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There is much evidence that for some demographics and individuals the vaccine is worse for their bodies than getting Covid. These vaccines do not stop the spread of the virus. The only person who benefits from the vaccine is the individual who receives it. It should therefore only be the individual or their guardian's decision if they should be vaccinated. For some people the benefits of vaccination definitely outweigh the risks, for others, not so much.

The long term side effects of these vaccines are unknown. There is a pre-print study showing that in men under 40, the risk of Myocarditis from the vaccine is higher than from natural infection. Here is the link <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.12.23.21268276v1> Sweden, Denmark and Finland paused the use of the Moderna Vaccine in people born after 1991 because of the risk of Myocarditis.

My sister is a nurse and teacher at a local college and fully vaccinated. She currently has Covid and is required to be boosted before February 1st. What might the side effects of the booster directly after vaccinated infection be for her? She already developed chronic leg pain after her second vaccination dose. She has seen several women with severe neurological side effects from the vaccine while working as a nurse.

Then there is natural immunity.

I'm sure you are all aware of the Israeli study that showed natural immunity was more effective than vaccine immunity. It is also in pre-print.

<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.08.24.21262415v1>

For any other disease, evidence natural immunity is a substitution for vaccine requirements. Now we have Omicron, which is spreading like wildfire. Vaccinated and unvaccinated alike. It appears that this strain is weaker than Delta and may provide everyone natural or combined immunity and end this pandemic. The side effects of the vaccine may or may not go away. There are too many side effects and not enough benefit to the community to make this vaccine required for any role in society.

This is very detrimental for people's livelihood and education. I have two sons who have had Covid already and are not allowed to attend Maine community college because they are not vaccinated. Given the unnecessary myocarditis risk, we are unwilling to go in that direction. They have to use the college's Online classes. These classes have no Zoom component. They are just books to read and assignments. I have a third son who gave into the vaccine coercion so he could run Cross Country. He currently has Covid.

The hospitals are struggling because they're missing about 1000 workers, not because they have 400 patients WITH Covid. Given the statistics from other states, it's likely that almost 200 of these patients are not there because of Covid, but they happen to have it. I have heard from many nurses that the problem in the hospitals is the lack of staff, not lack of space. I suspect that if everyone is required to be boosted, you will lose more healthcare workers. Thank you for your time.