



Chiropractors Battle Immunization Laws

ICA's Alaskan Representative, Trevor V. Ireland, D.C., is one of three persons involved in a lawsuit concerning immunization of school-age children in his state. The Alaska Administrative Code requires that school age children must be immunized or else produce an affidavit from a "doctor or osteopath" exempting them from the immunization.

Dr. Trevor, along with a patient and her child, allege in their complaint that the section of the Code that permits exclusion of unimmunized elementary students discriminates between patients of medical doctors and patients of chiropractors. The complaint alleges that this specific exclusion of chiropractors affects the fundamental rights of his patients in that it "unduly interferes" with their rights to freedom of choice in deciding the manner in which they will receive primary health care and is in violation of the Alaskan State Constitution.

In regard to Dr. Trevor's suit, Superior Court Judge C. J. Occhipinti issued a temporary restraining order prohibiting the Anchorage School District from excluding from classes any child who has not been immunized, but who produces an exemption affidavit from a chiropractor affirming the chiropractor's opinion that immunization would be injurious to the health and welfare of the child.

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In mid-September, an Iowa chiropractor filed a lawsuit challenging the state's new mandatory immunization law for school children. W. Gene Cretsinger of Cedar Rapids filed the petition in Linn County District Court on behalf of his son, David, 6. The chiropractor contends the new law violates several provisions of the First and Fourteenth amendments of the U.S. Constitution. The law, approved by the 1977 Iowa Legislature, requires school children to be immunized against six diseases - polio, measles, rubella, whooping cough, diphtheria, and tetanus.

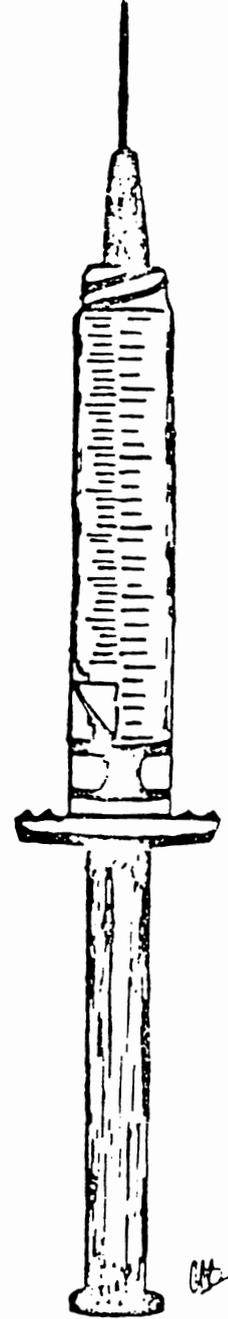
Biologist Voices Danger Of Live Vaccines

(Editor's note: A massive immunization law for school-age children in Iowa was signed into law July 13. The Iowa State Health Department has said it would begin enforcing the new requirement when students in grades kindergarten through 12th begin their second semester sometime in January, 1978. The Chiropractic Society of Iowa has worked extensively against this new law. The following article was taken from that society's summer newsletter. The information perhaps will be of use to ICA members in states that may be contemplating passing a similar law. The Chiropractic Society of Iowa is an ICA affiliate association.)

Members of the Chiropractic Society of Iowa had lengthy conferences with Gov. Robert Ray of Iowa on two different occasions prior to his signing of the bill. The Society officially sent several letters to the governor's office pointing out the scientific research that caused the chiropractors to ask for a conscience clause. Hundreds of phone calls were made to the capital by patients and chiropractors to express opposition to the bill that provided no freedom of choice.

Dr. Richard deLong, a Texas biologist, was quoted in the July 31, 1976, issue of *Science News*. His comments, printed below, summarize the concern that many scientists have today regarding live vaccines. The Chiropractic Society of Iowa feels this opinion backs up its belief that freedom of

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Vital Postal Changes

As a special service to its members, ICA is reprinting on the center pages of this Newsletter a special notice on U.S. Postal changes that will affect business mailings. The new letter-mail standards, to take effect April 15, 1978, are listed here along with a gauge depicting the dimensional standards for letter-size mail. After April 15, 1978, a surcharge will be levied on mail that does not conform with the new standards. Your professional mailings and billings will no doubt be affected, so you may want to keep the gauge on Pgs. 4 and 5 on file and refer to it when ordering envelopes and billing supplies.

Female D.C.'s Asked To Help With Survey

With the assistance and support of the International Chiropractors Association, the director of the Center for Interest Measurement Research at the University of Minnesota is conducting a survey that may help more women decide on careers in chiropractic.

Jo-Ida Hansen, Ph.D., is heading up the research project in hopes of including a scale for women on the chiropractic section of the Strong-Campbell Interest Inventory (SCII), a test widely used by guidance counselors to assess students' vocational interests. Presently, the scale contains only male interests. Including female interests will give women students the same options as men in deciding a career in chiropractic.

Dr. Hansen and the Center are having a problem compiling an accurate statistical sampling of women chiropractors, in part because the field is largely male dominated at present. Dr. Hansen pointed out she needs the cooperation of at least 200 women chiropractors in order to complete the project. The research compares chiropractors' interests to those of a general population sample to see how they differ.

Many women chiropractors will soon receive an invitation to participate in this research, along with a copy of the SCII and a short questionnaire. Dr. Hansen requests that these women take the time to fill out the questionnaire and test and return them to the Center. In return, these women will receive their own personal interest profile.

By participating in this project, women can find out more about themselves and at the same time help eliminate sex-bias from the SCII. Any Women chiropractors who do not receive research materials in October, but who wish to participate may write Dr. Hansen at: CIMR, 101 Eddy Hall, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

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choice is imperative in a matter of this nature.

"It is very commendable that scientists are concerned about the dangers of genetic manipulations using recombinant DNA and feel that proper measures must be taken to ensure the safety of the future world (SI: 6/19/76, Pg. 389). I heartily endorse that viewpoint. However, there are dangers just as grave to the future of mankind which have been imposed inadvertently by entirely uncontrolled genetic manipulation during the last fifteen years or so.

"This uncontrolled genetic manipulation is the mass administration of attenuated viral vaccines to animal and human populations. Attenuated vaccine viruses are infectious, therefore, they infect the recipients' cells and can do so in a variety of ways. Attenuated vaccine viruses have the potential, also, to be transmitted vertically and these viruses, then, could be inherited through generations. Some of the genes of these viruses may become integrated with the genomes of the recipients. The damage that could result in the future from such uncontrolled genetic manipulation could be incredible. This is to say nothing whatever of the other potential dangers the vaccine recipients must bear as the result of other aspects of vaccine viral infection such as mutations, chromosomal aberrations, birth defects, cancer and reversion to virulence.

"It would be magnificent if the Recombinant DNA Molecule Program Advisory Committee would recognize this problem, too, and use its influence to make the scientific community and governments cease administering and developing attenuated viral vaccines, since effective killed viral vaccines already exist, or could be developed for most viral diseases."

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