

# Universal Health Organisation (UHO)

## Weekly Newsletter – 19 Jul 2024



*The weekly newsletters bring the updates on the science, battered and bruised during the pandemic, legal updates and impact of activism for a just society, across the world. These are small steps to promote Transparency, Empowerment and Accountability – the ethos of the UHO.*

**Announcement: Membership & endorsements to the UHO invited:** <https://uho.org.in/member.php>

### **The Hope Accord: Call for immediate suspension of the mRNA Covid-19 vaccine**

Over 41 thousand doctors, scientists, and concerned citizens from all walks of life around the world have called for immediate suspension of the mRNA Covid-19 vaccines. They have signed a document in July 2024, called the [Hope Accord](#) which calls for the following measures with justifications.

#### **1. The immediate suspension of the Covid-19 mRNA vaccine products.**

A growing body of evidence [suggests](#) that the widespread rollout of the novel Covid-19 mRNA vaccine products is contributing to an alarming rise in disability and excess deaths.

The association observed between the vaccine rollout and these concerning trends is now supported by additional significant findings. These include the discovery of plausible biological mechanisms of harm demonstrated in laboratory and autopsy studies, as well as high rates of adverse events seen in randomised clinical trials and national surveillance programs. Altogether, these observations indicate a causal link.

#### **2. A comprehensive re-evaluation of the safety and efficacy of all Covid-19 vaccine products.**

Independent investigations must be properly resourced to allow a comprehensive re-evaluation of all Covid-19 vaccine products.

There must be a full exploration of mechanisms of harm to provide insight into their impact on the human body, both short and long term. Effectiveness must be reassessed through a comprehensive review of actual clinical impact on illness and mortality, as opposed to synthetic results based on modelled assumptions.

The accord also makes a call to the scientific community to come forward with findings from unpublished Covid-19 vaccine studies. This will help mitigate publication bias, whereby unfavorable results were often rejected or withheld due to fears of reputational damage. Crucially, government bodies and the pharmaceutical industry must also provide full transparency, granting access to previously undisclosed anonymised patient-level data from clinical trials and surveillance programs.

These cumulative actions will help determine any real world benefit of these products versus the true extent of the damage caused.

This new technology was granted emergency use authorization to address a situation that no longer exists. Going forward, the burden of proof falls on those still advocating for these products to compellingly demonstrate that they aren't resulting in net harm.

Until such evidence is presented, regulators should suspend their use as a matter of standard medical precaution.

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### 3. *The Immediate recognition and support of the vaccine injured.*

The denial of vaccine injury is a betrayal of those who followed official directives, often under coercion from mandates restricting their access to work, education, travel, hospitality and sports. The vaccine-injured must be recognized and every effort made to understand their conditions. Support should include readily accessible multidisciplinary clinics offering investigation and treatment as well as appropriate compensation for all those who have been harmed.

### 4. *The restoration of ethical principles abandoned during the Covid-19 Pandemic*

Fundamental and cherished principles of medical ethics were disregarded on the premise of an emergency. These included: 'first do no harm', informed consent, bodily autonomy and the notion that adults protect children – not the other way around. The precautionary principle was inverted. Also, particularly concerning was the erosion of free speech – a democratic principle that underpinned the ability to question untested interventions whilst ensuring other principles were upheld. The consequence was exposing the public, especially healthy young people – including children – to unacceptable risks of harm.

Emergencies are never a reason to abandon our principles; it is precisely at such times that we most profoundly depend on them. Only after acknowledging they were wrongly abandoned can we commit to upholding them consistently and in doing so, better protect future generations.

### 5. *Addressing the root cause of our present predicament.*

The medical profession must lead by admitting we lost our way.

By drawing attention to these medical and ethical issues surrounding the Covid-19 response, we hope to validate and amplify the call to establish the relevant facts and ensure vital lessons are learned. An honest and thorough investigation is needed, addressing the [root causes](#) that have led us to this place, including institutional groupthink, conflicts of interest and the suppression of scientific debate.

