

Risk of Disease vs Risk from Vaccines

Natural Disease

Vaccine Adverse Reactions

Measles

- Ear infection: 5 in 100 cases
- Pneumonia: 6 in 100 cases
- Encephalitis (Brain Infection): 1 in 1,000 cases with 1 in 4 having permanent neurologic damage.
- Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis: 1 in 1,000 cases with 10% of those cases resulting in death.
- Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (fatal progressive degenerative disease of the brain that usually occurs 7-10 years after infection): 1 in 1,300 cases
- Overall Death Rate: 1 in 500 cases
- Loss of antibody memory to fight past contracted infections!!!

Mumps

- Orchitis (swollen testicles) 15-30 in 100 cases
- Meningitis 1 in 100 cases
- Encephalitis 1 in 6000 cases

Rubella

- Congenital Rubella Syndrome (infant develops hearing loss, mental retardation, heart defects, eye defects) occurs from infection during pregnancy: 1 in 4 cases
- Encephalitis: 1 in 6,000 cases

MMR (Measles Mumps Rubella) Vaccine

- Fever: 10 in 100 casesRash: 5 in 100 cases
- Febrile seizure: 1 in 3,000 cases
 Immune Thrombocytopenia: 2 in 100,000 cases (similar to the number of
 - cases in the general population).
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- Encephalitis or severe allergic reaction: 1 in 1,000,000 (same as general population)
- Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis: 7 in 10,000,000 (likely patients actually had measles prior to vaccination)



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Diphtheria

- Heart inflammation: 30 in 100 cases. • Neurologic toxicities 5 in 100 cases.
- Death: 1 in 20

Tetanus

- Intensely painful muscle spasms
- Death: 8-50 in 100 cases in resource-limited countries. Most recover with modern supportive care.

Pertussis (Infants <1 y/o with Pertussis)

• >50% need to be hospitalized

• Pneumonia: 1 in 5 • Seizures: 1 in 100 • Death: 1 in 100

DTaP Vaccine

(Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)

- Extensive limb swelling 2 in 100 cases.
- High fever >105 1 in 16,000 cases.
- Continuous crying >3 hours 1 in 1,000 and decreased responsiveness 1 in
- Acute encephalopathy: 0-10 in 1,000,000

Hemophilus influenza type B (HiB)

- Deaths: 1000 per year prior to vaccine
- 20,000 cases/year prior to vaccine
- 15-30% of patients have complications (blindness, deafness, mental retardation)

HiB Vaccine

- Redness, swelling at injection site: 1 in 4
- Fever 1 in 20

Varicella (Chicken Pox)

- Acute cerebellar ataxia 1 in 4,000 cases in children
- Encephalitis in adults rarely. Pneumonia in adults 60 in 10,000 cases
- 12,000 people were hospitalized/year
- Deaths: 100 per year prior to vaccines

Varicella Vaccine

- Fever: 1 in 10
- Mild Rash: 1 in 20
- Seizure from fever: less than 1 in 1,000
- Pneumonia very rare

Rotavirus

- USA before the vaccine
 - -3 million cases of diarrhea per year
 - -80,000 hospitalizations per year
 - -20-40 deaths per year
- After vaccine introduction in 2006
 - -Hospitalizations decreased by 70%!

Rotavirus Vaccine

Possible increased risk of intussusception 1 in 100,000 cases

Human papillomavirus (HPV)

- 530.000 cases of invasive cervical carcinoma and 260,000 cervical cancer deaths per year
- HPV causes 90% of anal and genital warts

HPV Vaccine

• Anaphylaxis 1 in 1,000,000 cases

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