More Dentists committing fraud
Dentists and their Colleagues at the AMA who force the agenda of water fluoridation (disposal of hazardous waste pollutants).
Can they be trusted when they say ‘water fluoridation is safe and effective’?

The problem faced by the population is the massive political power and control that the ADA and AMA have and there are a lot of the population who still have total blind faith and absolute trust in them; but fortunately, more people are becoming informed and aware of the true facts and are researching and asking questions of those without interests in the pushing of WF and more people are shocked at the extreme levels that the ADA, AMA and ors. go to to push this hazardous waste disposal agenda known as water fluoridation – they say it's safe and effective and they say it reduces dental decay anywhere from 30 - 60% - yet we suffer dental crisis Australia wide after widespread fluoridation for decades first commencing Beaconsfield Tasmania in 1953 and USA also in dental crisis after up to 67 years of water fluoridation/pollution first commencing Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1945 (also in dental crisis). When any place tries to have water fluoridation (pollution) stopped or not started being added to the water supplies, the ADA & AMA et al in unison, scream bloody murder.

The only answer EVER was to provide access to affordable dental health care services for all the population, NOT the disposal of hazardous waste pollutants fluorosilicic acid/silicofluorides and co-contaminants of lead, mercury, arsenic, cadmium, etc., from phosphate fertiliser industries (known as water fluoridation, plus also added is aluminium sulphate) into our drinking water supplies and hence also contaminating our food chain and using the populations' kidneys as hazardous waste disposal/filtration units. All water fluoridation must be banned urgently, permanently and irrevocably for all time.

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Let us clarify something regarding FLUORIDE ACTION NETWORK (Professor Paul Connett) website www.fluoridealert.org - FAN seeks to broaden awareness about the toxicity of fluoride compounds among citizens, scientists, and policymakers alike. FAN not only provides comprehensive and up-to-date information, but remains vigilant in monitoring government agency actions that impact the public's exposure to fluoride.

I am sure many will be disturbed by the actions of the ADA and when this first happened some years ago, it certainly was disturbing to all Truth Seekers; the lengths to which some pro-fluoride fanatics go, in this case, please note that after Fluoride Action Network and the dot org domain was originally secured (fluoridealert.org ) and before Fluoride Action Network could secure the domain name fluoridealert.com - that the American Dental Association (allegedly) deviously many say, swooped in and 'nicked' the fluoridealert.com domain name of Fluoride Action Network's fluoridealert.org

So to re-clarify this ‘interesting’ piece of pro-fluoride ‘manoeuvering’/deception by the ADA:-

Fluoride Action Network Professor Paul Connett www.fluoridealert.org
American Dental Association (who allegedly) 'nicked' the dot com www.fluoridealert.com

I guess that’s a pretty effective way to impede people and researchers getting truth!

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**Why Dentists Are Big Political Players**

Wall Street Journal says *Dentists Are Big Political Players* and do all they can to preserve their monopoly." Huge donations to secure their political agendas.

Why Dentists Are Big Political player ..": "Wall Street Journal says Dentists Are Big Political Players and do all they can to preserve their monopoly."

They boasted the largest single health-care PAC in 2008, gave nearly $13 million to state and local politicians in 2010, raising the question: What do dentists want? Alicia Mundy has details on The News Hub. Photo: Reuters.

http://live.wsj.com/video/why-dentists-are-big-political-players/4ADDACA4-8F50-43D4-B694-D541A38FBF3A.html#!4ADDACA4-8F50-43D4-B694-D541A38FBF3A

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**Top All-Time Donors, 1989-2012  - Political Donations  - list includes ADA & AMA**


+ REPORT: Brief Overview of Water Fluoridation/Pollution - 11 September, 2013  Diane Drayton Buckland


+ Can Dentists & Doctors be trusted when they say Water Fluoridation is Safe & Effective?

http://fluorideinformationaustralia.files.wordpress.com/2013/01/can-dentists-doctors-be-trusted-when-they-say-water-fluoridation-is-safe-effective.pdf

+ REPORT: 100% fluoridated Kentucky, USA - Rampant Dental Decay & chronic disease epidemic - DDB


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For some Americans, dental care means a sturdy chair, a fluoride swish, and a free toothbrush. But for one in three Americans, it's a nightmare, including astronomical bills, crippling credit card debt, panicked visits to the emergency room, and life-threatening disease.

These hardships are chronicled in a new Frontline documentary, Dollars and Dentists, which airs tonight on PBS stations. Frontline correspondent Miles O’Brien takes us behind the scenes of the documentary that explores America's broken dental system.

Frontline is produced by our partner WGBH. You can find when "Dollars and Dentists" is airing on your local PBS station here.


New York State Coalition Opposed to Fluoridation Inc. (NYSCOF) shared a link "Dental Crisis in America": "AFTER UP TO 67 YEARS (first commencing Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1945) OF WATER FLUORIDATION AMERICA IS FACING A DENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. The American Dental Association does not support this comprehensive legislation introduced by Senator Sanders because it includes funding for Dental Therapists which would infringe upon dentistry's lucrative monopoly."

Dental Crisis in America  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3oaINr51MrM

Senator Sanders discusses the Dental crisis and explains the introduction of the most comprehensive Dental care reform legislation in the history of the Unit...

Dental Crisis in America - YouTube

After up to 67 years (first commencing Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1945) of water fluoridation foisted upon us by the American Dental Association and its constituents groups, a Dental Crisis exists in America. Senator Sanders introduced legislation to remedy this situation which is endorsed by 37 groups but not the ADA because it includes funding for Dental Therapists which would infringe upon dentists lucrative monopoly. The ADA prefers fluoridation because it doesn't stop tooth decay and doesn't hurt their bottom line. In fact, dentists are making lots of money covering up fluoride-stained teeth with expensive veneers because American children are now over-fluoridated with up to 60% affected with dental fluorosis - white spotted, yellow, brown and/or pitted teeth. Veneers cost about $1,000.00 a tooth
A few examples of the fraud = The Tip of the Iceberg

March, 06, 2013
North Carolina takes action against Dental One Partners: operating dental clinics illegally—unnecessary treatment—false diagnosis periodontal disease.

OKLAHOMA CITY — A local dentist from a popular chain is accused of falsifying documents to cheat the Medicaid system out of money. Officials say they are seeing an increase in this kind of scam. Robin Lockwood, D.D.S. is one of the latest to be charged.

Texas - Dentist in Medicaid suit adding a water park to his mansion

DALLAS - The Texas Medicaid dental scandal is moving into a new phase. A construction phase. One of the dentists charged with fraud in billing Texas taxpayers tens of millions of dollars for unneeded braces on children is in a new spurt of expanding his mansion. He's building a water park on the property. It's happening out of public sight, among the high-dollar homes on Dallas' glitzy Strait Lane. All the homes are big here, but the home of dentist Richard Malouf, former majority owner of All Smiles Dental Centers, is even bigger.

7 in N.J. Dental Practice accused of $5.5 Million Medicare fraud

February 08, 2013, Colts Neck, NJ — Five dentists and two office managers were indicted Thursday by a state grand jury on 31 counts of defrauding the Medicaid program out of more than $5.5 million, authorities said.

Stephen Beukas, 47, of Mahwah and John Freiler, 74, of Wanaque were among the seven people affiliated with a mobile dental practice, NJ Mobile, who face a multitude of charges including insurance fraud, conspiracy and mis-conduct by a corporate official.
Dentist The Menace

Menace to Society—Dr. Thomas Floyd—finally stripped of dental license, but should be UNDER a jail!

