

Having worked for over 30 years in the field of Public Health, I saw the power of effective vaccines. I saw many outbreaks of Measles stopped in their tracks through vaccination. I actually saw a case of Diphtheria, the first in New York State in 20 years. It was in an immunocompromised individual demonstrating just how important vaccination of our population is in protecting those who are vulnerable. Without herd immunity that could have been multiple more cases from that one infected individual. I worked during the entire CoVid pandemic and saw the success of the vaccine. People who were vaccinated might get infected, but they weren't dying. People not vaccinated begging for the vaccine as they were intubated.

The vaccine works. It does not cause blood clots. The virus itself has a vascular component. Prior to the vaccine being available there were many documented cases of cerebral blood clots that occurred when a person had CoVid.

I myself, never had CoVid. I am fully vaccinated and wore a mask when in public. I am also a Diabetic and want the vaccine for myself. My recent trip to Walgreens was unsuccessful as they said I wasn't severely immunocompromised. Now I confess I recently lost over 60 lbs. and my most recent HgbA1c was 5.7 but that doesn't mean my Diabetes is cured. It is controlled, and any infection, including CoVid could significantly elevate my glucose.

I understand if people don't want to be vaccinated now, we are no longer in a Pandemic, but taking away my right to be vaccinated is wrong. If you don't recommend the vaccine insurance companies will not pay for it, that is how it works.

I will find a way to get that and all vaccines, but I am a Public Health Professional who knows the importance of vaccines.

I also have to comment on the concept that we are getting kickbacks from Pharmaceutical companies. I never received anything more than a lunch of sandwiches from a Pharmaceutical company. Kickbacks are illegal and have been for many years. I most definitely did not get rich working in Public Health but health professionals in general are not for sale. We are not going to recommend something that is not scientifically sound.

Thank you for your consideration.

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