We ultimately seek a renewed commitment to the core principles of ethical medicine, returning to an era in which we strive for transparency, accountability and responsible decision-making throughout the spheres of medicine and public health.

### **The Hope Accord echoes the concerns raised about a year ago in April 2023 by the Perseus document submitted to UK parliamentarians, policy makers and health bureaucrats.**

More than a year back in April 2023, the [Perseus Report](#) was prepared by a group of multidisciplinary team of experts from various fields including medicine, safety management and pharmaceutical regulation. Its purpose was to bring to the attention of politicians and policy makers the serious shortcomings in the current regulatory system for drug approvals in general and the Covid-19 vaccines in particular, and the significant safety issues that result.

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The Perseus Report indicted the Medicine and Health products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) which is responsible for ensuring the safety and efficacy of medicines in the UK. During Covid-19 it failed this duty in several ways despite prior warnings of inadequate regulations published in government reports. There was no requirement for manufacturers to demonstrate sufficient safety before or after approval.

The Perseus Report also criticized the approval for younger age group and children in the absence of long term safety data, despite only negligible potential for benefit.

The report also brought the failure to act promptly on evidence of adverse events to rigorously assess safety evidence and to share it publicly to enable informed consent. It also mentioned the failure to identify and address problems with manufacturing and quality control.

The UHO fully supports all the concerns in both the Hope Accord and the Perseus Report. These are important issues which any honest scientist or a concerned citizen cannot brush under the carpet. UHO wants the people to get aware of these concerns and want them to raise questions to the parliamentarians and policy makers. The largest democracy should not fail its people.

### **New England Journal of Medicine, recommends monitoring of post-authorization vaccine safety**

As if echoing the concerns in the Open Accord and the Perseus Report, the leading medical journal, the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM), has called for [funding of post-authorization vaccine safety science](#). A perspective in the journal states that post-authorization studies are needed to fully map the safety profile of a new vaccine since pre-authorization clinical trials have smaller sample sizes, short follow up, and population heterogeneity. It concedes that people want mitigation and prevention of rare serious side effects which no longer seem rare when large number of people is administered the vaccine. The first step of solving the problem is acknowledging that there is a problem. UHO feels that the leading medical journal accepting that there can be problems with the Covid-19 vaccines which call for proper research is a good signal.

The article goes a step further and is asking for post authorization studies for all vaccines including those given routinely in childhood.

Currently in the United States, when the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends a new routine vaccine, the only automatic statutory resource allocations that follow are for vaccine procurement by Vaccines for Children (VFC) and for the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP). Although the ACIP acknowledges the need there are currently no resources earmarked for post authorization safety studies beyond annual appropriations, which must be approved by Congress each year.

### **India's Health Budget down compared to pre-pandemic levels**

If our government had been serious about our people's health, one would have expected an increase in budget allocation for public health. Surprisingly, even after accounting for expenditures for Covid-19

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vaccines in the years 2020-21 (Rs 10, 655 crores) and 2021-22 (Rs 15, 955 crores), the health spending during these years falls far below what would have been expected going by the spending at the 2018-19 level of 2.4% of the total budget expenditure. As a percent of the total Budget the [health budget has shrunk from 2.4% in 2018-19 to 1.9% in 2023-24](#).

### **Study from Norway identifies mental health problems among adolescents due to quarantine**

A [study](#) from Norway found that adolescents suffered mental health problems during the Covid-19 quarantines. The study goes on to conclude that there is a need for targeted support strategies to address adolescent well being during future similar crisis. Such adolescents may be at increased risk of continued mental health problems and in need of ongoing support.

UHO is of the view that the study states the obvious. Unnatural measures never witnessed in public health history were bound to lead to mental, social and emotional problems not only among adolescents but across all age groups. These measures [fractured society](#) and should not be ever repeated again. Unfortunately, the paper does not recommend this but advises support for adolescents who may face similar predicament in future.

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