as I suspected it turned out to indeed be merely teething; our PCM less than 24 hours later when I was able to get in with them was able to determine it in one glance and was appalled by Dr. Strohl's handling of the matter when I expressed what went on at the ER.)
Consequence or Harm:	Dr. Strohl would not allow us to be properly discharged without first having a parental evaluation from one of the hospital's social workers; or if we'd simply left then we were to expect child protective services to pay us a visit at home. The social worker, Wayne Cappiello, understood the situation immediately and apologized for the trouble and hurt cause by Dr. Strohl. Nevertheless, it was a very emotionally draining experience, especially when there was so much waiting around, and we were even told that we couldn't go to the cafeteria to get food for our children but had to stay put until the social worker had cleared us as fit parents.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	The way Dr. Strohl wrote me off as a foolish and uncaring parent was cruel and unfounded; clearly, the matter was a personal one that she was just upset at me for not vaccinating my kids. I was so disturbed by the experience I did report it with much more detail to multiple powers at be, but never received anything back that my complaint was even heard. In my opinion, I'm left feeling like most health officials don't really care, and worse still if you don't fall in line with what they want, then you'll be badgered, scorned, and punished. Worst of all, ever since that experience I fear taking my children to any medical establishment (besides their PCM,) because I'm afraid that mean-spirited health workers might try to take my kids from me because they have a crazed agenda to vaccinate.
Name:	xx
City:	Oceanside
State:	CA
Zip:	92058
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	11/1/1999
Offending Entity:	Doctor in Petaluma, CA
Offending Individual(s):	Cannot recall name, as I never returned
Incident City:	Petaluma
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	94952
Fully Describe What Happened:	When we visited for 12-year-old sibling, doctor asked if my youngest child had received chicken pox vaccine. When I answered no, and she would not, the doctor began ranting angrily about children dying from chicken pox, personally attacking me for the refusal.
Consequence or Harm:	Did not return to the doctor for fear of further verbal attacks.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I always hesitate to completely and fully answer medical professionals when they ask about vaccine status. This is not the first time I have experienced this reaction or extreme lecturing, from doctors, nurses, and school personnel.
Name:	xx
City:	Healdsburg
State:	CA
Zip:	95448
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	2/13/2007
Offending Entity:	Doctor John Kircher
Offending Individual(s):	Doctor John Kircher
Incident City:	Fresno
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	93710
Fully Describe What Happened:	We had been with Dr Kircher for 3 years, and he was always gentle and amiable with ourselves and our older child. When he had our second child we decided to do further research on vaccinations, up until then we vaccinated our first child according to

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	<p>schedule. At our 2 month appointment I told Dr. Kircher that I wanted to do further research before I had any vaccinations done. Our once amiable pediatrician turned sour. He informed us that he wouldn't be seeing us anymore and stated that without them my children would surely die. He also told me that I had to do them all or none at all, but I could not be selective, and that if I did not do them according to schedule I would not be able to take my children to any pediatricians in the area, that none of them would accept us. When asked where I was getting my information, I responded that I was getting most of my research from the CDC, to which he laughed and told me that they do not know what they are talking about. He finished by roughly examining my son to whom he kept referring as "she", and was so rough that he made my son scream horribly. He then abruptly left the room.</p>
Consequence or Harm:	Dr Kircher roughly and poorly examined my newborn, and then dropped us from his office and care, after emotionally distressing me and my newborn.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	This greatly affected my trust in the medical community negatively. I have lost a lot of trust in medical professionals and am very nervous when approached with the subject by anyone in the medical community. I am less apt to be open and honest with them for fear of reactions similar to our experience.
Name:	xx
City:	Clovis
State:	CA
Zip:	93611
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	8/2/2005
Offending Entity:	doctor
Offending Individual(s):	The head doctor in Dr. Brow's establishment.
Incident City:	San Pedro
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	90731
Fully Describe What Happened:	Before my daughter could be enrolled in kindergarten, I had to take her to a doctor. The new doctor I had found for her poured over her thin file, looked up at me and said, "Has anyone talked to you about vaccinations?" "No, and I'd rather they didn't." (I had researched the subject thoroughly fifteen years before I even met my daughter's father and have logged a few more years of research since.) "Well," he continued, "Do you know that three kids died of measles last year?" (This is a common ploy of pediatricians- try to induce fear in the uneducated mother.) "Was it Atypical Measles?" (I am not an uneducated mother.) "Ah," he stumbled, "Ah, well, yes." "So that means the three who died were vaccinated." He was silent to my statement, not a question. (Atypical Measles occurs in those who have been vaccinated against measles. I personally prefer measles.) I asked, "Could you please write on the chart that we've had the vaccination talk? Thanks." Seven years later when we went back, she had no file anymore.
Consequence or Harm:	He tried to use fear to bully me into vaccinating my daughter and with a lie, because the three died of Atypical measles, not measles.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	Avoid doctors. They're liars. Get what you need from them and run. (He signed that she was healthy and she was admitted to school)
Name:	xx
City:	San Pedro
State:	CA
Zip:	90732
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	4/8/2006
Offending Entity:	Pediatric Associates of Virginia
Offending Individual(s):	Dr Hopper
Incident City:	Alexandria
Incident State:	VA
Incident Zip:	22302
Fully Describe What Happened:	My Pediatrician at the time, Dr Hopper, was quite upset that I did not want to vaccinate my newborn. He used language that was hostile and ungracious. This happened EVERY time I took her in for well baby checkups: 2 weeks, 2 mo, 4 mo, 6mo, 9mo, 12mo, 15mo, 18mo...
Consequence or Harm:	I was harassed into giving my daughter vaccines that I did NOT want to give her. She often had side effects to these, and even developed an incurable disease from the immunizations. This same disease is listed on the DTaP insert information from the pharm. company!
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I still stand firm that, as the mother, I make the best choices for my child!
Name:	xx
City:	Goleta
State:	CA

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Zip:	93117
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	4/2/2004
Offending Entity:	Pediatric Office
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Jeffrey Taylor
Incident City:	Costa Mesa
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92626
Fully Describe What Happened:	I was pregnant with my first child and interviewing pediatricians, trying to find one that would be a good fit for my family. On the day I met with Dr. Taylor and started asking questions about vaccinations, he told me that if I wasn't planning on vaccinating my child, then he would not see my child as one of his patients.
Consequence or Harm:	I actually interviewed about 5 different pediatricians before I found one willing to accept my child as a patient, even if I didn't vaccinate. Even then, this doctor told me that it was not the recommended practice in her office, but that she would respect my decisions. The harm here is that 1) quality of care has gone down because I am limited in my choice of doctors simply because of vaccines and 2) the physician-patient relationship is non-existent when doctors take the stance their orders have to be followed if you want to be their patient.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	Whenever I have a medical issue, alternative health therapies are my first choice for me and my family, not traditional western medicine. We see our chiropractor on a regular basis, not our medical doctors. When we do see our medical doctors, I avoid talking about vaccines as much as possible. Over the years, I have done a lot of research on vaccines and I feel that I have more information on the subject than the medical doctors I interact with.
Name:	xx
City:	Costa Mesa
State:	CA
Zip:	92626
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	9/5/2011
Offending Entity:	Dr. Caliendo's office
Offending Individual(s):	Front staff
Incident City:	Mission Viejo
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92675
Fully Describe What Happened:	Had called in to make appointment for my children's physical, & requested no vaccinations as part of this, & was very categorically told that Dr. will only take children that are vaccinated or will vaccinate, no open to any form of communication, just shown the door. Had to find a clinic to do the physical for my children as they needed it for sports.
Consequence or Harm:	Had to find another pediatrician. So how do we find one who will sign our exemptions?
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I felt ridiculed and no longer able to trust in this conventional doctor's abilities to understand our choices for our families. Her form of medicine can no longer be trusted if she only tows the pharmaceutical lines at the expense of ignoring each individual child and their medical history. Fear mongering will never be a form of real medicine. I am no longer trusting of our general pediatricians. Their inability to further look into each individual child as a real person and patient with a medical history, has left me baffled. I was treated as a second class citizen because I demanded more knowledge and needed answers to my real questions. Instead I had a doctor that only regurgitated the pharmaceutical representative's form of medicine. I lament the times that . The lack of information given to parents today is staggering. Yet the scheduled vaccination chart keeps getting longer and longer. With an ever growing opposition of parents pushing back because of vaccine reactions. Make no mistake Mr. Pan you know very well that pediatricians are told to fire parents and treat them dismissly and with contempt. I hope you consider the reality of our experiences and show better judgement in not allowing AB2109 to pass.
Name:	xx
City:	Aliso Viejo
State:	CA
Zip:	92656
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	9/15/2010
Offending Entity:	UCLA Westwood
Offending Individual(s):	Primary Care Physician
Incident City:	Westwood
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	90095
Fully Describe What	My son's Doctor told me I was playing Russian Roulette with my son's life if I did not vaccinate him. I reminded him that my son

