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## VRAN MANDATE

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**VRAN** - Vaccination Risk Awareness Network is a non-profit educational society. Formed in response to growing parental concern regarding the safety of current vaccination programs in Canada, VRAN serves as a public information and resource group: VRAN is committed to protecting children from the known risks of vaccines currently in use and those being developed for future use in Canada by informing parents of the components of vaccines, side effects, and possible long-term health effects.

**VRAN** is a national organization with members across Canada, many of who have children who have suffered a broad spectrum of vaccine reactions, neuroimmune injuries, including death.

**VRAN** publishes a quarterly, highly informative newsletter with updates of the latest news and research on the vaccine issue from around the world.

**VRAN's** mandate is to empower families to make educated, voluntary and informed decisions about vaccination; to support people in their right to health freedom; and to maintain and further the individual's freedom from enforced medication. A growing number of health care practitioners, both physicians and practitioners of alternative medicine, support our mandate to provide parents and legal guardians with full disclosure of the risks associated with vaccines before the decision to vaccinate is made.

**VRAN** continues the work of the Committee Against Compulsory Vaccination (formed in Ontario in 1982) whose successful lobby efforts (1982-84) culminated in amendment of the Immunization of School Pupils Act, which now guarantees vaccine exemption rights for reasons of conscience and religion to all children, from day nursery age through high school. Both the Immunization of School Pupils Act (section 3) and the Day Nurseries Act (section 33 of Regulation 262 issued under the Act) extend to parents the legal right to exempt their children from vaccinations.

**VRAN** acts as a "watchdog" society and identifies government and health officials' violations of informed consent laws vis a vis vaccination. For example, health units in Ontario send vaccine demand letters to parents through the school system threatening children with exclusion from school if vaccine records are not complete, but consistently fail to inform parents of their right to exemption from vaccines under the Immunization of School Pupils Act. Through our solicitor in Ontario, VRAN initiated a demand to the Medical Officer of Health and the Minister of Health to uphold their obligation to comply with informed consent laws, and to clearly inform the public of legally available exemptions from vaccination in all vaccine related materials circulated to the public.

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**VRAN** offers support and guidance to parents whose children have suffered adverse reactions or injuries from vaccines and helps link people to resources and health practitioners who treat vaccine injuries. Our work is often at the grassroots level, communicating with parents on a one-to-one basis, helping to clarify their right to make informed, voluntary decisions about vaccines for their children. We respond to questions about vaccine risks, provide information packages and help direct people to the numerous sources of information about vaccines and associated health problems.

**VRAN** maintains a website to provide a national and international overview of the vaccine issue with links to the many vaccine information consumer groups around the world: [www.vran.org](http://www.vran.org)

## VRAN STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- To empower parents to make informed choices concerning the use of vaccines.
- To educate & inform parents about the risks, adverse reactions and contraindications of vaccinations.
- To respect parental choice in deciding whether or not to vaccinate their child.
- To provide support to parents whose children have suffered adverse reactions and health injuries as a result of childhood vaccinations.
- To promote a multi-disciplinary approach to child and family health utilizing the following modalities: homeopathy, chiropractic, naturopathy, herbalism, reflexology, complimentary medicine, allopathy, (regular doctor), etc.
- To empower women to reclaim their position as primary healer in the family.
- To distribute information & resources that contributes to the health of families & the community.
- To maintain links with consumer groups similar to ours globally through an exchange of information, thereby enabling parents to reclaim health care choices for their families.
- To support people in their fight for health freedom and to maintain and further the individual's freedom from enforced medication.

### NOTE:

In Canada, there are no mandatory vaccine laws. Although three provinces – Ontario, New Brunswick and Manitoba have enacted specific legislation requiring certain vaccines for school entry, ALL of these Acts also allow exemptions to vaccines for philosophical and religious reasons.

### From Health Canada

*“Unlike some countries, **immunization is not mandatory in Canada; it cannot be made mandatory because of the Canadian Constitution.** Only three provinces have legislation or regulations under their health-protection acts to require proof of immunization for school entrance. Ontario and New Brunswick require proof for diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, and rubella immunization. In Manitoba, only measles vaccination is covered. It must be emphasized that, in these three provinces, exceptions are permitted for medical or religious grounds and reasons of conscience; **legislation and regulations must not be interpreted to imply compulsory immunization.**”*

Quote from Health Canada Website:

[http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb/lcdc/publicat/ccdr/97vol23/imm\\_sup/imm\\_b\\_e.html](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb/lcdc/publicat/ccdr/97vol23/imm_sup/imm_b_e.html)

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