

# EVERY U.S. Pediatric Vaccine Manufacturer has recently pled guilty to fraud in the last 3 years

- These are the drug makers who manufacture our vaccines.
- 3 Vermonters died last year after vaccination none from infectious disease.
- The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System is currently underfunded and there is very little oversight or follow-up. The Vaccine Court, which was designed in 1986 to be no-fault, has become a highly adversarial forum where only 20% of claimants are successful. It is the only recourse an American has in cases of damaging adverse reactions to vaccines.
- Vaccines are now one of the fastest growing segments of the pharmaceutical company portfolio. If these suppliers are already committing fraud, what makes us think that – with no liability – they will not commit the very same fraudulent acts when it comes to vaccines?
- Adverse Drug Reactions represent an important clinical issue, as documented in the JAMA, here.
- As reported on Pharmalot.com, "A new insurance policy is being marketed to help boards and execs contain some of the financial damage" expected from further prosecution
- See 2012 <u>Summary Article From USA Today</u> and attached tables.
- There are <u>300 vaccines under development.</u>



# **Pharmaceutical Manufacturer Fraud**

Note: these data do not yet include influenza vaccine manufacturers or pending cases.

## **Glaxo Smithkline**

## **Fines**

## 2011

\$3 billion fine for illegal marketing of
 Avandia, paying doctors and manipulated
 medical research to promote the drug.
 including the CDC v
 Program:

This company also sells vaccines, including the following supplied via the <u>CDC Vaccines for Children Program</u>:

## 2010

\$750 Million for Sale of Bad Products

- DTaP vaccine Infanrix®
- DTaP-IPV vaccine Kinrix®
- DTaP-Hep B-IPV vaccine -Pediarix®
- Hepatitis A Pediatric vaccine -Havrix®
- Hepatitis A-Hepatitis B vaccine -Twinrix®
- Hepatitis BPediatric/Adolescent vaccine- Engerix B®
- HPV Types 16 and 18 vaccine -Cervarix®
- Rotavirus, Live Oral vaccine -Rotarix®
- Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis vaccine - Boostrix®

## **Merck**

## **Fines**

### 2008

\$650 million for overbilling and kickbacks to health care providers to induce them to prescribe including the CDC program:

## 2011

- \$950 million for inaccurate, unsupported and misleading statements about safety of Vioxx in order to increase sales.
- Read statement from Dept. of Justice.
- see also: <u>Shrink Wrap Found in Merck Vaccines</u>

### 2012

Merck <u>Corporate Integrity agrmt</u>

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- Hepatitis B-Hib vaccine -Comvax®
- Hepatitis A Pediatric vaccine -Vaqta®
- Hepatitis B Pediatric/Adolescent vaccine - RecombivaxHB®
- Hib vaccine PedvaxHIB®
- HPV Types 6, 11, 16, 18
   Recombinant vaccine -Gardasil®
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine - MMRII®
- Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (23 Valent) vaccine -Pneumovax®
- Rotavirus, Live, Oral, Pentavalent vaccine - RotaTeq®
- Tetanus & Diphtheria Toxoids vaccine - Td
- Varicella vaccine Varivax®



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## **Novartis**

## **Fines**

### 2010

\$422.5 million fine for illegal marketing of the antiseizure medicine Trileptal and five other drugs. Accused of paying illegal kickbacks to health care professionals through speaker programs, advisory boards, entertainment, travel and meals.

This company also sells vaccines, including the following supplied via the CDC Vaccines for Children Program:

 Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine - Menveo®

## **Pfizer**

### **Fines**

### 2009

 \$2.3 billion for illegally misbranding Bextra This company also sells vaccines, including the following supplied via the CDC Vaccines for Children Program:

### 2011

 \$14.5 million for illegally marketing Detrol • Prevnar 13 (pneumococcal)

## Sanofi (Aventis)

#### **Fines**

### 2009

 \$95 million fine for overcharging some public health agencies for steroid-based anti-inflammatory nasal sprays Azmacort, Nasacort and Nasacort AQ.

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- DTaP vaccine Daptacel®
- DTaP-IP-Hib vaccine -Pentacel®
- e-IPV vaccine IPOL®
- Hib vaccine ActHIB®
- Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine - Menactra®
- Tetanus & Diphtheria Toxoid vaccine - Tenivac®
- Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis vaccine -Adacel®