

# Universal Health Organisation (UHO)

## Weekly Newsletter – 13 Sep 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>

### **Pfizer's principal scientist admits that the company skipped 10 years of safety testing.**

Pfizer's principal scientist Kanwal Gill admitted that the [company skipped thorough safety testing](#) of their product which takes about 10 years. She further admitted that Pfizer knew that the mRNA vaccines have significant side-effects but still released them due to political pressure. She said the Pfizer used the pandemic to bring the Covid-19 vaccines to the market. She also mentioned that the company was trying to release the mRNA technology for the past 50 years but were unable to do so because of the side-effects.

Justin Leslie, a former Pfizer employee and whistleblower, who recorded her statement has put it in the public domain and signed a sworn affidavit.

We recommend that the skipped safety trials be carried out now, better late than never. But, unfortunately, events suggest that this may be overlooked. The [mRNA platform is being used to develop vaccines](#) against other infections including the currently declared Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), monkey pox.

### **The mRNA vaccines being gene therapy need stricter regulations.**

The above concerns are supported by a [peer reviewed paper](#) in the International Journal of Molecular Science. The paper states that the mRNA vaccines are gene therapy products (GTP), which were approved rapidly in response to the urgency created by the pandemic. It expressed concern that no specific regulations existed for GTP at the time of their marketing and some of the tests had produced non-compliant results in terms of purity, quality and batch homogeneity. The wide and persistent biodistribution of mRNA and their protein products, incompletely studied due their misclassification as vaccines, raises safety issues. The paper also mentions that post-marketing studies show that mRNA passes into breast milk which may have adverse effects on breast fed babies. Long time expression, integration into the genome, transmission to the germline, passage into sperm, embryo/fetal and perinatal toxicity, genotoxicity and stimulation of tumor formation should be studied in depth in view of adverse effects reported in pharmacovigilance databases the paper concluded. It recommended that these studies should be done outside the context of a pandemic.

### **Genetically modified polio vaccines being administered to children in Gaza**

It seems no heed is being paid to study the short and long term adverse effects of GTP. A [genetically modified polio vaccine](#) is being administered to children in Gaza. Over 187,000 children under the age of 10 years were vaccinated against the polio virus in Central Gaza during the first phase of a two round vaccination campaign. The target aims to vaccinate around 640,000 children. Israel and Hamas agreed to a ceasefire during the vaccination campaign. The vaccine being used in the campaign is nOPV2 a genetically modified product, which has not yet been licensed but granted emergency use

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authorization by the WHO in 2023. It is not clear how the adverse events following vaccination, if any, will be monitored in this region ravaged by war.

### **Canada orders destruction of existing Covid-19 vaccines before approval of new vaccines.**

Surprisingly, in the midst of a Covid-19 summer wave in Canada, the [Canadian government has ordered destruction](#) of the existing Covid-19 vaccines, while its health authorities are reviewing the new ones. This leaves the Canadians with no available Covid-19 vaccines till October. According to official statements, the vaccines presently held in stock against the XBB strain is not effective against the current circulating strains and the newer vaccines will provide better protection.

UHO recommends pause in this mad rush for mass vaccination against Covid-19. Coronaviruses are known to mutate constantly and upgrading the vaccine every few months incurs huge cost from the taxpayers money. And it is also possible that [vaccine pressure](#) due to indiscriminate mass vaccinations triggers mutation in the virus. Ecological data from Africa where the Covid-19 pandemic settled very fast with less than 5% vaccination cover in most countries in the continent, and repeated surges in countries of the West with high rates of vaccinations and frequent vaccine updates and boosters support this.

### **Montelukast a commonly used drug for allergies & asthma is under the scanner for side effects.**

A single case of suicide in an 14 year old teenager in February 2018, triggered [concern around a commonly used drug Montelukast](#) which is used for treatment of allergies and asthma. The teenager was prescribed Montelukast for his asthma. A couple of years after this event, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), of USA, and also the Medicine and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency, UK issued a warning about this drug.

### **Principle of safety first is not being observed by regulatory bodies in case of the Covid-19 vaccines.**

While UHO agrees that one should be extra cautious about serious adverse effects of any medical product, and even one death is a red signal for further investigations, it expresses concerns that the same precautionary principle is not being observed when globally [excess deaths are being reported in young people](#) following mass vaccination with Covid-19 vaccines as brought out by members of the UHO in December 2022. Instances of [myocarditis](#) and [blood clots](#) have also been reported in the literature. The AstraZeneca vaccine (Covishield in India), had to be withdrawn from the market due to clotting concerns following its use.

While we reported the rising trend of sudden deaths and surveys carried out about possible side effects in 2022, recently some [mainstream media](#) has picked up the issue. This is an encouraging development to usher in transparency in which an unbiased media plays an important role. All media outlets including social media like the Facebook, YouTube and Twitter were censoring any information contrary to the official consensus and those related to the side-effects of the Covid-19 vaccines during the pandemic.