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. – Former West Palm Beach children's dentist Thomas Floyd has pleaded guilty to charges that he abused a 4-year-old boy he was treating in his office. Floyd was arrested last September by the West Palm Beach Police Department. Floyd has agreed to relinquish his dentist license in Florida and will not practice dentistry anywhere in the United States. The agreement calls for 150 hours of community service. The state also agreed not to pursue additional charges against Floyd from any other known victims from his former dental practice. The case was investigated by the Department of Health which indicated that were numerous incidents of child abuse over the past two years. http://blog.dentistthemenace.com/

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Idaho - Local Dentist accused of Medicaid fraud, grand theft

POCATELLO — A local dentist has been charged with five felony counts of Medicaid fraud and one count of grand theft, accused of charging the state medical insurance for services he did not provide, services already paid for and services that were not medically necessary, according to court documents. Carl B. Holm was charged in August by the Idaho Attorney General’s Office after an investigation by its Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. He is accused of committing numerous acts of fraud under several patient names over the course of about three years, beginning in mid-2007 to the spring of 2010.
http://www.idahostatejournal.com/members/article_cf0e4828-5bfe-11e2-9a9b-0019bb2963f4.html

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Corporate-run Dental Clinics, TEXAS $1.6 Billion in Medicare Fraud and poor children

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Texas Dental Board is Accused of Ineptitude  April 12, 2012  - Texas toddlers being held in restraints as dentists at corporate-run clinics performed unnecessary root canals were among the dental horror stories told Wednesday at a House Public Health Commitee hearing at the State Capitol.  The Texas State Board of Dental Examiners, which regulates dental licensing in Texas, was the subject of criticism by members of Texans for Dental Reform and unaffiliated residents, who called for legislative reform while levying accusations of ineptitude, a pattern of withholding or obscuring negative information about dentists, and failure to act against corporate-run dental clinics committing Medicaid fraud and harming patients.  http://www.texastribune.org/texas-state-agencies/health-and-human-services-commission/texas-dental-board-accused-ineptitude/


Dallas, Texas - ‘I guess they can just come and take our kids off the street‘
This summer, News 8 discovered some dentists were luring kids to their offices with pizza and
pocket change without their parents' permission, then billing Medicaid for dental procedures that were unneeded. Tiara Truelove said she and six other kids were offered cash on the campus of Dallas Can Academy in March when they were on their lunch break. A dental recruiter then drove them to All About Dentistry on Scyene Road. After the recruiter fed the students pizza, their teeth were cleaned and they were each given $10, Tiara said. When her mother, Tiffney Truelove, found out, she went to the office to complain and said she was met with indifference by the staff. [http://www.wfaa.com/news/investigates/More-Kids-Taken-to-Medicaid-Dentist-Without-Parents-OK-174483891.html](http://www.wfaa.com/news/investigates/More-Kids-Taken-to-Medicaid-Dentist-Without-Parents-OK-174483891.html)

**Overcrowded Emergency Rooms In Central Texas - Fluoridated Austin, Texas**
Wednesday, November 22, 2006

Jenny Pearson knows her tooth abscess could be better treated at a dentist, the problem is she couldn't get a dentist to accept her medicaid despite her pain. “Sitting there in tears telling her I hurt, she said go to the hospital,” Pearson said. “I can't do nothing for you.” So Pearson turned to the ER, the only place by federal law that cannot turn her away. She first took the bus to Brackenridge. They were also busy. “We sat there for five hours and called a friend to come get me,” Pearson said. “He brought me here.” This is actually Pearson's second time to come to the emergency room for her tooth abscess, a problem that needs follow up at a dentists office.

“She has made every effort on her part to try and arrange for proper follow up care and she got rejected because of her Medicaid and so she's back now in the emergency department with her face all swollen up and again,” said Dr. Corey Jones St. David's Hospital’s chief of emergency medicine. “This is not the place to be because we're not oral surgeons.” In Texas, dentists don't accept Medicaid from adults, but accessing dental care is not the only problem. (this link original article has also been disconnected).


**Austin Texas Dentist Condemns Fluoridation**
Sunday, January 09, 2011

This is an excerpt from an ABC Radio News story:

**Dr. Griffin Cole, a Dentist in Fluoridated Austin, Texas**, said he has seen several cases of mild to severe fluorosis in his practice. While he applauded the feds' proposal [to lower water fluoride levels], he'd like to see the recommendations go even lower. "I still don't think it's enough, honestly," he said. "I don't think there should be fluoride in the water at all." "I think it's a nice move in the right direction," he said. Cole said he began his dentistry career in the early 1990s, working for a dentist who was open minded about fluoride use and believed that his patients were getting too much. Cole said he had never once prescribed fluoride supplements to his patients.

He cited studies from the past decade that have linked excess fluoride to not only fluorosis but to higher instances of bone cancer in the test subjects. He also said osteoporosis was an additional concern, since ingested fluoride is known to sit in a person's bones. "Ingesting fluoride in any form does nothing for your teeth," he said. In cases of "rampant" tooth decay, applying a topical fluoride can improve dental health, but only minimally. Fluoride, Cole said, molds to the tooth's enamel. So while it will aid in preventing decay, it can also make teeth brittle. "When you see a case of somebody coming in with bad fluorosis, to restore those teeth you either have to crown them
completely or at least do a veneer," he said. "So it's a very costly thing to fix." Depending on the dentist and the region of the country, restoration could cost between $900 and $1,600 a tooth. [http://fluoridedangers.blogspot.com/search?updated-min=2011-01-01T00%3A00%3A00-05%3A00&updated-max=2012-01-01T00%3A00%3A00-05%3A00&max-results=1]

Massachusetts - Dentist used paper clips in root canals as part of fraudulent Medicare scam

Jan. 26, 2012
(NaturalNews) A former Fall River, Massachusetts, dentist has pleaded guilty to bilking the Medicaid system out of $130,000, illegally prescribing prescription drugs, intimidating a witness, and committing assault and battery. CBS Connecticut reports that Michael Clair had been running a third-rate dental practice in which he was substituting stainless steel posts with paper clips during root canal procedures on his patients. [http://www.fourwinds10.net/siterun_data/health/ama_pharmaceutial_and_insurance/medicaare-_medical/news.php?q=1327626301]

Dentists, Doctors & ors. Medicaid Fraud
[http://oig.hhs.gov/newsroom/podcasts/2013/news.asp]

‘Small Smiles’ Dental Chain Reaches Settlement for Medical Fraud - Jan. 20, 2010

It's a promise many parents make before taking their children to the dentist: Don't worry, it won't hurt too much. But at some "Small Smiles" dental clinics catering to low-income families on Medicaid, that promise was broken behind closed doors. FORBA Holdings LLC, the parent company of the nationwide pediatric dental chain "Small Smiles," reached a $24 million settlement with the Department of Justice Wednesday for allegedly performing medically unnecessary or substandard procedures on children insured by Medicaid, to turn a profit. The Justice Department claimed that some dental clinics performed unnecessary procedures, including removing teeth, x-rays, and pulpotomies -- also known as baby root canals -- and then charged Medicaid. [http://abcnews.go.com/2020/dental-chain-reaches-settlement-medical-fraud-performing-unnecessary/story?id=9615119#.Ub6Ki-snEZ0]

Dental chain accused of hurting kids, billing taxpayers - Dec. 11, 2012
Visits to the dentist can be upsetting for little children, but when Autum Archuleta took her son Nathan to a Small Smiles dental clinic in February 2010, it was beyond anything she could have imagined. The dentist gave Nathan, then almost 3, three crowns, two baby root canals and six silver fillings in 25 minutes. While in the waiting room, Archuleta says she heard her son screaming and burst into the treatment room. She says Nathan was crying and struggling to move while being held down by three clinic employees and wrapped from his head to his feet in a stabilization device called a papoose board. She thinks he wasn't properly numbed. [http://www.today.com/health/dental-chain-accused-hurting-kids-bilking-taxpayers-1C7542195]
Doctor Accused of Big Medicare Scam

Doctors and their buddies at the ADA who force the agenda of water fluoridation/pollution. Can they be trusted when they say ‘water fluoridation is safe and effective’? Answer NOT IN A MILLION YEARS THEY CAN’T!!

