

STATEMENTS OF THE PHYSICIANS' ASSOCIATION FOR ANTHROPOSOPHIC MEDICINE

On Vaccines

There is no formalized policy on immunization within the practice of Anthroposophic Medicine. The decision to vaccinate or not is based on the parents' consent and the physician's consideration of the child's unique development, health and immune system status.

General Guidelines:

1. The patient or legal guardian has a right to full disclosure and informed consent. The physician's obligation is to *"present the medical facts accurately to the patient or to the individual responsible for the patient's care and to make recommendations for management in accordance with good medical practice. The physician has an ethical obligation to help the patient make choices from among the therapeutic alternatives consistent with good medical practice."* (AMA's Code of Ethics regarding informed consent, section 8.08).
2. Forced or mandatory vaccination is unethical and, by definition, in total violation of "informed consent".
3. The physician must honor the parents' or patient's right for self-determination to object to immunization according to the State laws regulating vaccinations.
4. The physician's creed must be "do no harm".
5. The physician must accept unvaccinated children in his/her practice. It is unethical and irresponsible to refuse medical care to non-vaccinated children.
6. PAAM supports a reassessment of the "one size fits all" approach regarding multi-dose vials and standardized vaccine schedule.
7. PAAM supports long-term studies for safety and efficacy in vaccines.

A healthy social life is found only,
when in the mirror of each soul
the whole community finds its reflection,
and when in the whole community
the virtue of each one is living.

- Rudolf Steiner