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Happened:	was hospitalized after every Flu Shot with pneumonia and that over the last 4 years when I had declined the flu shot we had been able to manage his care at home. He then insisted we vaccinate him for Whooping Cough, HPV etc and in fear of it escalating I quietly shook my head no. On a prior visit to his office he had suggested that my son be hospitalized, I was terrified as he had no grounds for hospitalization as there was no fever no sign of infection or distress illness, I cant help but wonder that this suggested hospitalization was in fact to push vaccines. I was able to escape on that last occasion. I have since found a Osteopath for my son, who supports my decision.
Consequence or Harm:	My son has a history of acute respiratory distress and history of pneumonia after the Flu Shots. I myself nearly had a acute panic attack with this confrontation with a medical professional using his professional position to instill fear and doubt in my ability to care for my son. Even more so to use his position to hospitalize my son and put him thru who know what with no medical grounds to do so.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I feared for my sons safety in this doctors hands where I had previously naively trusted that they were working in my sons best interest. I am now very distrusting of medical doctors, hospitals where I had previously relied on them to be working with me to creating powerful health for me and my family. Instead I am broken hearted to see that they were instead perpetuating illness and suffering.
Name:	xx
City:	Los Angeles
State:	CA
Zip:	90025
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	6/1/2008
Offending Entity:	UCLA
Offending Individual(s):	Infectious Disease Doctor
Incident City:	Santa Monica
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	90404
Fully Describe What Happened:	I had already had poor experiences with physicians regarding my adverse vaccine reaction. When I told doctors that I got sick after a vaccine, they would look at me skeptically and, in my opinion, not take my concerns seriously. My husband accompanied me to a first visit with an infectious disease doctor at UCLA. We decided not to discuss vaccine issues at this appointment due to past experience. While discussing allergies and sensitivities during the beginning of the appointment, I stated that among other things, I was sensitive to thimerosal. The specialist immediately tensed up and asked for clarification asking if I was talking about the ingredient in vaccines? I stated that I understood it was also in contact lens solution and other products. He asked sternly if I vaccinated my children. I answered yes, although I had stopped all family vaccinations after my own personal decline in health. He went into a rant about a Muslim cleric that had stated that the US was trying to hurt Muslim children through vaccines, and this resulted in a return of infectious disease (I believe it was measles). He then stated "Any parent that doesn't vaccinate their kids ought to be shot!" I kept my mouth shut for the rest of the appointment.
Consequence or Harm:	I never returned to see this doctor again. And I spent the next couple years outside of the conventional medicine arena.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	My trust in conventional medicine has diminished greatly, and I and my family will avoid most mainstream practitioners where possible. I will NOT vaccinate my children. My extended family and friends have been slow to educate themselves, but many have also come to distrust vaccines as well due to various life experiences. I would be happy to share my vaccine experience, however I am not comfortable with my legislators receiving my contact information. You may share the below testimonial anonymously. I live in Mission Viejo, California. You can contact me at the e-mail address, the rest of the info is an alias and the date is an approximation, all experience information is correct.
Name:	xx
City:	Mission Viejo
State:	CA
Zip:	92692
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	8/2/2005
Offending Entity:	Doctor
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. K (daughter)
Incident City:	San Pedro
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	90731
Fully Describe What Happened:	I had taken my daughter to Dr. K, the father of the Dr. K who later offended me, when my daughter was a baby in about 2000. The next time she needed a Dr. was to get into kindergarten. The woman Dr. had inherited her father's business by this time and she said that she refuses to see unvaccinated children. She was rude and hung up without helping me by referring me to another Dr.
Consequence or Harm:	No harm was done, but she had no right to be all high and mighty with me. She shouldn't be permitted to discriminate against someone just because beliefs are different.
How Has This	Drs are no good, white-coated drug dealers who you can trust to put their pocket book first and your health next to last!

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Affected Your Views or Trust:	
Name:	xx
City:	San Pedro
State:	CA
Zip:	90732
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	3/26/2010
Offending Entity:	Doctors, and then the ER
Offending Individual(s):	Bess Raker, Scott Cohen
Incident City:	Los Angeles
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	90046
Fully Describe What Happened:	<p>We went in for a well visit. My son Arthur was 15 mos at the time. As I was a parent who fully believed in vaccines at the time, he got his dtap and hib shots with my full permission. They wanted to also give him his chicken pox and I refused on that day saying it was too much. Thank God I did bc within minutes of getting the shot he was visibly agitated. grunting and shaking his head. I thought it was weird but ok, no big deal. By the time we got to the car and were driving home, he was screaming inconsolably. This is was not from the needle, it was from the shot. Nothing could calm him down. We took him out of the car. Nothing would calm him. He was screaming like he was on fire. We gave him tylenol. Screaming continued. We called the docs office. They said it's after five now we are closed. I said we were just there like twenty minutes ago, i know the docs are still there seeing patients. They refused to see us saying go home and if you need to, go to the ER later. this is just a normal reaction, should be fine. Now let me say, this was NOT a normal reaction. My child has had shots before, many times. This is my second child. I am not a nervous nellie or first time parent. in fact my first child had to have open heart surgery. In fact he had heart surgery twice, once at 6 days old and once at 6 mos old. I am not squeamish. I also owe modern medicine a lot, having truly saved my first child. What follows eroded that trust and faith in doctors very very much. We got home and had to administer advil on top of the tylenol. Finally about an hour later after SCREAMING NON STOP FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF, my son stopped screaming. I was so grateful i didn't even think perhaps he was just falling into shock. i think truly that is part of what was happening. i was in shock too. He slept through the night except for one wakeup which was actually exceedingly unusual for him. He would usually wake at least 4 or 5 times. In the morning he was listless. He talked in a drone. He wouldn't look at us. He wound up having a fever of 103.5 for 9 days straight, except for a break of 99 for 2 days in the middle. He would barely drink anything for four days and would not eat for 7. at all. on day 1 of all this we were back at the ped's office. They examined him and said, nope, he seems normal. he is still able to walk. no damage. maybe he's got a flu? couldn't be the vaccine. Or if it is, it's just a normal reaction. Nothing out of the ordinary. A ped neurologist ruled out meningitis. said we couldn't say for sure if it was encephalitis without a spinal tap. i asked whether a spinal tap was conclusive. No it was not, and the procedure was not without risks. Also, even if it came back as encephalitis there was no real treatment except rest and time. SO I elected not to do the test. There was no point. I didn't need to prove anything. I just needed to get my kid back. Several times in this 9 days i took my son to the ER at Children Hospital LA, and each time they told me that there was no way it could be the vaccine, and that maybe he just had a flu even though blood tests did not corroborate that. They even did a flu test which came back negative. I had a nurse in the ER tell me i was torturing my child bc he had a fever and in that moment i was refusing the tylenol. She told me I was making my child miserable and putting him in danger. REALLY??? He was sleeping comfortably in my arms at the moment, and i did not need to wake him to give him a medicine that does not heal him in any way. it is simply a pain and fever manager. he was not in pain, and his fever was not in MEDICAL NEED of reducing at that particular moment. I was putting my child in danger but all the docs who vaccinated my child with multiple injections and would not acknowledge a reaction were NOT endangering my child?? Wow. In that moment I realized how topsy turvy this whole thing was. My child had every clinical symptom of encephalitis: the encephalitic scream, the photophobia, the fever, the lack of eye contact, the flattened affect, the slurred words, the lack of appetite, the lack of affection/connection. What more did docs need to assess the condition? A spinal tap that is dangerous and totally inconclusive? By the way, in the end I did finally get a doctor at CHLA, actually one of the top docs there in infectious diseases and a huge pro-vaxer (Bill Mason), to admit that yes, my child probably did suffer an encephelopathic reaction to the vaccines but there was no reason to believe it should happen again. And that I should definitely continue to vaccinate this child. No thank you. He can do that test on his own child if he likes. Not on mine. LASTLY, one of the most egregious things my peds did was learned by me months later. When we switched peds i requested his immunization records be sent on over. When i saw them I saw on the form there was a box for known reactions to vaccines. IT WAS EMPTY. they literally had wiped the slate clean. NOW MY QUESTIONS IS THIS: if my peds won't acknowledge the reaction, and won't write it on his form, then how would the govt know about it? and then they can go on saying there are few known reactions. yeah, known reactions. Right. Mr. Pan, can you see how this kind of behavior can garner a lot of mistrust? How this is misuse of authority? It was their legal job to report even just the fever, the not eating, the loss of words, even as reported by parents. but they wouldn't. how convenient for them. Now they can go on saying none of their patients has ever had a reaction. When I approached them about this, they said there was no way for their computer to fill out that box. That literally the box was not able to written upon. Or they would have. Really??? SO if you can't write in the box, why is there a box? Or were they just being evasive? Whose fault IS this??</p>
Consequence or Harm:	It took 2 mos for my child to regain normal speech, 4 mos to regain eye contact and name recognition, and six months for him to regain affection and willingness to connect again. Allopathic medicine had NOTHING for me. They wouldn't even admit what was happening or that anything had happened, even though our nanny came in three days after the shot and quite seriously asked if we had dropped the baby on his head because he seemed retarded all of a sudden. I wound up doing all sorts of homeopathic and

