



Partnership to Fight
Infectious Disease

Research is Clear: Vaccines Do Not Cause Autism

THE FALSE CLAIM WASTES RESOURCES, WEAKENS TRUST, AND HURTS AMERICA'S HEALTH.



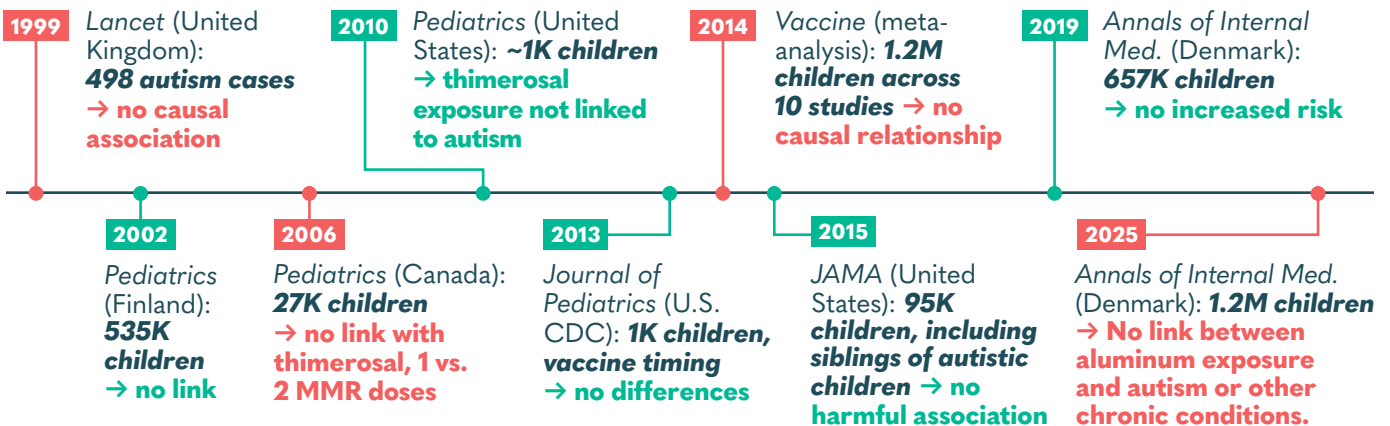
The data showing no link between vaccines and autism has never been clearer. Yet misinformation continues to undermine trust, contributing to a dangerous decline in childhood vaccination rates. Here are the facts.

THE MYTH'S ORIGIN

In 1998, British physician Andrew Wakefield speculated about a possible link between the MMR vaccine and autism.

- Based on 12 children
- Data manipulated via falsified timelines and diagnoses
- Retracted by its publisher, The Lancet
- Wakefield lost his medical license

FOLLOW THE STUDIES AND EVIDENCE



WHY ARE AUTISM DIAGNOSES RISING?



- ✓ Broader diagnostic criteria
- ✓ Increased awareness and screening
- ✓ Better access to services and health care

WHY DOES THE MYTH PERSIST?



- ✗ Disinformation and anti-vaccine online networks
- ✗ Discredited actors gaining federal platforms, including appointments of prominent vaccine cynics
- ✗ Misstatements by public officials sow uncertainty

BY ACCEPTING DECADES OF PROVEN SCIENCE, WE CAN DEVOTE RESOURCES TO MEANINGFUL AUTISM RESEARCH AND HELP AMERICANS MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN.

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