Federal agents on Tuesday arrested a Dallas-area doctor accused of bilking Medicare of $350 million over a five-year period, in what the government called the largest Medicare fraud scheme by dollar value linked to a single physician. According to documents filed by the Justice Department in Dallas federal court, 54-year-old Dr. Jacques Roy carried out the fraud with the help of his office manager and home health-care agencies.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB100014240529702038330045772518111100546628.html

Ugly American Reality: Doctor-Managed Fraud is Out-of-Control

We thought it might be illuminating to review a handful of fraud cases we have been tracking over the past year. Here are “13 for 2013” that adequately represent how out-of-control U.S. health care scams are, on the large facility level:


$45 Million Medicare scam stretched from Houston to Nigeria

21 July, 2012


Medicare Fraud in the News

http://www.coburn.senate.gov/public//index.cfm?a=Files.Serve&File_id=7fdace5f-afd4-4cae-829f-6c3f5e41e955

89 charged in Medicare Fraud Busts in 8 cities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 100 people, including 14 doctors and nurses, were charged for their roles in separate Medicare scams that collectively billed the taxpayer-funded program for roughly $223 million in bogus charges in a massive bust spanning eight cities, federal authorities said Tuesday. It was the latest in a string of similar announcements by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Attorney General Eric Holder as federal authorities crack down on fraud that’s believed to cost the program between $60 billion and $90 billion each year.


Australia - Audits extract $7M dental rort
THE federal government has identified 11 dentists allegedly rorting an average of nearly $700,000 each from the controversial Medicare dental scheme.

The disclosure follows initial audits on a total of 49 dentists showing that a substantial number had failed to comply with all the requirements of the dental scheme. A further 250 dentists face audits as a result of intelligence and tip offs received by Medicare and irregularly high claiming patterns. Medicare Australia has established a taskforce to investigate dentists' compliance with the scheme, which Opposition Leader Tony Abbott established when health minister.

Human Services Minister Chris Bowen said incorrect claims for 11 of the 49 dentists currently being audited had been found to be in the order of $7.5 million. "Medicare Australia has had ongoing concerns about compliance with the scheme, as it has identified dentists claiming for work they have not provided and claiming when they did not meet the legal requirements of the scheme," he said. The Rudd government had tried to shut down the program - officially called the chronic disease dental scheme - which has proved popular with people needing expensive dental work. It was not revealed last night what action the government proposed to take against dentists found to have rorted the scheme.

Mr Bowen said: "Until we can abolish the scheme, it is important that we work to make sure that money claimed incorrectly is paid back to the taxpayer." The cost of the scheme has ballooned from the projected four-year cost of $377 million and last year alone cost taxpayers $484 million. The scheme gives access to Medicare coverage for dental work of up to $4200, conditional on a doctor's referral declaring the dental condition to be treated is associated with a chronic health problem.

The president of the Australian Dental Association, Neil Hewson, said he had been told of dentists conducting "reverse referrals" where they encouraged patients to go to their doctor and ask for the required referral. Another group of dentists had claimed for work they had not done. "As far as we are concerned, that is fraudulent behaviour," Dr Hewson said.

Health Minister Nicola Roxon told The Age that millions of dollars had been claimed by dentists through the inappropriate "stretching" of eligibility provisions to access the Medicare payments. Ms Roxon said the government would rethink its plans for an alternative Commonwealth scheme to replace the Medicare dental scheme. The government has withheld the rollout of the Commonwealth scheme, promised at the last election, because of the Senate's refusal to abolish Medicare dental. People who suspect non-compliance or possible fraud against Medicare are asked to report it by phoning 131 524.


Note Sydney fluoridated/polluted since 1968

Sydney Dentist (Councillor of Hurstville Council a suburb of southern Sydney) guilty of unauthorised operations on nursing home patients - 2 October, 2013

A Sydney dentist has been found guilty of five counts of assault after carrying out unauthorised surgery on a dozen nursing home residents. Andrew Istephan stood trial for carrying out unauthorised surgery on a dozen nursing home residents in Lewisham, Leichhardt, Haberfield and Manly Vale.
A District Court jury has found him guilty of five counts after a week of deliberations, but has been unable to reach a decision on another seven. He is likely to stand trial for those again at a later date. During the trial, the jury heard only three patients were mentally fit to give consent for the work, which involved the filing of teeth in preparation for crowns. Some patients were aged in their late 90's and some had dementia. Istephan said he thought the nursing homes had obtained patient consent and consulted with their families.

The court heard the work was carried out under the Federal Governments Chronic Disease Dental Scheme, which no longer operates. Under the scheme, patients whose oral health was considered likely to affect their general health could be referred to a dentist by a GP and have the surgery paid for by the Government. Istephan is is also Councillor of Hurstville Council. http://www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au/Mayor-Councillors.html

Australia - Doctors and dentists accused of $2 billion Medicare rip-off 21 March, 2010

DOCTORS and dentists are rorting a lucrative scheme that has bled more than $2 billion from the nation's struggling health system.

In yet another embarrassing management bungle for the Federal Government, investigators have uncovered systemic fraud in two programs that allow doctors and dentists to claim generous rebates for writing plans and treating the chronically ill. Whistleblowers warn the system is being abused, with medicos getting rich and patients who shouldn't even qualify being given thousands of dollars worth of taxpayer-funded treatments. The dental costs have blown out by 325 per cent to more than $800 million, while GPs who wrote chronic disease management plans have earned $914 million since they were introduced in July 2005. That budget has blown out by 200 per cent. The plans give patients up to five "free" visits with allied health workers such as dieticians, podiatrists, physiotherapists and exercise physiologists, who collectively claimed a further $290 million - bringing the total bill to more than $2 billion. Almost 400,000 plans were drawn up in Queensland in 2008-09, more than double the number written in 2005-06.

Podiatrists, physiotherapists and dieticians claimed the most in rebates.

Medicare is trying to investigate the fraudulent claims, but 20 per cent of doctors have refused to open their books. It will launch a year-long crackdown on health professionals to stop the rorting. "Medicare Australia is focusing on instances where the health professional has not met all the requirements of the Medicare benefits schedule item and where patients had only one or no previous visits with the provider," a spokesman told The Sunday Mail. Medicare said it treated all allegations of fraud seriously and would try to recover as much money as possible.

In a case heard by the Professional Services Review, one doctor was forced to repay $100,000 and was disqualified from writing management plans after acting without patient involvement or consent. Financial Services Minister Chris Bowen admitted in Parliament last week 5000 dentists or up to half of the nation's dental workforce may have lodged dodgy claims. Health Minister Nicola Roxon said on radio on March 10 she was aware of dental rorting before the last election in 2007.


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On 19 March 2012, the Opposition health spokesman the Hon. Peter Dutton, introduced the *Health Insurance (Dental Services) Bill 2012* into the House of Representatives. The Bill was also introduced into the Senate on 21 March by Senator David Bushby, and immediately referred to the Senate Finance and Administration Committee for inquiry. The Bill proposes to 'redress past and future inequities that have arisen from the operation of subsection 10(2) of the *Health Insurance (Dental Services) Determination 2007*’ (the Determination). This Determination prescribes the arrangements which allow dentists, dental specialists and dental prosthetists to provide Medicare funded services (capped at $4250 over two years) to patients with chronic conditions as set out under the Chronic Disease Dental Scheme (CDDS). The Opposition and the Greens also supported a Senate motion on 21 March 2012 calling on the Government to waive debts of dentists.