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	herbal and vitamin treatments and mostly we just healed our son with healthy safe food and TIME and LOVE. The moment we stopped with gluten and dairy and soy and corn our son started to improve, even though those things had never seemed a problem before. I think this is bc those things can cause inflammation in the body and since my son was IMO already dealing with inflammation of the brain, these things only exacerbated his condition, and pulling them out helped. Again, no mainstream doctors would help us. We were quite literally FORCED into alternative care. Thank God today my son is doing great and there have been no lasting effects, except to my husband's and my psyche, and to our diet which is still gluten free.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	Massively. I am no longer comfortable with vaccinations, and i can barely bring my kids in to the pediatrician, even though we have switched offices I tend to diagnose as much as possible on our own as I now have a great fear and mistrust of pediatricians. And even adult doctors. I will never again feel the trust that I once had. That said, I still believe modern medicine has tremendous applications. It is the doctors that I mostly don't trust. Although some are wonderful, and thankfully our new peds fall into that great category. And yet still, I know I will always trust myself more than anyone else ever again. The issue is DOCTORS HAVE TO LISTEN MORE, and PEDIATRICIANS MUST LISTEN TO THE PARENTS, and they must be willing to do accurate scientific thought. It is unscientific to give someone a vaccine, have them have a huge reaction which clearly is encephelopathic in nature, and yet not allow for the possibility of a vaccine reaction -- esp when encephalitis is a known, cdc acknowledged reaction to vaccine!!!!!! That is not science. that is a blind unwillingness to acknowledge the truth bc they were scared to admit that maybe there WAS a vaccine reaction. Bc for them, and that office in particular they view parents who have vaccine questions as idiots or nuisances or as people who have fallen prey to mass hysteria that is completely without merit, and they felt it would weaken their standing to have to admit that maybe sometimes there WERE problems. BUT that is bad science. It is bullying and could have very grave medical and ethical consequences. And all this is from a parent who gave every vaccine under the son to my kids til this happened. And dare I say, I have a question. If encephalitis is acknowledged as a vax response, why is it that no one can acknowledge "autism" might be? The hallmarks of encephalitis are VERY similar to autism. In fact many are quite overlapping. Isn't it possible both are forms of brain damage, sometimes irreversible, sometimes healable? We don't yet fully understand the brain. Even a neurosurgeon will admit that. So where exactly does encephalitis end and autism begin? Bc can tell you this, if my son had not been able to heal, he would have at some point been called autistic. Maybe we should learn from this. Maybe someone should be brave enough to do the science.
Name:	xx
City:	Los Angeles
State:	CA
Zip:	90046
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	7/6/2010
Offending Entity:	Pediatrician
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Sandra Paniagua
Incident City:	Riverside
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92505
Fully Describe What Happened:	This pediatrician was our paneled pediatrician per my request. After so many instances with other doctors I though this one would be open to our non vaccinating stance, since she was our pediatrician years prior. I was mistaken. Her bedside manner was very cordial until we shared with her that we would not be vaccinating our children. She proceeded to call into question our sources of information, even though nothing on my behalf was shared, but she continued by also stating that quackery medicine was false, she then judged our decision to have our children in a public charter school, and if all these 'types' of parents were rounded up and indoctrinated to not vaccinate. I shared with her that I understood her concerns but was still met with arrogance and anecdotal stories.
Consequence or Harm:	Consequently my children were present when she was undermining me by what I felt in a very disrespectful manner. I felt ridiculed and no longer able to trust in this conventional doctor's abilities to understand our choices for our families. Her form of medicine can no longer be trusted if she only tows the pharmaceutical lines at the expense of ignoring each individual child and their medical history. Fear mongering will never be a form of real medicine. We did get de-paneled from this doctor. Which left us with the decision to get another pediatrician.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	My views are as follows, I am no longer trusting of our general pediatricians. Their inability to further look into each individual child as a real person and patient with a medical history, has left me baffled. I was treated as a second class citizen because I demanded more knowledge and needed answers to my real questions. Instead I had a doctor that only regurgitated the pharmaceutical representative's form of medicine. I lament the times that I continued vaccinating my older children, only because I was told to do so. The lack of information given to parents today is staggering. Yet the scheduled vaccination chart keeps getting longer and longer. With an ever growing opposition of parents pushing back because of vaccine reactions and informed consent. Make no mistake Mr. Pan you know very well that pediatricians are told to fire parents and treat them dismally and with contempt. I hope you consider the reality of our experiences and show better judgment in not allowing AB2109 to pass.
Name:	xx
City:	Moreno Valley
State:	CA
Zip:	92557
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	1/15/2000

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Offending Entity:	Pediatric Medical Group of Riverside, Inc.
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Timothy Walton Mackey MD
Incident City:	Riverside
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92506
Fully Describe What Happened:	I brought my daughter to see Dr. Mackey because she had an unidentified rash. We were new in town, and this was my first time seeing this doctor in the practice. I had intentionally requested Dr. Mackey because a friend referred him, adding that Dr. Mackey's spouse was an alternative medical practitioner. I hoped to find an M.D. who would be open to complementary, non-invasive and non-toxic medical practices. I was told to enter the building through a special infectious disease entrance, and was shown into the patient examination room nearest to the outside door at the end of the hall. As the nurse looked over my daughter's chart, she asked me if she was up to date on her immunizations. I replied that we intended not to vaccinate her. She asked me whether my refusal was for philosophical or for religious reasons. I replied that I hold both religious and philosophical reasons for refusal. The nurse gave me a strange look, and left the room. The next thing that happened was that Dr. Mackey came into the room yelling. Before he had even set eyes on either my daughter or me, he was already yelling at us. He continued yelling without stopping for the entire time he was in the room with us. He did not ask me any questions, or attempt to have a rational discussion with me. He concluded by handing me a single sheet of paper, printed on one side in large print, consisting of no more than 100 words. He asked me to go home and read it. I replied quietly that I would, and after briefly giving my daughter a diagnosis, (though how he did this without even examining her remains a mystery to me) he left the room. On the following day, I received a letter from Pediatric Medical Group of Riverside, Inc. via U.S.P.S. stating, in effect: "understanding that you wish to withhold vaccinations from your daughter, Dr. Mackey feels that he cannot continue to care for her." *The date is approximate, because I cannot locate the original paperwork.
Consequence or Harm:	Thankfully, there was no medical harm in this case. My daughter was apparently experiencing a systemic reaction to a spider bite which ran its course uneventfully. I never set foot in that medical practice again, and felt emotionally paralyzed for a period of time in any further attempts to find medical care for my children.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I have not trusted medical professionals since that time, and am reluctant to bring my children to M.D.'s for care. I am no longer able to believe that allopathic medical centers are places of help and healing, but rather are threatening places to be avoided if possible. I now prefer to seek care from licensed Naturopathic physicians instead.
Name:	xx
City:	Hidden Valley Lake
State:	CA
Zip:	95467
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	12/12/2011
Offending Entity:	Kaiser
Offending Individual(s):	Dr Shaked
Incident City:	Los Angeles
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	90066
Fully Describe What Happened:	When I shared with our new Pediatrician that I've done 6.5 years of research and I am choosing to waive/decline the vaccines for my youngest son, he said that I am... "Making a huge mistake. The research you've done is obviously the wrong research because if (I) had done the right research, I'd be vaccinating my child. You are endangering the life of your child and the lives of members of your community. How do you feel knowing you are choosing to expose your child to potentially deadly diseases? Are you aware of the whooping cough outbreaks last year? What of your child gets sick or dies because of your ignorance?"
Consequence or Harm:	I stood my ground because I am confident I am making the right choice. On a side note, my eldest daughter was fully vaccinated in the early '90's and suffers from asthma still, not to mention she had adverse reactions to her vaccines in her early childhood, name chronic ear infections.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I no longer trust that my Pediatrician (or my previous Ksiser Pediatrician) is impartial. We have a strained relationship.
Name:	xx
City:	Culver city
State:	CA
Zip:	90232
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	1/13/2010
Offending Entity:	dr.'s office
Offending Individual(s):	Not sure of his name anymore...but I know what he looks like
Incident City:	newhall
Incident State:	CA