While the USA and the UK regulatory bodies woke up on occurrence of a single suicide associated

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with Montelukast, these regulatory bodies are so far turning a Nelson's eye to the rising incidences of sudden deaths in the young following Covid-19 vaccination. The less said about the Indian regulators, the better. They seem to be the marketing arm of the pharmaceutical industry instead of custodians of people's health. The Drug Controller General of India had gone to the extent of saying that the [Covid-19 vaccines are 110% safe](#) !

### **The Indian Express reports the ordeal of a writer following Covid-19 vaccination.**

Indian author Venita Coelho's ordeals after taking the Covid-19 vaccine, who suffered a mini-stroke has been vividly [described by the leading English daily](#) The Indian Express. The Coelho attributed her stroke to the vaccine. She further elaborated that people across India are suffering from the ill effects of the Covid-19 vaccine which they took. Doctors are seeing lot of strokes and heart attacks among people of all ages, the writer narrated. Personally, she wrote on her Facebook page, she suffered a number of mini-strokes post vaccination.

What is more significant than her narration, which will be dismissed as anecdotal and coincidental by experts like the DCGI who had pronounced the vaccine 110% safe is that the main stream media is covering this which was not the case during the pandemic. It seems that the media is regaining credibility faster than our august scientific bodies like the ICMR which had pronounced that there is no association between the vaccines and sudden cardiac deaths on the basis of a [shoddily carried out study](#) which had many [flaws](#) as [communicated](#) to the journal which published the research.

UHO is of the view that anecdotal reports as covered by newspapers are at the best signals and cannot be taken as solid evidence. Similarly at the other extreme a poorly designed study by the ICMR giving vaccine a clean chit is a "cover-up" and not serious research. To resolve the uncertainties we recommend robust scientific studies including autopsies in case of sudden deaths, particularly in young and the healthy.

### **India reports first case of mpox after declaration of Public Health Emergency of International Concern.**

The Health Ministry on Monday said that it has recorded the [first case of monkey pox](#) in a man who recently returned from an endemic country. The patient, a young man, is admitted to a hospital and is stable. The ministry announced that India, the world's most populous country is well equipped to handle any emergency with its well prepared preventive measures in place. There is no cause of concern at this point, it added. Interestingly, the strain, Clade 2 isolated from the traveler is a milder form originating in West Africa, and not the more aggressive Clade 1b which has been declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).

### **Florida Governor DeSantis said that the concern over monkey pox is overblown.**

Florida [Governor Ron DeSantis stated](#) that politicians and the media have overblown the severity of monkey pox and equated it with the fears surrounding Covid19. During a press conference he said, "I am so sick of politicians, and we say this with Covid, trying to sow fear in the population." DeSantis attacked New York Governor Kathy Holchul for declaring a state of emergency over the outbreak,

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saying it was a move to restrict the freedom of the people.

UHO concurs with Governor DeSantis that the hype by politicians and the media creates panic among the people and gives bureaucrats and policy makers a free hand to implement measures which restricts the freedom of the common citizen and violates human rights as we saw during the Covid-19 pandemic. Of greater concern we feel is that such repeated false alarms would be used to psyche nations and citizens to accept the proposed WHO Pandemic Treaty and the amendments to the International Health Regulations (IHR) which have provisions for some very restrictive and draconian measures.

### **Niti Ayog proposes for a separate law to tackle future public health crisis.**

The writing on the wall is ominous. In the momentum of media hype around the monkey pox virus, an expert group constituted by Niti Aayog to prepare a framework for future pandemic preparedness has suggested enacting separate legislation to handle public health crisis. The expert group expressed that learning from the experience from Covid-19 they have realized that responding in the first 100 days of an outbreak is crucial for effective management. They have proposed a separate [“Public Health Emergency Management Act \(PHEMA\)”](#). They also suggested a Pandemic Preparedness and Emergency Response Fund.

UHO recommends that first our planners and policy makers should do an honest audit of the collateral harms of the hurried and draconian measures implemented during the Covid-19 pandemic. They should also review how many pandemics have occurred in the past and at what intervals and whether Covid-19 with its low infection fatality rate of 0.05% up to the age of 69 years could be called a pandemic. Similarly, they should do an honest appraisal of whether monkey pox can really be called a PHEIC.

What is concerning is that the experts seem to have learned the wrong lessons from the Covid-19 pandemic and they may tend to implement even harsher measures within the first 100 days in the presumption that Covid-19 spread in the country because they failed to implement stricter measures.

We recommend debate among large group of experts, civil society groups, social scientists, legal experts and in parliament, and to go the extra mile, our IT enabled AI can be leveraged to gauge the views of the common citizen as well on important issues affecting their freedom and human rights before contemplating such a legislation which will give enormous and unaccountable powers to bureaucrats and the police on the pretext of frequent pandemics. Science will again be destined to take a back seat as it was compelled to during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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