The 'inequities' referred to in the Bill, and which also form the substance of the motion, centre around Medicare Australia's (MA) attempts to recoup payments made to non-compliant dentists. The 'inequities' arise when a dental practitioner who has provided a legitimate service is required to repay the Medicare benefit because of an administrative failure. An audit undertaken by MA has revealed that a number of dentists failed to comply with the rules of the CDDS and were in breach of the Determination. In evidence to a Senate Estimates Committee in February this year, also reported in the media, the Department of Health and Ageing advised that of the 89 dentists audited so far a majority had delivered the services they billed to Medicare. However, 63 were deemed non-compliant due to administrative breaches, such as not completing appropriate paperwork or providing patients with quotations. Another 12 were found to be non-compliant due to a failure to actually provide a service.

The CDDS was introduced and implemented during the last few months of the Howard Government. It expanded a more limited scheme first introduced in 2004, which provided for capped dental benefits of $220 a year. This scheme had lower than expected uptake, as the Parliamentary Library *Bills Digest* on the legislation to establish the CDDS explains. The CDDS expanded the range of Medicare refundable services available to patients, broadened the eligibility criteria, and increased the cap to $4250 (over two years).
The number of services provided under the expanded scheme subsequently rose dramatically, as did expenditure. As an earlier Parliamentary Library paper notes, between the introduction of the CDDS in November 2007 and August 2008, over 818 000 services were provided at a cost to government of $133.8 million. This compared to a total of just 16 000 services provided at a cost of $1.8 million under the original scheme's three year lifespan. Originally forecast to cost $384.6 million over four years, the CDDS has now cost in excess of $2.3 billion, according to expenditure figures available through the Medicare database (see benefits under Medicare category 9).

Concerns around the CDDS emerged early, including concerns around the cost of the scheme, equity issues, rorting allegations, and the fact it failed to target the most financially needy. Suggestions to improve the scheme were made. These included means testing, limiting the range of services, tightening eligibility criteria, and expanding the scope of practice to include dental hygienists and therapists.

Labor had already announced during the 2007 election campaign it would close the CDDS which it regarded as failed, and redirect funds to its promised Commonwealth Dental Health Program and Teen Dental Plan. But efforts to close down the CDDS once Labor formed government were blocked a number of times by the Senate as this Parliamentary Library paper notes. Consequently, the CDDS has continued to operate. However, reports of rorting and fraud persisted, culminating in the audit action by MA.

The Health Insurance (Dental Services) Bill 2012 aims to ensure that dentists who have provided a legitimate service but have failed to comply with the Determination are not required to repay Medicare payments they received. The Bill makes clear that only those dentists who failed to either give patients in writing a treatment plan or quotation, or provide written copies to the referring GP, would benefit from the enactment of this Bill. The Bill requires the responsible Minister, alone or in conjunction with other Ministers to either: amend the original Determination in line with the provisions in Schedule 1 of the Bill; waive the Commonwealth's right to payment; provide for act of grace payments; redress the inequity through the income tax system; or take any other action necessary to redress the inequity. Further, the Bill requires the Minister to present a report to Parliament on the action taken. Schedule 1 outlines the amendments that are to be made to the Determination, if amending the Determination is the chosen course of action.

Regardless of the fate of this Bill, close scrutiny of the CDDS, including continuing with the audit program, is likely. Examples of serious breaches that have already emerged from the audit, such as accepting a payment when a service has not been provided, would suggest such scrutiny remains justified. However, calls on the Government to waive debts where dentists have failed to comply with administrative requirements, are likely to continue. Legislative provisions may redress some of the problems of the CDDS, but arguably, problems of non-compliance should be addressed through industry consultation and education programs.

Meanwhile, the CDDS continues to face an uncertain future, not likely to be known until Budget night. But, as many advocates have long argued including in this report from the National Advisory Council on Dental Health, the need for improved access to dental services and a comprehensive approach to oral health promotion and disease prevention remains.


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University of Queensland misconduct scandal as dental school involved in Medicare rort
October 19, 2012

THE University of Queensland is embroiled in a fresh misconduct scandal, refusing to come clean about how its dental school was involved in a Medicare rort.

The Courier-Mail can reveal that hundreds of members of the public who let UQ dentistry students practise on them in January 2010 were sent for expensive X-rays to businesses connected to two senior members of staff. They were sent for Medicare-funded full-jaw OPG X-rays to businesses, one of which, Q-Scan Dental JV Pty Ltd, is half-owned by the school's deputy head Camile Farah. This was despite UQ having its own X-ray equipment available. After an internal investigation, UQ tried twice to contact Medicare, but failed to follow up when it got no reply.

Vice-Chancellor Paul Greenfield, who was later forced out over a nepotism scandal, did not inform UQ's governing body, the Senate, raising questions about transparency at UQ. UQ this week began a "review" of the investigation and has written to Medicare again after the original whistleblower made a further complaint. "The complainant has since raised some concerns about the way in which the matter was handled," senior deputy Vice-Chancellor Deborah Terry said. "On this basis, UQ's new associate director (investigations) will be undertaking a review of the case. "The (Crime and Misconduct Commission) is aware of the review, which has now commenced."

The original probe, by UQ investigator Phil Procopis, found "unmanaged conflicts of interest" at the school. It also substantiated a claim that the Health Insurance Act had been breached, recommending UQ contact Medicare "to seek their advice on whether any compensatory action by UQ is needed". But UQ, which received $750 million in taxpayer funding last year, will not say what action, if any, was taken against staff or what happened to the money generated.

UQ said the CMC had been "satisfied with the University's responses" to the recommendations that emerged from the initial investigation. Whether to inform the Senate had been up to the then Vice-Chancellor, Paul Greenfield, Professor Terry said. Medicare declined to comment, citing privacy and secrecy laws.

Documents show supervisors were told in January 2010 to send patients for 360-degree scans to pathology businesses in Brisbane, including QScan Dental JV which is half-owned by Professor Farah, an oral cancer specialist. He is also the consultant pathologist to that business. A colleague, Paul Monsour, is consultant to the other business, QDI. Neither could be reached yesterday. Each of the scans, known as an OPG, costs about $100, which would have been covered by Medicare.

On January 20, 2010, Brad Wright, clinical operations manager, wrote an email headed "OPGs" to almost 50 tutors at the School: "Please ensure patients go ONLY to QSCAN and QDI and ONLY where they take OPGs. These arrangements do not exist with other radiology clinics." There's no suggestion QScan or QDI were involved in the rort. Then on January 28, Mr Wright sent another email to students and staff in which he wrote: "RADIOGRAPHY Do not allow any more students to refer out OPGs." Mr Procopis, who was the first to brief then chancellor John Story about the Paul Greenfield nepotism claims, was made redundant by UQ in June.

Prof. Paul Mansour and Prof. Laurie Walsh receiving new Cone Beam Xray equipment for UQ Dental School. According to Prof. Mansour in a media release, this was an Australian first and "patients can now receive this service in-house without being referred to a private radiology practice". Serious questions are now being asked over UQ's conduct.

Oct 18, 2012
Heads of Queensland Dental School accused of X-ray fraud

Just as the Australian Federal Government announced that it would waive at least $21 million dollars it had said it was owed by Dentists who failed to comply with the terms of the now cancelled Chronic Disease Dental Scheme, fresh allegations of fraudulent behaviour by have rocked the highest levels of one of the countries premier dental schools.

It has been revealed that Associate Professor Camile Farah, the deputy head of the University of Queensland, School of Dentistry, and colleague Professor Paul Mansour have significant interests in private businesses to which hundreds of public patients of the School were sent for OPG radiographs at Medicare's expense.

Despite having the latest radiographic equipment at their disposal within the University, which receives some $750 million in taxpayer funding annually, tutors and students were apparently
instructed by Clinical Operations Manager Brad Wright via email to ensure patients were sent exclusively to Q-Scan Dental JV Pty Ltd (co-owned by Farah) and QDI (Mansour is a consultant).