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Incident Zip:	91351
Fully Describe What Happened:	I had to sign a waiver for school saying my child looked healthy and the doctor told me that my child needed vaccinations and would die if they didn't have them. He said he wouldn't condone what I was doing with my children but he will sign the paper with hesitation and let the school know it is not in the doctor's best interest.
Consequence or Harm:	I will NEVER see him again and my kids were very scared about dying. Who does this to children...does this mean my children need a counselor now for the damage?
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I felt forced and now I try not to go to the doctors at all. I used to go to healthy check ups but now I avoid at all costs. If the law is passed...I will NOT go back. I will find a way to home school. It is a violation of my rights as a person to be forced. I thought this was a free country??
Name:	xx
City:	Canyon Country
State:	CA
Zip:	91387
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	10/10/2008
Offending Entity:	Pediatrician
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Daniel Lee Bruch DO
Incident City:	Moreno Valley
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92557
Fully Describe What Happened:	I took my son in for a physical on the given date. When I expressed that we would not be vaccinating until further notice the mentioned doctor proceeded to give me the benefits versus the risks of not vaccinating our child. I fully understood the risks and benefits and took the paperwork handed to me. My decision to forgo vaccinations at this visit was then met with total contempt by this doctor. He then had to tell me that he LOVED all children, and only parents that truly love their children will do what is right by them. No parent in their right mind would refuse vaccinations. He then proceeded to harass me even longer with the risks by giving me anecdotal stories of what he has heard and seen as a doctor. We still felt that vaccinating our perfectly healthy son was not the best choice for him and we declined.
Consequence or Harm:	The only consequence that was harmed was this doctors ego. My son continues to be very healthy and has met all his milestones. As a parent of many children myself I find it hard to understand this attitude that many doctors today turn to. We did report our incident with this doctor to our insurance and never met with him again.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	My views are as follows, I am no longer trusting of our general pediatricians. Their inability to further look into each individual child as a real person and patient with a medical history, has left me baffled. I was treated as a second class citizen because I demanded more knowledge and needed answers to my real questions. Instead I had a doctor that only regurgitated the pharmaceutical representative's form of medicine. I lament the times that I continued vaccinating my other children, only because I was told to do so. The lack of information given to parents today is staggering. Yet the scheduled vaccination chart keeps getting longer and longer. With an ever growing opposition of parents pushing back because of reactions and informed consent. Make no mistake Mr. Pan you know very well that pediatricians are told to fire parents and treat them dimly and with contempt. I hope you consider the reality of our experiences and show better judgment in not allowing AB2109 to pass.
Name:	xx
City:	Moreno Valley
State:	CA
Zip:	92557
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	12/4/2006
Offending Entity:	Doctor
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Rosemarie Tweed
Incident City:	Moreno Valley
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92557
Fully Describe What Happened:	Our son was due to have his 6 month scheduled round of vaccinations. I shared with this doctor my concerns of our sons reactions to his previous vaccinations. I wanted to know the risks and side effects that vaccine may have posed to his 4 month vaccinations, more so because we were noticing his developmental milestones becoming more delayed. I felt I needed reassurance of our decision to continue with his shots. She proceeded to call into question my education, intelligence, and ability to mother my child properly. She did not address any of my legitimate concerns. Instead she left the room and started yelling at her nurses about how I was refusing. Yet at that time I was not, I just wanted to know more information. She then sent in her P.A. to our room and was told by her that Dr. Tweed will no longer see me and my other children as patients. We were although welcomed to see the Physicians Assistant for further visits.
Consequence or Harm:	The consequence of his scheduled shots were as follows. When our son was born he had his Hepatitis B vaccine, soon after he developed colic and would constantly vomit. With his 2nd round of vaccines at 2 months he developed a high fever and was told to give him Tylenol. By his 4 month round, he became lethargic, with red welts at the injection sites, streaking down his legs, and a

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	fever of 104. His pediatrician felt that that was normal and to just administer Tylenol and warm baths. My son did not recover from his scheduled vaccinations. As of today I am certain that through my understanding of the ingredients, vaccinations were the cause of his autism and Sensory Processing Dysfunction. His reactions were due to his inability to withstand all the adjuvants and ingredients in these vaccines.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	My views are as follows, I am no longer trusting of our general pediatricians. Their inability to further look into each individual child as a real person and patient with a medical history, it has left me baffled. I was treated as a second class citizen because I demanded more knowledge and needed answers to my real questions. Instead I had a doctor that only regurgitated the pharmaceutical representative's form of medicine. I lament the times that I continued vaccinating my child, only because I was told to do so. The lack of information given to parents today is staggering. Yet the scheduled vaccination chart keeps getting longer and longer. With an ever growing opposition of parents pushing back. Make no mistake Mr. Pan you know very well that pediatricians are told to fire parents and treat them dismissively and with contempt. I hope you consider the reality of our experiences and show better judgment in not allowing AB2109 to pass.
Name:	xx
City:	Moreno Valley
State:	CA
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	3/7/2012
Offending Entity:	RAMBLC Pediatric Medical Group
Offending Individual(s):	David Trager MD
Incident City:	San Jose
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	95032
Fully Describe What Happened:	We were concern about vaccines safety and effectiveness. Therefore, we requested to delay vaccinations for our newborn son. As soon as we mention that to the doctor, he told us we need to go somewhere else.
Consequence or Harm:	We had to leave his clinic and look for a new pediatrician.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	Doctor should be educator about drug, side effects, risks and benefit, not drug pusher. The fact that he offer no science, no explanation, and no choice for us as concerned parents are unprofessional and we can't trust doctor like him.
Name:	xx
City:	San JOSE
State:	CA
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	3/21/2012
Offending Entity:	Sutter
Offending Individual(s):	Pediatrician Dr. Van Gundy
Incident City:	Roseville
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	95767
Fully Describe What Happened:	Every visit to my kids Pediatrician includes an argument about vaccination. I have been upfront with my views from the start but the doctor always insists that I am wrong and putting my kids at risk. I have vaccinated my youngest using a different schedule than the current recommended vaccine schedule. I do not feel all shots are necessary and I believe the current schedule is bloated. I am tired of arguing on each visit which is why on the last visit I cut it short stating, "As long as it is my parental right we will not be having this discussion again."
Consequence or Harm:	If the laws take away parental rights, my kids could be further harmed. My middle child has autism and he wasn't born this way. He regressed after his 1 year old vaccinations. His immune system is compromised forever.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I don't trust blindly anymore in my doctors. I believe they mean well and believe what they say, but I've seen first hand what can happen. There is no one size fits all when it comes to vaccination. 1 in 88 kids have autism and they live all over the US. The one thing they do have in common is the vaccine schedule.
Name:	xx
City:	Roseville
State:	CA
Zip:	95747
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	9/15/2011
Offending Entity:	Little Company of mary hospital in torrance and or Torrance Memorial hospital
Offending Individual(s):	drs. er staff
Incident City:	Torrance

