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**Oppose: SB 385 (HB 637)  
The Vax Act**

**Senate Finance Committee**

Dear Chairwoman Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes and Senate Finance Committee Members:

I am Emily Tarsell, a former therapist and mom. I oppose SB 385 based on professional and personal experience.

On March 3, 2018 I attended a symposium sponsored by the Maryland Department of Health and funded by Merck. The event titled, *HPV Vaccination, Doctors are the Key*, was all about bribes, unethical strategies and false narratives to increase uptake, i.e. sales of the vaccine. Slides from the event are below.

**Bribes:** Providers were urged to create competition among staff by tracking and posting the shots they gave with a bribe like a “cheap” bottle of wine to be presented to the most aggressive seller. The same for the doctors but they got handsome bonuses for increasing uptake.

**Unethical strategies:** The new strategy for increasing uptake was to go from “Knowing”, i.e., education to “Doing”, i.e., assertively administering the vaccine, saying “Your child is due for 3 vaccines.” Providers were advised to put the HPV vaccine in the middle of the list, vaccinate and move on. (The HPV vaccine is not required. This is an unethical trick to increase uptake.)

**Messaging:** The messaging was to falsely claim that the HPV vaccine IS CANCER PREVENTION. However there is no evidence that the vaccine has prevented even one cervical cancer death. HPV related cancers are very low in this country at .001% due to Pap screening. The vaccine was never needed. (See chart below)

My 20 year old daughter and I fell prey to this propaganda. Chris died 18 days after her third HPV (Gardasil) shot. After 8 years litigating, HHS conceded that Chris died from her HPV shots\*. When I shared that at the Symposium, the Presenter shut me down, said it was anecdotal and berated me as an antivaxxer.

On behalf of my beloved daughter and the thousands of other vaccine injured who were shut down and robbed of fulfilling their lives due to actions by these self-serving medical cartels, hear this, **Oppose SB 385**. Thank you.

Emily Tarsell, in Memory of my beloved daughter, Christina Tarsell  
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**My beautiful daughter Christina died at age 21 from the HPV vaccine, a vaccine she never needed. There are thousands of HPV vaccine injured youth yet these corrupted trade organizations continue to turn a blind eye to the damage they inflict while strategizing to increase uptake.**

**References:**

\*Slides from the Maryland Department of Health Symposium on March 3, 2018

\* Link to court ruling in Tarsell vs Secretary of HHS

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<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QWjVh6j6APIFeo2aKuKcFuj8BIFU3G4b/view>

\*Website citing over 90 peer viewed studies, articles, books and videos regarding serious outcomes and problems with the HPV vaccine.

<https://www.gardasilhpvtruths.com/>

# HPV Vaccination Symposium: Providers Are The Key

## Saturday, March 3, 2018

### Disclosures

Speaker and consultant: Merck

#### The Approach: Vaccination Rates Revealed

- Departmental HPV vaccination rates reviewed September 2013
- Individual physician rates shared privately at first (September 2013).
- Individual physician rates subsequently shared with the department.
- Rates published monthly at first, now quarterly.



#### Physician Incentives

- Competition 
- Wine 
- Quality Bonus Structure 

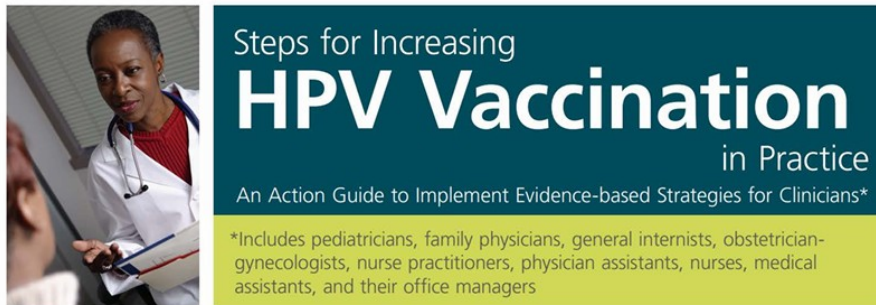


It is not just this speaker who was a paid Merck consultant; the whole symposium promoted by the MD Department of Health was funded by Sanofi/Merck. The entire focus of the symposium was to increase uptake of the HPV vaccine. Attendees were advised to create competition among staff to increase HPV vaccine uptake, publicize it and reward the winner with a “cheap” bottle of wine. Doctors were also to be monitored regarding HPV vaccine administration and the results made public. Doctors were to receive substantial cash “bonuses” for increasing uptake of the vaccine.