While only Farah, Mansour and Wright have been identified in these latest revelations, the University of Queensland has recently been the subject of several investigations and was involved in another scandal over neopotism earlier this year which saw the then vice-chancellor Paul Greenfield and his senior deputy Michael Keniger forced to resign. This latest episode has raised serious questions over whether this kind of behaviour is endemic within the ranks of the University as it seems unlikely that those mentioned acted without the knowledge of more senior colleagues. Farah, Mansour and Head of the School of Dentistry, Professor Laurie Walsh, were unavailable for comment.

The new vice-chancellor Peter Hoj confirmed that an internal investigation into the matter had resulted in disciplinary action, though he declined to give names or say what action had been taken. Apparently the investigation, which was overseen by the Crime and Misconduct Commission, found a greater need for transparency in University outsourcing and a conflict of interest statement has now been made mandatory.

Many Dentists are outraged at how their profession is being portrayed by the greed of a few individuals, fearing patients, who are already skeptical when it comes to the perceived high cost of Dentistry in Australia, will further lose faith in the intentions and advice of their local Dentist.

The profession suffered a dent to it's reputation over the last few years as a large number of Dentists were accused of rorting the billion dollar Chronic Disease Dental Scheme and pursued publicly to repay millions in supposedly fraudulent claims.

While many Dentists caught up in the bureaucracy surrounding this scheme have recently been cleared by the announcement from Federal Minister for Human Services Kim Carr that the audit has been reviewed and some of those penalties will no longer be pursued, Health Minister Tanya Plibersek maintains any genuine cases of rorting or wrongdoing will still face prosecution.

"We have examples of dentists who have done hundreds of thousands of dollars of work that they can't account for at all", said Plibersek. "We've got dentists who have charged the full $4,000 for one check-up."

While Shane Fryer, President of the Australian Dental Association, states, "We've always disputed the term rorting, because the fact of the matter is that a lot of quality dental treatment, necessary dental treatment was delivered to members of the community", there is little doubt that some Dentists actively took advantage of the scheme to the detriment of the image of the Australian Dental profession as a whole.


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University of Queensland forced to retract study
4th September, 2013

Queensland's crime commission has been called in to investigate after the University of Queensland was forced to retract a major international study into Parkinson's disease.
The 2011 study may not have ever taken place, the university says.

In a statement on its website, the university says it has called in Queensland's Crime and Misconduct Commission to investigate any wrongdoing.

UQ has also had to return a grant of $20,000 to a non-government organisation "due to our concerns it had been allocated on the basis of information from the discredited paper," the statement said. "By having the paper retracted, the university enables the global scientific community to learn that the research reported in the paper has no place in the body of scientific knowledge, and so cannot be used as a basis for further research." News Corp Australia newspapers have named former UQ professor Bruce Murdoch, an internationally renowned expert in speech and language disorders, as a lead author of the study. Another UQ employee, speech pathologist Catherine Barwood, and an academic from Hong Kong, were also reportedly involved. Concerns about the study are thought to have been first raised by a whistleblower. UQ vice-chancellor Peter Hoj says the retraction means the study can no longer be relied upon, and the European Journal of Neurology has been asked to retract it. [http://news.ninemsn.com.au/health/2013/09/04/02/55/uni-of-queensland-forced-to-retract-study](http://news.ninemsn.com.au/health/2013/09/04/02/55/uni-of-queensland-forced-to-retract-study)

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**Medicare Chronic Disease Dental Scheme**

Gives eligible patients access to Medicare benefits for most services provided by dentists, dental specialists or dental prosthetists in private dental surgeries.

**The Medicare Chronic Disease Dental Scheme is now closed.** No Medicare benefits are payable for any dental service provided from 1 December 2012 under Medicare dental items 85011-87777.

Further information relating to the closure of the Medicare Chronic Disease Dental Scheme and the dental reforms is available on the [Department of Health and Ageing website](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/medicare-chronic-disease-dental-scheme)

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**Changes to dental services under Medicare**

Upcoming closure of the Medicare Teen Dental Plan and the closure of the Medicare Chronic Disease Dental Scheme.

**Closure of the Medicare Teen Dental Plan**

The Medicare Teen Dental Plan will close on 31 December 2013. Eligible teens will be able to access the program until this date. Benefits will continue to be paid for services provided to eligible teenagers before the date of closure. The Child Dental Benefits Schedule will be available to eligible children and replace the Medicare Teen Dental Plan from 1 January 2014.

**Closure of the Medicare Chronic Disease Dental Scheme**
The Medicare Chronic Disease Dental Scheme is now closed. No Medicare benefits are payable for any dental service provided from 1 December 2012 under Medicare dental items 85011-87777. The cost of any future dental services will need to be met by the patient.

Further information relating to the closure of the Medicare Chronic Disease Dental Scheme and the dental reforms is available on the Department of Health and Ageing website.


The continuing fraud of water fluoridation/pollution is obscene: Fluoridation & The Web Of Deceit. - Conflicts of Interests

Professor Denis O Mullane is Vice Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Irish Expert Body of fluorides & health. Although he calls himself "an independent objective research worker in the field of Dental Public Health", this man has promoted water fluoridation around the world for many years. He has pushed water fluoridation in South Africa along with Seamus Hickey. Despite Mr Mullane's pro fluoride bias, in 2002 Michael Martin gave him a grant estimated at a million to investigate the benefits and risks of water fluoridation.

The British Fluoridation Society includes Denis Mullan in their information leaflets. He is also connected with the British Nutrition Foundation - this was set up in the 1960's by sugar & pharmaceutical companies such as Tate and Lyle ltd, Cadburys, Proctor & Gamble. Denis Mullan's uncle was chief chemist of Irish Sugar Company.

Mr Mullane is part of a group rewriting a document on "Fluorides and Oral Health", for the WHO. This is one of the men who continues to say that water fluoridation is safe & yet the chemicals used in water fluoridation in Ireland were banned for their use as a wood preservative.

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POLICY AND PRACTICE

The effective use of fluorides in public health

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FLUORIDE-GATE cover-up
Fluoridgate - The Film http://youtu.be/zpw5fGt4UvI

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Allegedly conspiring to mandate water fluoridation

The ADA asked for $200,000 and received $220,000 from Bligh’s Health Minister, Stephen Robertson to promote ‘fluoridation’ and the ADA’s colleagues at the AMA sent a letter to Dr. Jeannette young, Chief Health Officer Queensland Health extract from FOI :

“The AMA believes the 'strategic approach' referred to in your letter must be for Government to mandate water fluoridation throughout the State. The approach to encourage individual councils to adopt fluoridation of their own volition has failed.”

These letters from ADA and AMA form part of this Report and can be accessed on the link http://fluorideinformationaustralia.files.wordpress.com/2013/01/report-water-fluoridation-pollution-must-end-diane-drayton-buckland-independent-researcher-14th-january-2013.pdf referred to page 88/89.

Many view this allegedly, as tantamount to ‘conspiring’ to ‘mandate’ ‘water fluoridation’ and all water fluoridation (pollution with hazardous waste) should be banned urgently and irrevocably.
It is alleged by many that there is a **totally disgraceful incestuous relationship and conflicts of interests** with those forcing this hazardous waste on the population such as CDC /ADA / AMA / BFS/ FDA etc and the revolving doors from industries to Government and their interests. Now this Queensland Fluoridation Committee - ditto - this is serious people and the people have to tell these
water polluters NO MORE will you do this to the people - every Council has to also stand up against these Fluoridation Fanatics chronically poisoning the population and environment.