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Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	90
Fully Describe What Happened:	I have a 26 year old daughter that has had type 1 diabetes since age 10, she was doing fine until she had her Gardasil vaccine, which Kaiser said she needed. She began to get sick shortly after with uncontrollable vomiting, migraines no period sleeplessness etc. Because she has Type 1 diabetes, EVERY dr. that we have mentioned the vaccine to has turned rude towards, us and did not want to speak to us, they all say it is from her diabetes which after careful research these symptoms only happen to diabetics after years and years of un controlled blood sugars which stephanie's have not been, after careful research many of the Gardasil victims have the same symptoms. Stephanie was told by an ER nurse that she was crazy and making her self sick and this was all in her head hellloooo 86 times in two years Stephanie has been hospitalized, for hospital stays from 3 - 14 days. she has close to 2 million in hospital bills due to this vaccine, the Drs will not look at her mercury, aluminum or other toxic levels. In fact they all fail to even speak to us regarding this vaccine. This truly has to be stopped, no woman and now boys as well should have to become so sick from a vaccine, that has left these victims Dead, seriously sick sterile and disabled. The dr's in every situation fail to even look toward the vaccine injury and to call a patient crazy and say she is making this up. This has to be stopped if a 26 year old was giving the vaccine, when it should not be given at all to ill patients then why would we allow 12 year olds to make this choice on their own, risking a possible death sentence without the adult knowledge and decision making skills that they lack
Consequence or Harm:	86 hospitalizations, 2 million in hospital bills, unable to even get her on general relief or medical for help undue mental stress on Stephanie and the family. The Consequence is that many more girls and now boys are going to become affected seriously or die all because the Drs and medical facility fail to notice or even look into vaccine injuries. Allowing 12 year olds to make vaccine choices on their own is absurd, not only is the government manipulation the minds of individuals that at 12 are not capable of making these types of choices they are putting them in harms way of potential deadly illness's The consequence that could happen from a child being vaccinated without parental consent?? Some 12 year olds will not remember their medical history, like a parent will. Putting them in further danger of complications.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I no longer trust the Drs and or hospitals. I had one Dr, when I led him to the SANE VAX site, tell me he was not knowledgeable enough to pursue this that his field was in gastro intestinal areas and not vaccine, however when a vaccine is causing gastro intestinal problems I would think that a specialist would want to improve his odds of helping others and a possible diagnosis. Unbelievable. 18 year olds are considered adults, and even at 18 are still having a tough time making the correct decisions in many areas of their lives. My 26 year old vaccine injured daughter said " Gee mom, I wish I would have asked you before i got the Gardasil vaccine, because you would have researched it" something even as a bright 26 year old she did not think of doing and because of FDA and government she is now disabled and seriously ill with no income, or insurance.
Name:	xx
City:	rio vista
State:	CA
Zip:	94571
Incident Category:	Child Protective Services
Incident Date:	2/2/2010
Offending Entity:	You need to get him up to date on his vaccination or that can be brought up in court as child abuse.
Offending Individual(s):	CPS agent
Incident City:	Temecula
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92591
Fully Describe What Happened:	My ex husband was under review of an account of child abuse. As policy they review both parents and homes. The CPS agent took pics of my son then started asking about vaccinations. In a very threatening tone she stated I must get his vaccinations up to date because in court that could be seen as child neglect and abuse. I told her that I chose not to get him immunized and she said 'well that doesn't matter'
Consequence or Harm:	Na
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	It has made me scared of losing my right to chose.
Name:	xx
City:	Temecula
State:	CA
Zip:	92591
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	4/4/2008
Offending Entity:	Daughter
Offending Individual(s):	Doctor/Nurse
Incident City:	San Francisco
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	94115

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Fully Describe What Happened:	I took my daughter to the Dr. because she had had a fever for 3 days. Since it was Fri., I wanted to be sure she would be ok for the weekend. The nurse asked which vaccines she had, I told her Polio. She stared at me in disbelief and said "That's all?" I said yes, my daughter reacts very strongly to the vaccines and we decided to do them at a slow pace, individually. The nurse got up and left the room without further discussion.
Consequence or Harm:	I was then told by the Dr. to take my daughter home and gather a urine sample. They would check her urine for bacteria.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I haven't been back to this Doctor/practice since. I feel harassed, bullied and insulted by my informed choices. My daughter, is my daughter, not theirs. I now take her to a holistic practice which does not take insurance but would rather pay out-of-pocket than be bullied.
Name:	xx
City:	San Francisco
State:	CA
Zip:	94116
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	4/4/2008
Offending Entity:	Daughter
Offending Individual(s):	Doctor/Nurse
Incident City:	San Francisco
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	94115
Fully Describe What Happened:	I took my daughter to the Dr. because she had had a fever for 3 days. Since it was Fri., I wanted to be sure she would be ok for the weekend. The nurse asked which vaccines she had, I told her Polio. She stared at me in disbelief and and said "That's all?" I said yes, my daughter reacts very strongly to the vaccines and we decided to do them at a slow pace, individually. The nurse got up and left the room without further discussion.
Consequence or Harm:	I was then told by the Dr. to take my daughter home and gather a urine sample. They would check her urine for bacteria.
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Name:	xx
City:	San Francisco
State:	CA
Zip:	94116
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	1/3/2004
Offending Entity:	Kaiser Permanente
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Zwass and Dr. Morell
Incident City:	Carlsbad
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92011
Fully Describe What Happened:	(The incident date above is approximate for the year 2003/2004). When I went to Dr. Zwass at Kaiser he became very agitated and dismissive when we discussed vaccines. Afterwards, on subsequent visits, he then felt free to yell at me over other matters. For example, he asked me what dosage of Children's Tylenol I gave my child. When I told him I did not recall exactly but that it was the recommended dosage, he proceeded to scream at me. I offered to go out to my car to get the box, but he continued to yell "HOW MUCH?!" I also saw Dr. Morell who was very angry and defensive about the vaccine issue. She recommended that my son have some intervention for torticollis but I was afraid because she handled my son roughly, so we never had my son treated for torticollis. I was concerned for my son's health and safety with these two doctors, but especially Dr. Zwass.
Consequence or Harm:	I was afraid to go to the doctor because I feared for my son's health and safety in all medical matters. I feel that I was indirectly denied fair medical care for my son. It felt like having no medical insurance at all. I worried that some doctors might be so fanatical as to stick my son with vaccine without my permission. That was before I knew my son had autism. Now vaccinations are scary to me because I do not know if my son might be one of the unlucky percentage of autistic children who have an underlying mitochondrial condition with their autism. Some of these children have had severely debilitating reactions to vaccines and many parents have won in vaccine court.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I feel that the only way I can truly get the care that my son needs is to go to a special, expensive autism doctor (DAN or NIDS) who will treat my son for ailments instead of just telling me "oh, that's just 'normal' for autistic kids." So far I have not been able to afford to go to a doctor who treats autism as a medical condition rather than a psychological one.
Name:	xx
City:	Carlsbad
State:	CA
Zip:	92011

