Doctors Oppose Vaccines. Numerous doctors and health officials of the late 19th and early 20th centuries were vocal opponents of mandatory vaccines. Here are a few of their comments on this topic:

I have been a regular practitioner of medicine in Boston for 33 years. I have studied the question of vaccination conscientiously for 45 years. As for vaccination as a preventative of disease, there is not a scrap of evidence in its favor. The injection of virus into the pure blood stream of the people does not prevent smallpox; rather, it tends to increase its epidemics and it makes the disease more deadly. Of this we have indisputable proof. In our country (U.S.) cancer mortality has increased from 9 per 100,000 to 80 per 100,000 or fully 900 percent increase within the past 50 years, and no conceivable thing could have caused this increase but the universal blood poisoning now existing." Dr. Charles E. Page, Boston practitioner

"Vaccination does not stay the spread of smallpox, nor even modify it in those who get it after vaccination. It does introduce in the system contaminationand, therefore, contributes to the spread of tuberculosis, cancer, and even leprosy. It tends to make more virulent epidemics and to make them more extensive. It did just what inoculation did cause the spread of disease." Dr. Walter M. James, Philadelphia practitioner

"Cancer was practically unknown until cowpox vaccination began to be introduced. I have had to do with 200 cases of cancer and I never saw a case of cancer in an unvaccinated person." Dr. W. B. Clark, New York practitioner

"Many men and women in prime of life have dropped dead suddenly. I am convinced that some 80 percent of these deaths are caused by smallpox vaccinations. These are well known to cause grave and permanent disease of the heart." Dr. Herbert Snow, Senior surgeon, London Cancer Hospital

"Abolish vaccination and you will cut the cancer death rate in half." Dr. F. P. Millard, Toronto practitioner"

Vaccines are principally responsible for the increase of those two really dangerous diseases, cancer and heart disease." Dr. Benchetrit, practitioner

"In looking over the history of vaccination for smallpox, I am amazed to learn of the terrible deaths from vaccination which necessitated amputation of arms and legs and caused tetanus, foot and mouth disease, septicemia (blood poisoning), and cerebro-spinal meningitis." —Dr. R. C. Carter, practitioner

"I am convinced that the increase of cancer is due to vaccination." Dr. F. Laurie, Medical Director of the Metropolitan Cancer Flospital, London

"It is my firm conviction that vaccination has been a curse instead of a blessing to the race. Every physician knows that cutaneous diseases (including cancer) have increased in frequency, severity, and variety to an alarming extent. To nomedium of transmission is the widespread dissemination of this class of diseases so largely related as to vaccination." B. F. Cornell, M.D., practitioner

"I have removed cancers from vaccinated arms exactly where the poison was injected." Dr. E. J. Post, Michigan practitioner

"I have no hesitation in stating that in my judgment the most frequent disposing condition for cancerous development is infused into the blood by vaccinationand re-vaccination." Dr. Dennis Turnbull, 30 year cancer researcher

"Never in the history of medicine has there been produced so false a theory, and such fraudulent assumptions, such disastrous and damning results as have followed the practice of vaccination; it is the ultima Thule (extremity) of learned quackery, and lacks, and has ever lacked, the faintest shadow of a scientific basis. The fears of the people have been played upon as to the dangers of smallpox, and the promise of sure prevention by vaccination, until nearly the whole civilized world has become physically corrupted by its practice." Dr. E. Ripley, Connecticut practitioner

"Vaccination is the infusion of contaminating elements into the system, and after such contamination you can never be sure of regaining the former purity of the body. Consumption (tuberculosis) follows in the wake of vaccination just as surely as effect follows cause." Dr. Alex Wilder, professor of pathology. Medical College of New York

"How is it that smallpox is five times as likely to be fatal in the vaccinated as unvaccinated? [Referring to data published in the British Medical Journal, January 1 4, 1 928.] How is it that, as the number of people vaccinated has steadily fallen, the number of people attacked with variola has declined and the case mortality has progressively lessened? The years of least vaccination have been the years of least smallpox and least mortality. These are just a few points in connection with the subject which are puzzling me, and to which I want answers." Dr. L. A. Parry (summarizing Dr. R. P. Garrow), practitioners

"I now have very little faith in vaccination, even as to modifying the disease, and none at all as a protective in virulent epidemics. Personally, I contracted smallpoxless than six months after a most severe vaccination." Dr. R. Hall Bakewell, Vaccinator General of Trinidad

"To affirm that there never has been any scientific warranty for a belief in the alleged protective virtues of vaccination and that its practice is backed by ignorance and indifference, is a sorry charge to make against the medical profession... but the charge, I regret to say, is only too true. I know where of I affirm, for I,too, must plead guilty of the charge. Before discovering my mistake I had vaccinated more than 3,000 victims, ignorantly supposing the disease I was propagating to be a preventative of smallpox. Having taken for granted what my teachers had asserted, I was a staunch believer in the alleged efficacy of vaccination as aprophylactic against smallpox. I remained in this blind and blissful state of ignorance for several years. Not until I acquired a little experience in the school of observation and reflection did I discover that my faith was pinned to a shameful fraud." J. W. Hodge, M.D., practitioner

"I believed that vaccination prevented smallpox, or if it did not absolutely prevent it in every case, it modified the disease in some cases, and I believed that re-vaccination, if only frequently enough, gave absolute immunity. Experience has driven all that out ofmy head; I have seen vaccinated persons get smallpox, and persons who had been re-vaccinated get smallpox, and I have seen those who have had smallpox get it a second time and die of it." Dr. J. C. Ward, Royal College of Surgeons, England

"After collecting the particulars of 400,000 cases of smallpox, I am compelled to admit that my belief in vaccination is absolutely destroyed." Professor A. Vogt, chair of Vital Statistics and Hygiene at Berne University