Page 43 Part 7 Queensland Fluoridation Committee

With regard to the hazardous waste poisoning aka 'water fluoridation' of the population of Queensland, I still can scarcely believe how they can do it and continue to get away with it and the difficulty finding any legal people to join the battle to stop this chronic poisoning of the population and our environment, and the fact that the Queensland Fluoridation Committee comprises:-

The Chief Health Officer and the Chief Dental Officer and 6 persons (the appointed members) appointed by the Minister ie 1 nominated by Australian Medical Association, 1 nominated by Australian Dental Association, 1 by Local Government Association of Queensland with expertise in local government matters, 1 person with expertise in Water Engineering, 1 person with expertise in Chemistry or chemical Analysis and 1 person with knowledge and experience in an area relevant to the Committee's functions and all evidence of harm from world experts continues to be covered up/ignored.

The number of people, groups and organisations vehemently opposed to forced hazardous waste poisoning of our drinking water supplies aka 'water fluoridation' and yet this handful and a half of 'fluoride fanatics' and their intere$ts continue to get away with this.

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Our Corporate sponsored universities (allegedly) have lost integrity/credibility:-


** Same School of Dentistry, The University of Adelaide, S.A. Colgate Australian Clinical Dental Research Centre (CACDRC) http://health.adelaide.edu.au/dentistry/colgate/

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Colgate & Co. sponsors of dental Schools etc. !!!

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Fluoridated Toothpaste:-
Australian Government did this – All S5 POISON LABELS on fluoride toothpaste were removed, not for your health reason, no, it was to help commercial SALES that superceded the health and rightful Government protection of Australian people.

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An Australian Example of Fluoridation Dictatorship

2007   The Australian Fluoridation News - Is there a case of Government Fraud?

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Some history -
Institutions Subject to Government Extortion on the Issue of Fluorides W.B. Hartsfield, Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia, stated in Dental Survey in 1961 that "no school, college or independent medical research institution dares to be critical of fluoridation because they receive grants from the U.S. Public Health Service. Likewise, no big food, beverage or drug company will dare speak critically of fluoride because they are under the supervision of the FDA, a branch of the USPHS. That the Food and Drug Administration is a suppressive organization is a matter of record.

Massive Corruption, Collusion and Conflict of Interest The same individuals promoting the addition of fluorides to the water supplies also serve on the FDA Dental Products Advisory Board. Fluoridation equipment makers, fluoride suppliers, and federal and state health department staff serve on the American Water Works Association's "Fluoride Standards Board." The American Dental Association, who receives public funds, also receives hundreds of thousands of dollars from Proctor and Gamble, Lever Brothers, Colgate, Warner Lambert, Johnson & Johnson, and others in the fluoride business.

Tucson Study Finds Fluoride Promotes Tooth Decay – 1992

Regarding funding by corporations who profit from the sale of fluoride products: the largest dental research centres in the Southern Hemisphere (situated at the Adelaide University) is fully funded by Colgates. It is people associated with this centre (first name 'Colgates') who have, in the past, heavily promoted water fluoridation. But if you read some of the Australian dental research out of the University of Adelaide, you can find words to the effect that the researchers couldn't determine whether any benefit to teeth was from fluoridated water or fluoridated toothpaste. The researchers are having two-bob each way: say it's toothpaste and they lose the plot when it comes to advocating water fluoridation. Say the benefit is from toothpaste then they shoot themselves in the collective foot when it comes to backing water fluoridation. Say they don't know, and they keep Colgates and its ilk happy to keep funding pouring in. http://afgen.com/fluoridation.html   link dead
News regarding the disgraceful conflict of interests of VICE-President of British Fluoridation Society / Secretary of State for Health - Andy Burnham - from Doug Cross UK Councils Against Fluoridation www.ukcaf.org

The hasty resignation of Andy Burnham from the British Fluoridation Society does not signal a retreat over the imposition of water fluoridation.
Doug Cross UKCAF 15th June 2009

The appointment of Andy Burnham, MP, Vice-President of the British Fluoridation Society (BFS), as Secretary of State for Health has revealed to the public just how dangerously out of touch the Prime Minister has become with public concerns. The revelation of Mr Burnham's close relationship with the BFS on Tuesday last, apparently undisclosed in the Parliamentary Register of Members' Interests, led to the immediate announcement of his resignation from the BFS.

But he came bouncing back, unapologetic and fighting mad, with an outburst of brazen aggression that will surely have shaken any health professional who lives by the ethical code underlying the practice of medicine. At the National Health Service Confederation's annual conference in Liverpool Mr Burnham said that the Government had been too timid at times on the public health agenda, and exhorted the delegates to ignore public opposition to water fluoridation, saying “don't feel you have to wait for permission to invest in prevention . . . Let's press ahead with fluoridation of water supplies, given the clear evidence that it can improve children’s dental health.”

Website and pdf file available here:-- http://www.ukcaf.org/a_conflict_of_interest__andy_burnham_quits_bfs.html

Doug Cross Environmental Analyst and Forensic Ecologist Website www.ukcaf.org

Censored! The British Fluoridation Society’s attempt to suppress information.
http://www.ukcaf.org/censored_the_bfss_attempt_toSuppress_informatio.html

UK Government Health Departments fund the British Fluoridation Society .

FLUORIDE DAMAGES TEETH Dated 2000

Much research from many parts of the world has suggested that, far from protecting teeth, fluoride actually damages them. One of the largest studies into fluoride levels and dental caries ever carried out comes from Japan. In this study, researchers at Tokyo Medical and Dental University examined the teeth of 20,000 students and showed clearly that they had been harmed by fluoride.
And now, as I write this in 2000, THE GOVERNMENT-FUNDED BRITISH FLUORIDATION SOCIETY is actively lobbying for a change in the law here to compel water companies to fluoridate tap water when Health Authorities demand it.

Document sourced: http://www.second-opinions.co.uk/fluorideharm.html

Fluoride, Gingivitis & Oral Cancer
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Summary: Gingivitis and periodontal disease are the oral diseases requiring most urgent intervention. Over 90% of the U.S. population over 13 is affected. Strong links have been made to heart disease and low birth weight and infant mortality. For heart disease the association with gingivitis is stronger than the one for smoking or high cholesterol. As heart disease is the #1 killer in the US, many efforts are undertaken to reduce this alarming figure. In Canada large pictures of a diseased heart are placed on cigarette packs alerting to the fact that smoking causes heart disease.

It is of great importance that warning labels and pictures of periodontal disease, oral cancer, diseased hearts, pituitary and thyroid glands, as well as Alzheimer's brains - just to name a few - are placed on all oral care products containing fluoride.

Why?

Patents by the pharmaceutical company Sepracor disclose that concentrations of fluorides from fluoridated toothpastes and mouthwashes activate G proteins in the oral cavity, thereby promoting gingivitis and periodontitis, as well as oral cancer. Incomprehensibly, this vital information is being withheld from the public by all parties involved, including the company, at least two well-known Universities, and numerous oral disease experts. THIS INCLUDES A MUCH-DECORATED ADA SCIENTIST WHO WAS INVOLVED IN SETTING THE CDC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FLUORIDE INTAKE IN CHILDREN, SERVED AS HEAD OF A FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION SUBCOMMITTEE THAT DECIDES WHICH DENTAL PRODUCTS TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, AND WHO CHAIRMED THE PANEL ON SAFE USE OF FLUORIDE FOR THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL . (CDC, 2001)


Suppression of data documenting fluoride's adverse health effects and lack of benefit is wide-spread

Scientists and professionals have been persecuted, censored, or harassed when they oppose water fluoridation.