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Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	4/27/2010
Offending Entity:	Kaiser Permanente Harbor MacArthur Office
Offending Individual(s):	Nigel Kent MD
Incident City:	Santa Ana
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92704
Fully Describe What Happened:	We went in for our daughters 4 month well baby. Our primary Pediatrician was not available so we had to see another Pediatrician in the office. He threatened us that our child would die if we did not vaccinate her. He began to defend the need to vaccinate her inducing fear upon us which made us feel very threatened of our child's life. He seemed very upset that we did not vaccinate her. We kindly said no we do not choose to vaccinate her at this time. We went home very shaken up as it was still a very new and fresh decision as our baby was only 4 months. Since then we have made sure to never make an appointment with him again.
Consequence or Harm:	We felt our child's life was at stake with the fear induced approach the Dr took at our child's well baby. He was very rude in his approach and we were very shaken up from the visit for a long time.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I went away knowing in the depths of my heart we are doing the right thing for our child. That why would anyone need to induce fear for something that is supposed to be good for a child. If it was good then there wouldn't be such an attack on our personal exemptions because no one would feel the need to opt out of vaccinating their child. Just like vegetables are healthy we don't feel its a threat to our very existence if we don't eat them.
Name:	xx
City:	Costa Mesa
State:	CA
Zip:	92627
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	4/4/2004
Offending Entity:	Tahoe Truckee Medical Group
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Gina Barta
Incident City:	Tahoe City
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	96145
Fully Describe What Happened:	We took our daughter for a 2-year check up. We do not use medical care unless for an emergency so she had never been since her birth. We use alternative care and she had never been sick, so there was no need. The whole time spent was on the harm we were doing in her not being vaccinated. She was not examined at all other than height and weight which was not done properly. The nurse measured her height incorrectly. we were told she was low in weight, should feed her ice cream, then return in 2 months to reweigh her.
Consequence or Harm:	No direct harm other than reaffirming our avoidance of traditional medicine. If this bill passes, we will homeschool if we cannot find a MD to sign a waiver. In no way will this bill change our opinion of what is best with our child. Our choice for her is naturopathy and chiropractic and acupuncture. Those individuals should be well (actually better informed) regarding our choices for health.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	We have never nor will ever go back to TTMG. Since then a local pediatrician Dr. Chris Arth, wrote an article in our local paper describing children such as ours pose a health risk to all others and therefore our insurance premiums should be higher because she is costing society more money. This really makes me angry. We pay \$10, 000 per year for horrible insurance coverage that we have never, EVER used other than the above pathetic medical "check-up".
Name:	xx
City:	Truckee
State:	CA
Zip:	96161
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	4/8/1996
Offending Entity:	San Ramon Valley Primary Care
Offending Individual(s):	Tracy L. Trotter, M.D.
Incident City:	San Ramon
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	94523
Fully Describe What Happened:	I was looking for an excellent pediatrician for my son, who had been diagnosed with spastic diplegia. We were seen by this doctor, who examined my son and asked what vaccinations he had been administered. I explained that he had no vaccinations to date. This doctor said that my son HAD to have vaccinations, or else we would be kicked out. I was astounded and pointed out that it was the choice of the parent, not the doctor. He refused to allow that, and we left.
Consequence or	This discrimination was hurtful and the doctor provided misinformation, trying to coerce and manipulate unknowing parents and

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Harm:	patients into potentially harmful situations. I might not have the exact date for you on my calender, but my son was only about 3 years old.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	This doctor acted in an unprofessional and unlawful way, by using his power over others to force them to his own opinion. I have not forgotten the encounter, and I do not trust any professional who tells lies and acts without conscience. Doctors cannot be trusted until they gain respect and provide informed consent. This doctor misinformed and I hope he is sanctioned. And many parents had "recommended" him. I am sure they were lied to as well. I will tell you, the schools lie to parents as well. This in NOT informed consent!
Name:	xx
City:	Pleasant Hill
State:	CA
Zip:	94523
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	4/1/2010
Offending Entity:	Pediatrician
Offending Individual(s):	Dr Alan Johnson
Incident City:	San Francisco
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	94115
Fully Describe What Happened:	My child went to the pediatrician for his 5 year check up. I specifically told the doctor I did not want to continue vaccinating since he had received an autism diagnosis. The pediatrician told me that vaccines are safe and that they "don't cause autism". I held my ground and said "no thank you" He continued to suggest catching up on all vaccinations and suggested I at least get a "tetanus shot". I gave in to the pressure since I thought at the time that it was just a tetanus shot which has not been linked to any bad reactions that I know of. After the visit, I received a copy of the notes from the visit and he actually received the DTAP. The doctor lied to me about the vaccine and I was too naive to realize it at the time.
Consequence or Harm:	Fortunately we did not have any bad reactions to this shot, but I did not appreciate being lie to. At no point did the doctor offer to show me any safety studies or the vaccine insert to help me understand what types of reactions could occur.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	We have not been back to the pediatrician for either of my children unless they have been very sick. We are currently looking for a new pediatrician.
Name:	xx
City:	San Francisco
State:	CA
Zip:	94118
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	12/10/2005
Offending Entity:	Lakeside Medical Group
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Lubin
Incident City:	Burbank
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	91602
Fully Describe What Happened:	Went in for the 6 mo well baby check up, I knew our Doctor did not agree with our decision. She weighed her and measured her and checked her nose and eyes, then came time for shots. We refused once again, at this point her pleasantries ended. I myself am unvaccinated and used my health and the health of my older unvaccinated sister as an example, her doctors opinion on that is that we where just "lucky" but my daughter may not be so lucky. Then she knelt down to my daughter playing in a chair and looked at my 6 month old baby and said "I am just trying to protect you but your Mommy won't let me." I went into shock at this point and couldn't say anything. Later in the day I got the strength to call her to tell her how offended I was that she was so disrespectful of our choice and that she would undermine me as a parent. She said "Look we do not agree on this and I can't guarantee I won't say something to upset you again." We left her practice after that.
Consequence or Harm:	I had to call several pediatrician offices to find one that wouldn't immediately refuse us due to our decision a legal and constitutional decision well within our human rights.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I no longer seek a pediatrician unless an illness is beyond my or my chiropractors and naturopaths control. I dont wish to subject myself or my children to manipulative tactics and judgmental opinions.
Name:	xx
City:	Temecula
State:	CA
Zip:	92592
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	6/1/2009

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Offending Entity:	Kaiser Permanente
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Lisa Velasquez
Incident City:	Petaluma
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	94952
Fully Describe What Happened:	Dr. Lisa Velasquez left a phone message for me urging me to get my toddler vaccinated for Pertussis because, "Pertussis kills."
Consequence or Harm:	I was offended and deeply disturbed to receive a message like this from a doctor, who is in a position of power, so blatantly trying to scare me into making a decision.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I have less trust for this doctor and for Kaiser and, in fact, have not brought my child in for even a well-check since that incident.
Name:	xx
City:	Petaluma
State:	CA
Zip:	94952
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	4/14/2011
Offending Entity:	Kaiser Permanente
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Gordon
Incident City:	Mission Viejo
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92677
Fully Describe What Happened:	In meeting with Dr. Gordon for a check-up with respect to an illness my daughter had, she mentioned that Kaiser needed a record of vaccinations for her. I told her that we had made the personal choice not to vaccinate as a result of my first child's reactions to a variety of vaccinations. In front of my children she said that I was putting my children's lives in jeopardy. When I indicated some of the reasons I was not vaccinating, she kept arguing with me in front of the children. I told that I would be happy to discuss it further, but felt that to have this conversation in front of my children was inappropriate.
Consequence or Harm:	I now receive ongoing reminders from Kaiser to vaccinate and to provide record of my children's vaccinations to their office.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	Even though I have told them repeatedly of my personal beliefs and choice they continue to send letters and at each appointment they bring up the topic with me and I am consistently having to defend our family choice. I also have to admit that I hesitate to fill out this form for fear of some backlash from those that may use this information inappropriately; but I am willing to take the risk in support of freedom for families to make their own choice with respect to vaccinations.
Name:	xx
City:	Laguna Beach
State:	CA
Zip:	92651
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	1/22/2009
Offending Entity:	Pediatrician
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Bennett
Incident City:	HUNTINGTON BEACH
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92648
Fully Describe What Happened:	Not sure of the exact date but it was around our first daughters 2nd birthday. We let Dr. Bennett know that we were doing a lot of research on vaccines and were holding off on all shots. She always gave us info and said to research both sides (which we did). She then said if by 1 1/2 we didn't do at the very least HiB and Pertussis we wouldn't be able to see by her practice anymore. But she said she could get me a list of Dr.s that would see kids that aren't vaccinated. So when the time came she said "If something would happen to your child I would feel so bad." WTH? I then asked them for a list of Dr.'s that would see un vaccinated kids they said "We don't have a list."
Consequence or Harm:	We wrote her off and immediately requested all copies of medical records and had to start the search for a new Pediatrician.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	Dr.'s need to respect the decisions parents are making for their children. Dr. Bennett is clearly in it for the money. Everything we shared with her on our research of vaccines she agreed with! But still tried to coerce us into getting them. We found a Dr. that appreciates our research and our well informed decision.
Name:	xx
City:	HUNTINGTON BEACH
State:	CA

