



Vaccine Info Sheet #1: Recent History

Did you know?

In 1983, the CDC recommended U.S. children receive 11 doses of four vaccines by age one and 24 doses of seven vaccines by age 18,¹ at an average **cost of \$100.**²

In the mid 1980s, drug companies faced several multi-million dollar judgments from vaccinerelated injury and death lawsuits. Unable to retain insurance, they threatened to stop production unless given legal protection from liability.

In 1986 Congress passed the **National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986**, granting vaccine manufacturers and physicians immunity from most lawsuits.

In 1988, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services established the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (NVICP). Funded by a 75 cent tax on every vaccine dose, this government-administered program has awarded **over \$3 billion to victims of vaccine injury or death**, despite most claims being denied. Decisions are generally sealed; discovery and subpoena powers are all but absent.³

Since 1986, the vaccine schedule has tripled with the CDC currently recommending **26 doses of nine vaccines by age one and 69 doses of 16 vaccines by age 18.**⁴

In 2011, the **Supreme Court shielded drug companies from all liability** for government mandated vaccines, even when safer vaccines could have been created.^{5,6}

In 2014, the average cost to fully vaccinate a child from birth to age 18 was **\$2,192.**⁷

In 2013, **Phrma.org** announced that **271 new vaccines were in development.**⁸

1 Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/images/schedule1983s.jpg>

2 http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/03/health/Vaccine-Costs-Soaring-Paying-Till-It-Hurts.html?_r=0

3 <http://www.ebcala.org/unanswered-questions/vaccine-epidemic>

4 Hepatitis B, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, HiB (Haemophilus influenzae type B), Rotavirus, PCV (Pneumococcal), Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella (Chicken Pox), Influenza, Hepatitis A, HPV (Human papillomavirus) and Meningococcal
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>

5 <http://www.nvic.org/NVIC-Vaccine-News/March-2011/No-Pharma-Liability--No-Vaccine-Mandates-.aspx>

6 <http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/10pdf/09-152.pdf>

7 http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/03/health/Vaccine-Costs-Soaring-Paying-Till-It-Hurts.html?_r=0

8 <http://www.phrma.org/press-release-medicines-in-development-vaccines>