Unfortunately, fluoride toxicity has been a "faut pas" for many years, and anybody discussing this topic would be suspected to belong to the antifluoridation movement. Thus, the recently published Environmental Health Criteria 36 on Fluorine and Fluorides (WHO, 1989) only superficially discusses chronic toxicity, while beneficial effects and safety margins are dealt with in detail. As Temporary Adviser I was present at most of the Task Group meeting when the document was finalized. In accordance with the official fluoridation policy, information which could cast any doubt on the advantage of fluoride supplements was left out by the Task Group. Unless I had been
present myself, I would have found it hard to believe. Thus, I am pleased that you have taken a personal interest in the problems of chronic fluoride toxicity.
Philippe Granjean, M.D.
Professor

Source: http://fluoridation.com/censor.htm

DENNIS STEVENSON IS A FORMER PARLIAMENTARIAN AND MEMBER OF THE ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY 'FLUORIDATION INQUIRY' (1989-91). The majority of inquiry members would not report the scientific, medical, dental and court evidence received in worldwide submissions proving that fluoridation causes disease, deaths, tooth decay and is useless and environmentally destructive. Dennis put this evidence in a 177 page Dissenting Report, part of this major government report, but longer than the 131 page section which attempted to suppress the evidence. http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/33574

REVOLVING DOOR INDUSTRIES & GOVERNMENT http://rense.com/general45/bll.htm

50 Reasons to Oppose Fluoridation http://www.fluoridealert.org/articles/50-reasons/

THE STRONG EVIDENCE AGAINST THE EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF THE PRACTICE OF FLUORIDATING PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES CONTINUES TO BE IGNORED BY THOSE CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES. The disingenuous actions of some scientist advocates of fluoridation and the general antipathy of science journals toward open examination of the subject raises serious questions regarding the objectivity constantly proclaimed for science.

Perhaps the weight of evidence cited by proponents refers to the physical weight of the endorsements and not to a preponderance of scientific evidence.

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HOW BERNAYS DUPED US INTO FLUORIDATION!

Poison is Treatment: The Campaign to Fluoridate America by Professor James F. Tracy

Global Research, June 23, 2012

The wide scale US acceptance of fluoride-related compounds in drinking water and a wide variety of consumer products over the past half century is a textbook case of social engineering orchestrated by Sigmund Freud's nephew and the “father of public relations” Edward L. Bernays. The episode is instructive, for it suggests the tremendous capacity of powerful interests to reshape the social environment, thereby prompting individuals to unwarily think and act in ways that are often harmful to themselves and their loved ones. The example is especially pertinent today as Western governments withhold data and utilize propaganda techniques to suppress knowledge of new technologies and life-threatening disasters such as the still-unfolding nuclear breakdown in Fukushima.

Today the battle over water fluoridation remains obscured in caricature and falsification often perpetuated by the mainstream press itself. The potential for popular myth to eclipse historical fact is greatly accelerated when the political and informational pillars of civilization actively support such distortions. For example, a recent New York Times editorial points to “that cold war paranoia about fluoridation in drinking water [sic].” Citing the Center for Disease Control’s claim that fluoridation is one of the top accomplishments in public health over the past century, the Times evokes fluoride’s difficult struggle with purportedly uninformed segments of the public. “Critics no longer contend that fluoridation is a Communist plot. Instead, they express concerns about the costs involved, improper government control over a personal decision, and potential health dangers.”[1]

The refrain is familiar throughout a corporate-controlled media that unquestioningly amplifies the pronouncements of government agencies concerning fluoride's alleged safety and value for dental health. Having been seemingly vetted and upheld by the newspaper of record and its counterparts, such sweeping declarations are seldom interrogated further by readers, much less the broader public.

In fact, sodium fluoride is a dangerous poison and has been a primary active ingredient in a wide variety of insecticides and fungicides.[2] The substance bioaccumulates in mammals, has been linked to dulled intellect in children [3] and is a cause of increased bone fractures and osteosarcoma. Further, recent studies indicate that fluoride's role in preventing cavities through ingestion [4] or even topically [5] is close to non-existent.

**Metal Industry's Pollution Liability**

Historical evidence indicates how the many concerns over water fluoridation were wholly warranted. Indeed, fluoridating the nation’s water supply one locality at a time appears to have been a carefully coordinated plan that sought to shield major aluminum and steel producers from the countless liabilities caused by the substantial fluorine pollution their plants generated. This pollution increased alongside stepped-up military aircraft and armaments manufacture during World War Two. The steel factories in California and Utah, and aluminum producing plants in Washington and Oregon, generated fluorine-saturated air that inevitably poisoned livestock, crops, and farming
families.

In the postwar era $30 million in damage suits were filed in Provo, Utah alone, with metal manufacturers paying $4.5 million to settle out of court. Thus American industrial interests were the chief forces behind water fluoridation, not because of greed or altruism, but rather through fear of continued and potentially increased pollution liability as the Second World War drew to a close and the Cold War began. This was the conclusion of Dr. F. B. Exner, a steadfast public health advocate and opponent of water fluoridation, who observed that at the turn of the century

“the very existence of the smelter industry, both in Germany and Great Britain, was threatened by successful suits for fluorine damage and by burdensome laws and regulations. Today that same threat hangs over the bulk of American big-industry; and fluoridation offers both camouflage and scapegoat. Hence the relentless and uncompromising drive for universal fluoridation.”[6]

In a discerning 1955 essay Exner points to the unusual absence of research on fluorine in US medical literature beginning in the late 1930s, whereas “the foreign medical literature has contained hundreds of articles on a wide variety of troubles that can be caused by fluorine. The same was true of the veterinary literature in this country. “

Exner further points to the apparent strategy behind fluoridation—one that may be occurring along similar lines in the Japanese government’s efforts to distribute and incinerate radioactive waste from the March 2011 nuclear disaster throughout the archipelago.[7] “There has been constant danger,” Dr. Exner observed, “that someone would analyze tissues in both high and low fluoride areas and find that fluorine poisoning is common [in those residing in high areas]. But if every community can be fluoridated there will be no fluorine-free areas for comparison.”[8]

The PR Campaign to Sell Fluoridation

In the 1930s Edward Bernays was public relations adviser to the Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa). Alcoa’s principal attorney, Oscar Ewing, went on to serve in the Truman administration from 1947 to 1952 as head of the Federal Security Agency, of which the Public Health Service was a part. In that capacity Ewing authorized water fluoridation for the entire country in 1950 and enlisted Bernays’ services to promote water fluoridation to the public.[9]

Still, the campaign to fluoridate the nation’s water supplies took place mainly in individual cities and townships, necessitating a sophisticated propaganda campaign to persuade local officials to proactively support fluoridation. Bernays recognized New York City as the foremost battleground and a particularly valuable tactical prize given the prevalence of liberal media outlets. Once the New York press was abuzz about the city’s prospective fluoridation other municipalities would be more easily persuaded to form ranks.[10]

Bernays recalled the fluoridation campaign in which he was involved as merely another assignment. “The PR wizard specialized in promoting new ideas and products to the public by stressing a claimed health benefit,” explains journalist Christopher Bryson, who interviewed Bernays on the fluoride campaign in 1993.

“‘You can get practically any ideas accepted,’ Bernays told me, chuckling. ‘If doctors are in favor, the public is willing to accept it, because a doctor is an authority to most people, regardless of how much he knows, or doesn’t know ... By the law of averages, you can usually find an individual in any field
who will be willing to accept new ideas, and the new ideas then infiltrate the others who haven’t accepted it.”[11]

Yet in the early 1950s, just as Bernays’ was brought on board, public sentiment toward fluoridation was clearly on the side of the anti-fluoridationist camp that included leading doctors and researchers. Arrayed against those opposing fluoridation were the New York City Health Department Commissioner, New York State’s Health Commissioner, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Public Health Service. “All of this intrigues me to no end,” Bernays elatedly remarked to the City Health Commissioner, “because it presents challenging situations deeply related to the public’s interest which may be solved by the engineering of consent.”