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Zip:	92648
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	7/11/2011
Offending Entity:	Nurse/ front office mgr. Dr. James B. Wood
Offending Individual(s):	Loretta
Incident City:	Chico
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	95928
Fully Describe What Happened:	I called to ask for a waiver, as directed by our charter home school office. I was told the Dr. would be issuing no waivers. That left me with no option to meet the requirement for our daughters enrollment in September. Fortunately, I found NVIC information online, and was given help in filing a waiver. What incensed me most, was that this Dr.'s office had been our daughter's pediatrician since her birth in 1993. She has had multiple episodes of chronic Epstein Barr infections the past four years, showing a struggling immune system. In her case, an ethical physician would want to take that under consideration.
Consequence or Harm:	I first ran into a distinct "chill" in our previously very warm relationship for a practice that had seen all three of our children over 23 yrs. when I declined an additional battery of immunizations "suggested" at her 15 yr. old check-up. I was told "you are the only/first parent to refuse these immunizations." From then on, we were treated less warmly, and as soon as our daughter had her 18th birthday in Sept. 2011, we received a letter discharging her from the practice.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	My trust in mainstream medical has declined through the years as my knowledge about health issues has grown, and the treatment our family members have received for various illnesses has in more than one member caused significant, permanent disability or harm. I am of the mind that we are each responsible for our own health and health care. I come at all decisions from a vantage point of considerable study beforehand whenever possible. As a trained nurse, I am capable of reading medical journals with better than average comprehension. I am insulted when treated as an emotional, over-reactive mother when I have taken extreme care in making an informed decision. Our health care should be something over which we have liberty to choose what we believe is best for ourselves and our children.
Name:	xx
City:	Paradise
State:	CA
Zip:	95969
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	9/10/2009
Offending Entity:	Nurses/doctor
Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Mely Tan
Incident City:	La Puente
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	91744
Fully Describe What Happened:	I went to take my son for a school physical. The nurses informed me that my son, age 15, required a vaccine. I told them I would sign the exemption forms. They then looked at each other and said one to the other "since she is refusing the vaccines, we cannot complete the physical". I then informed them that I had spoken to a vaccine atty who ensured me that a physical could NOT be denied on the basis of vaccine refusal. They backed off only to sent the doctor on me. The doctor separated me from my son to ask him some questions saying it was part of physical while I was forced to wait in Lobby. The doctor then came out to lobby to yell at me asking me why I was refusing the vaccines, mind you there were other people there. She said it is ridiculous to refuse vaccines as they are safe. I asked her if she could show me a list of the ingredients in the vaccine and then scientific proof that every single one of those ingredients is safe. She looked at me angrily and went back in office to question my son about why his mother is refusing to vaccinate and trying to get him to agree to the vaccine!! Later as I joined her and my son she told my son that he was obese and needed to lose weight and we needed to see a nutritionist because I was clearly feeding him poorly. My son is of normal weight and in fact is an all-star athlete. I understand she was upset at me for being educated on a subject she knows nothing but what she has been brainwashed with, but why mistreat my son?
Consequence or Harm:	My son was TRAUMATIZED and saddened by whole ordeal. I felt I had gone through WWII for a simple, routine sports physical.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I completely mistrust the American medical system. Too many doctors are arrogant in their beliefs as they try to bully parents into vaccines. The irony is that the parents who are educated on vaccines know much more on the subject that the doctors pushing the vaccines on them.
Name:	xx
City:	La puente
State:	CA
Zip:	91744
Incident Category:	Doctor/Nurse
Incident Date:	8/20/2010
Offending Entity:	Children's Primary Care Medical Group

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Offending Individual(s):	Dr. Loubaba Adlouni
Incident City:	Poway
Incident State:	CA
Incident Zip:	92064
Fully Describe What Happened:	On this particular incident, I took my son in to CPCMG for a rash from poison ivy and was told that I would be seeing Dr. Adlouni(multiple doctors in office). Every time I take my children to see their pediatrician and I end up with Dr. Adlouni she pressures me to update my children's vaccines. When I tell her that I don't want to do that, that I don't believe in vaccinating my children, she gets upset and tries to argue that I should. She makes me feel very uncomfortable and guilty for not giving them to my children, even though I don't think they are safe.
Consequence or Harm:	Now, when I call in to make an appointment for any reason, I have to request any doctor except her. I refuse to see her any more.
How Has This Affected Your Views or Trust:	I refuse to see this doctor anymore because she pressures me to vaccinate my children. I should be able to take my children in to the doctor for whatever their ailment is without being pressured or hassled to update vaccines in my children.
Name:	xx
City:	San Diego
State:	CA
Zip:	92127

Regarding consent to share this information, each family providing their online report agreed to the following statement: I understand that by my filling out this form, only the above information along with my name and address will be shared with legislators. My experience may also be shared on the NVIC.org or the NVICAdvocacy.org website or the NVIC Facebook account to help bring attention to these problems, however all of my personal contact information will be kept in confidence and will only be used by NVIC so that we may communicate with you about your experience, if necessary.

April 9, 2012

Dear Honorable Members of the California Assembly Health Committee:

The non-profit National Vaccine Information Centerⁱ, a consumer advocacy organization founded in 1982 to prevent vaccine injuries and deaths through public education and protect the informed consent ethic, opposes AB 2109 on behalf of our California donor supporters.

AB 2109 proposes to make the use of a personal belief exemption to mandatory vaccination dependent on a very limited set of medical care providers providing the parent with “vaccine education” and their signature attesting to this fact on an exemption form.

This bill, if passed, would effectively make the personal belief exemption in California another type of medical exemption. Because there is no religious exemption in California, this would make the only exemption option in California one in which a parent has to go through a state approved medical provider that they may not normally use for their child. Many families in California embrace complementary and alternative medicine for their family health care needs and AB2109 clearly discriminates against these families by defining such a limited subset of medical providers.

We continue to receive reports of traditional medical providers who bully, harass, and even fire their patients for even questioning a vaccine, never mind making an informed and educated decision to delay or decline one.ⁱⁱ We have serious concerns about what will happen to the practical accessibility of the vaccine exemption in California if AB 2109 becomes law. We will be providing the committee with a full report of real testimonials from California families documenting this problem.

AB 2109, introduced by Assembly Member Richard Pan, who himself is a pediatrician and could financially profit from this measure passing, would impose these additional costly and time consuming burdens on parents wanting to use a personal belief exemption to:

- 1) pay for an expensive appointment at a medical doctor’s office to be given vaccine risk and benefit information that is already available online for free; and
- 2) jump through the bureaucratic hoops of obtaining yet additional new forms provided by the Department of Public Health which state that the health care practitioner has provided risk and benefit information to the parent; and
- 3) find a health care provider actually willing to take the appointment and then sign the new forms within 6th months of starting school for the exemption to be valid.

This raises many questions legislators need to answer including:

- How will the state pay for all these extra required office visits for families on public assistance and for the kids of state employees who have their health coverage provided by the state?
- What happens to a parent who can’t find or afford a provider willing to make these types of appointments and then sign the form?
- What will stop doctors from using this law to deny access to philosophical exemptions? It is already hard enough for families to find providers who are willing to just treat children in their practice at all when they deviate from the required vaccination schedule.

California is one of 18 states in the U.S. that allows a philosophical, personal or conscientious belief exemption to vaccination. States that currently have a philosophical/conscientious belief exemption are: AR, AZ, CA, CO, ID, LA, ME, MI, MN, ND, NM, OH, OK, TX, UT, WA, WI, and VT. These states comprise almost half of our country's population, and there is no health crisis in California or any state to necessitate this bill.

It appears that one of the primary motivations of this bill is to force families who rely on complementary and alternative medicine to have to pay and engage with medical providers that are philosophically opposed to their vaccination beliefs and that they would not otherwise pay to provide health care to their families. With the already jam packed vaccine schedule of 49 doses of 14 vaccines before the age of 6ⁱⁱⁱ, and dozens of new vaccines aimed at children in vaccine trials, parents want and need options and shouldn't be forced to have to go to a medical provider who bases their practice on the reliance of pharmaceutical products to exercise these options.