## MDAAP HPV Initiatives (2016-2017)

- SHIFT from education/CME to QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (QI)
- SHIFT from KNOWING to DOING
- Applied for district-wide QI Project (District 3 – NJ, MD, PA, DE, WDC, WV)
- Awarded funding for MDAAP to enroll Maryland practices into a QI Project to Improve HPV Vaccination Rates

The new initiative to increase HPV vaccine uptake was to change the strategy from “KNOWING”, i.e., education to “DOING”, i.e., assertively saying, “Your child is due for three vaccines....” Place the HPV vaccine in the middle of the list, vaccinate and move on. (*The HPV vaccine is not mandated and this practice is deceptive*)



### Tips and Time-savers for Talking with Parents about HPV Vaccine

Recommend the HPV vaccine series the same way you recommend the other adolescent vaccines. For example, you can say “Your child needs these shots today”, and name all of the vaccines recommended for the child’s age.

#### Announce

Note **child’s age**.

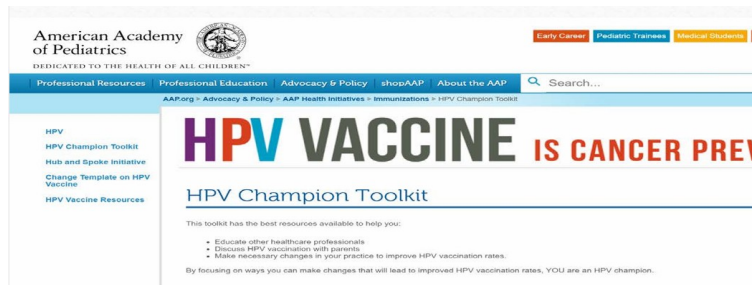
Announce the child is due for **3 vaccines** recommended for children this age, placing HPV vaccine in **middle of list**.

Say you will vaccinate **today**.

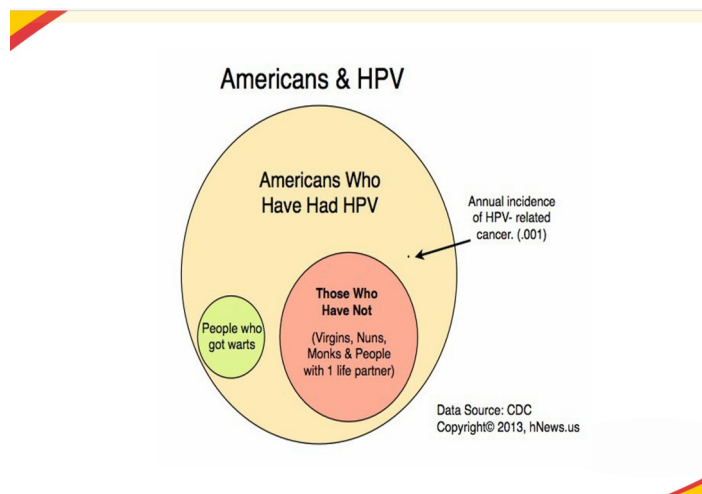
Move on with the visit.

The messaging that the HPV vaccine IS CANCER PREVENTION, is false and misleading. There is no evidence that the HPV vaccine has prevented even one death from cervical cancer. Because cervical cancer takes decades to develop, they were never able to show that it prevented cervical cancer. It was approved based on the assumption that reducing hpv infection would reduce cervical cancer. However, hpvs clear on their own 95% of the time with no intervention. Additionally, the incidence of HPV related cancer in this country was very low at .001% due to the use of Pap screening. The vaccine was never needed. ( See graph at the end)

## HPV Messaging is everywhere...



As seen in the graphic below, incidence of HPV related cancer is very, very low at .001% There never was a need for a vaccine, much less one that has never been proven to prevent any cancer, cervical or otherwise.



These marketing tricks are designed to manipulate both providers and the public into thinking patients need the vaccine and they are doing the right thing while in fact they are puppets of the Medical Mafia who care only about profits, not people. They don't have to live with the loss of a child like I do. My Christina, my only child is gone. I'll never know the joy of seeing her realize her dreams; never have grandchildren or family to carry on or share a legacy and memories. They destroyed her life and mine and that of those who loved her. **Do not give any authority to these corrupted medical groups to make recommendations for vaccines. They have no accountability and cannot be sued so they don't care. VOTE UNFAVORABLE FOR SB 385 (HB637)**

In memory of my beloved Christina, I Thank you  
Emily Tarsell