What legislators may also want to consider is the strength of the convictions of the families currently utilizing this exemption. Making the exemption almost impossible to obtain for some families won't change the vaccination status of the child, but it could hurt schools. Parents making these decisions feel strongly about them and often assert they would just pull their children out of school and home school or move rather than get vaccinated with the vaccines they are declining or delaying. If that occurs, California schools would be losing some of its healthiest and brightest students and suffer significant funding shortages caused by their absence.

Schools already got a glimpse into this last year with the additional pertussis vaccine mandate for 7th grade students. Capitol Weekly reported in an article entitled "Schools lose money in wake of pertussis vaccine problems" that "cash-strapped school districts may not have any recourse but to absorb what could add up to millions in lost revenue caused by the absence of thousands of students who were sent home from school last week for not having proper vaccinations."^{iv} Making the exemption dependent on a medical provider would put up a significant enough barrier to produce a similar effect making currently complying families out of compliance with their outdated exemption.

Please consider the following points in opposition to AB 2109:

- Forcing parents into a paid contractual relationship with a health care provider they wouldn't otherwise utilize for their children's health care is not only a violation of basic parental rights, it creates distrust and resentment towards public health programs run by the state.

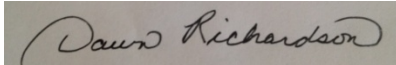
- Especially in California, many families utilize health care providers not reliant on pharmaceutical drugs and vaccines, and only practitioners part of the pharmaceutical paradigm of medicine are allowed to provide the information and sign the form under this bill.
- AB 2109 discriminates against families utilizing complementary and alternative medicine by forcing them into paying money to a medical practitioner they wouldn't otherwise use who is already philosophically opposed to the parent's personal and religious convictions regarding vaccination.
- Parents who utilize vaccine exemptions are typically more educated regarding the risks and benefits of vaccination than both the parents who choose vaccination and aren't required by this bill to receive this information and the health care providers who would be required to sign the exemption in order for it to be valid.
- Many doctors' offices throw families out of their practice for delaying or declining a vaccine. There is nothing in this bill to prevent a doctor's office from refusing to take these appointments to begin with or for refusing to sign the form once a family pays for a visit. These real obstacles will restrict or deny access to the personal beliefs exemption for some families currently using it.
- The state is not in the financial position to pay for all these extra required office visits within 6 months of school starting for families on public assistance and for the kids of state employees who have their health coverage provided by the state and who want to delay or a decline one or more vaccines.
- The information required to be given to parents by this bill is already available to parents online for free to anyone who wants it and coercive measures like this bill do nothing but create and further distrust and resentment towards public health programs run by the state.
- Most vaccination rates in CA for children 19 to 35 months old for individual vaccines are at or above the CDC Healthy People 2020 goal of 90%.^v There is NO current crisis that would indicate that CA needs to make it more difficult to obtain exemptions from vaccination.
- Vaccination rates for children entering kindergarten in California have increased from 2010 to 2011 and are at or above the CDC Healthy People 2020 goals of 90%, except for one category, which is at 89.4%.^{vi}
- Bill Sponsor Assembly Member Dr. Richard Pan, claims in a press release that his bill will help prevent outbreaks of pertussis.^{vii} It is important for legislators to understand that the pertussis outbreaks in CA are due to waning immunity of the vaccine, and not because of families using the exemption. Here are some references to back this point:
 - "The rise in pertussis doesn't seem to be related to parents' refusing to have their children vaccinated for fear of potential side effects. In California, pertussis rates are about the same

in counties with high childhood vaccination rates and low ones. And the C.D.C. reports that pertussis immunization rates have been stable or increasing since 1992.^{viii}

- Children can be susceptible to pertussis even if they are completely vaccinated.^{ix} The acellular pertussis vaccine's failure to deliver durable infection protection to children aged 7-10 years led to the 2010 California pertussis epidemic.^x
- The pertussis vaccine has been found to wane after only 3 years, leaving a much larger population of fully vaccinated children susceptible to pertussis than unvaccinated children. KPBS and the Watchdog Institute performed a joint investigation into the recent increasing pertussis rates in California and found the majority of cases of pertussis were occurring in fully vaccinated populations of children in the 8-12 year old age group. They went on to show that the vaccine wanes after only 3 years.^{xi}
- Bill supporters claim that vaccines are safe. The reality is there is real risk. The Vaccine Injury Compensation Program was established by Congress in 1986 to protect vaccine manufacturers and doctors from liability for vaccine injuries and death. As of Jan. 3, 2012, there have been 14,073 claims filed for vaccine injury and 1077 death claims. The total dollar amount of vaccine injury and death awards granted and paid to families of vaccine victims by our government is \$2,366,649,931.96.^{xii}
- Just for pertussis containing vaccines alone administered in the state of California, 11,516 reports of Vaccine Adverse Events have been filed with the federal government's Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System where 77% of the reports of adverse events are for children 6 and under. There have been 5,775 disorders of the nervous system reported and 172 deaths. 96% of the deaths reported were in children three and under.^{xiii}
- The CDC's one-size-fits-all recommendations for children fail to recognize or respect increased individual susceptibility to vaccine adverse responses for genetic and other biological reasons. Individual susceptibility was acknowledged by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in the 2011 report on Adverse Effects of Vaccines: Evidence and Causality. The IOM found that, out of 158 serious brain and immune system disorders reportedly associated with eight different commonly used vaccines, there were either no studies or too few methodologically sound studies to make a causation determination either way for 135 (85%) of them.^{xiv}
- The FDA, CDC and vaccine makers openly state that often the numbers of human subjects used in pre-licensing studies are too small to detect all adverse events caused by a new vaccine.^{xv} This makes the voluntary, informed decision making about use of government required vaccines extremely important, and the only way for that to occur in California is without the restriction of the control of a medical provider who is already biased in favor of universal vaccination and derives a portion of his/her income from vaccination.
- A medically unrestricted personal belief exemption is especially important to preserve for families with histories of vaccine reactions, severe allergies and immune or brain disorders. Few doctors will write a medical exemption in America today because they are pressured to adhere to very narrow federal (CDC) guidelines defining what constitutes a medical reason to avoid vaccination^{xvi} rather than being allowed to make individual professional determinations about how to protect their patient's health.

NVIC urges this committee to oppose AB 2109 and prevent medical providers from holding exclusive control over all California's exemptions to forced vaccination mandates.

Sincerely,



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ⁱ www.NVIC.org

ⁱⁱ NVIC's Cry For Vaccine Freedom Wall. <http://www.nvic.org/Forms/Cry-For-Vaccine-Freedom-Wall.aspx>

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/downloads/child/0-6yrs-schedule-pr.pdf>

^{iv} <http://capitolweekly.net/article.php?xid=100bwgw0d6upr5k>

^v http://www2a.cdc.gov/nip/coverage/nis/nis_iap2.asp?fmt=v&rpt=tab03_antigen_state&qtr=Q1/2009-Q4/2009

^{vi} <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/immunize/Documents/2011SelectiveReviewResults.pdf>

^{vii} <http://asmdc.org/members/a05/newsroom/press-releases/item/2766-dr-pan-introduces-bill-to-provide-parents-immunization-information-to-prevent-outbreaks>

^{viii} <http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/08/16/vaccination-is-steady-but-pertussis-is-surging/>

^{ix} <http://www.inewsource.org/2011/03/28/experts-zero-in-on-waning-immunity/>

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^{xi} <http://www.kpbs.org/news/2011/sep/20/whooping-cough-vaccine-wanes-after-three-years/>

^{xii} <http://www.hrsa.gov/vaccinecompensation/statisticsreports.html#Claims>

^{xiii} <http://www.medalerts.org/>

^{xiv} <http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2011/Adverse-Effects-of-Vaccines-Evidence-and-Causality.aspx>

^{xv} Institute of Medicine. 1994. Research Strategies for Assessing Adverse Events Associated with Vaccines. Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press. www.nap.edu

^{xvi} <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/vac-admin/downloads/contraindications-guide-508.pdf>