One such approach to prompting public opinion involved correspondence from the city’s Health Department to the presidents of the NBC and CBS television networks, informing them “that debating fluoridation is like presenting two sides for anti-Catholicism or anti-Semitism and therefore not in the public interest.” Another method involved laying the groundwork for making fluoridation a household term with a scientific patina. He advised his clients to send letters to the editors of leading publications discussing what the specific aspects of fluoridation required. “We would put out the definition first to the editors of important newspapers,” Bernays recalled. “Then we would send a letter to publishers of dictionaries and encyclopedias. After six or eight months we would find the word fluoridation was published and defined in dictionaries and encyclopedias.”[12]

In 1957 the Committee to Protect Our Children’s Teeth suddenly emerged to tout fluoridation with several celebrity figures on its roster, including Dr. Benjamin Spock, Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Robinson, and A. Phillip Randolph. Funded by grants from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation ($23,350) and the Rockefeller Foundation ($2,500), the Committee’s makeup also included major figures from atomic weapons research and manufacturing concerns.

A sleek booklet, Our Children’s Teeth, was ostensibly produced by the Committee and circulated throughout the US. Yet it was first utilized by attorneys defending the Reynolds Aluminum Company in federal appeals court in Oregon against charges for fluoride injury brought by a farming family. The court was reminded by Reynolds’ lawyers how Our Children’s Teeth was packed with testimonies of “one medical and scientific expert after another, all to the effect that fluorides in low concentration (such as are present around aluminum and other industrial plants) present no harm to man.”[13]

The American Journal of Public Health noted how the pamphlet contained no new information on water fluoridation, but was rather “designed for presentation to the New York City Board of Estimate as a distillate of expert opinion” from scientists and officials involved in promoting fluoride. “The statements are concise but extremely quotable,” the review read. “This volume is, therefore, especially commended to those interested in or engaged in the promotion of water fluoridation in their own communities.”[14]

Our Children’s Teeth referenced 300 members comprising the Committee to Protect Our Children’s Teeth. This list appeared alongside two additional lists of 229 “leading American Authorities on Nutrition” and 121 of “The Nation’s Foremost Chemists.” In light of the flurry of names and titles “[t]he real question,” Dr. Exner remarked, “is why anyone with any self respect would permit his name on either list. The names are appended to two statements,” Exner continued, “neither of which could be honestly signed by any intelligent layman, much less by any scientist who values his scientific reputation.”
Curious of how the lists were compiled Exner personally wrote each of the chemists listed in the publication to inquire “whether he had signed or whether he believed the statement true. Some denied signing. Some had signed without reading. Some had signed knowing the statement to be false but because they thought fluoridation so desirable that any means were justified.”[15]

Exner further found that of the 360 “chemists” and “authorities on nutrition” listed in the brochure, 201 worked for 87 institutions including universities that received over $151 million in grants. In the late 1950s a majority of such grants originated from the foremost proponent of water fluoridation--the Public Health Service. Another major recipient of PHS funding was the American Dental Association (ADA). Exner's research and data proved to be especially valuable in lawsuits brought against the industry and fluoridation proponents. In 1978, shortly after his death, all of his files were lost in an unusual fire.[16]

As the pro-fluoridation propaganda campaign grew to a crescendo in the late 1950s a collaborative surveillance campaign targeting anti-fluoridationists was undertaken by the PHS, the ADA, and the American Water Works Association. The National Fluoridation Information Service of the Division of Dental Health of the US Public Health Service, an intelligence-gathering setup operating out of the PHS-controlled National Institutes of Health, was formally established to monitor and create databases on fluoridation critics in the medical professions. Fluoride heretics were subject to flailing in the press or outright expulsion from their professional organizations.[17]

Fluoridation was finally launched in New York City in 1965 apart from popular referendum and in the face of continued opposition by handing the choice to the municipality’s five-member Board of Estimate. Behind the final effort to fluoridate were Mary and Albert Lasker. The former was involved in the Committee to Protect Our Children’s Teeth and the latter an advertising executive and associate of Bernays who helped American Tobacco Company make Lucky Strikes America’s best-selling cigarettes. The Laskers held an exclusive cocktail party to celebrate the victory, with guests including New York Mayor Robert Wagner and members of the Board of Estimate and City Council.

The anti-fluoride Association for the Protection of Our Water Supply condemned the undemocratic process as “government by cocktails.” “Here is a private one-sided hearing on the most controversial subject,” the organization's press release read, “in a meeting by officials in an ex cathedra session. Where does it leave the masses of citizens opposed to fluoridation?”[18]

When the Committee to Protect Our Children’s Teeth was formed in 1957 only 5% of US water supplies were fluoridated. Following the massive public relations campaign that paved the way for fluoridating New York City’s water over 60% of water across the US was eventually fluoridated. At present over two-thirds of the US population drinks fluoridated water [19] with close to the entire population consuming fluoride through foods and beverages processed using such water. [20]

**Maintaining the Fluoride Status Quo**

When new scientific studies emerged suggesting fluoride’s dangers to human health the PHS hastily appointed a commission of veteran pro-fluoride figures that proceed to shelve any new conclusions and reinforce the status quo. In 1983 when an unusual PHS-assembled panel consisting of less induced scientists discovered that the government’s own research upholding fluoride’s safety was almost non-existent, a recommendation of caution was handed down emphasizing particular
attention to children's exposure.

Surgeon General C. Everett Koop's office issued its official report a month later omitting the committee's most significant opinions and recommendations. The panel members “expressed surprise at their report's conclusions: They never received copies of the final—altered—version.” Countering the committee’s advice that drinking water should contain no more than 1.4–2.4 parts per million (ppm) for children under 10, the government inserted a statement asserting: “There exists no directly applicable scientific documentation of adverse medical effects of fluoride below 8 ppm.” Based on Koop’s final doctored report the Environmental Protection Agency raised the amount of allowable fluoride in drinking water from 2 to 4 ppm for children and adults.[21]

Today sodium fluoride per se is used in less than 10% of fluoridated water systems. In its place are the fluoride variants sodium silica fluoride or fluorsilicic acid, more commonly known as silicofluorides (SIFs). In 2001 researchers found that SIFs may cause a higher absorption of lead in children and decrease cholinesterase, an enzyme necessary for the regulation of neurotransmitters. Neither the Environmental Protection Agency, the Food and Drug Administration, or any other regulatory agency to date has researched the long term internal effects of consuming fluorsilicic acid, a by product of the phosphate fertilizer industry that is now the predominant stand-in for sodium fluoride given its relative low-cost.[22]

What is known, however, is that undiluted fluorsilic acid is an extremely dangerous and corrosive substance. In 1994, for instance, 4,500 gallons of the element were released in Volusia County Florida when a tanker truck carrying the load lost a set of wheels on Interstate 4. The spill sent 47 people to hospital, prompted the evacuation of 2,300 more, and closed the highway for two days. Onlookers experienced “breathing trouble or a burning sensation on their skin.” Motorists that drove through the spill were advised that their cars must be professionally decontaminated because “the chemical will dissolve in water, evaporate and cause respiratory problems to anyone nearby.”[23]

Conclusion

In a world made increasingly uncertain by government and corporate engineers of reality and consent, the bureaucratic and scientific class' responsiveness to the public welfare is illusory. The case of water fluoridation provides a compelling example of a plan to deceive and propagandize the masses. A full decade before President Eisenhower's warning of "a permanent armaments industry of vast proportions," the fluoridation of America's water supplies was already in full play with the hidden foreknowledge among those in high places that such a campaign would almost certainly lead to the endangerment of public health for many generations to come.

Water fluoridation is banned in many Scandinavian and European nations.[24] Yet it persists in the US, Canada, Australia, and numerous other countries throughout the world. The practice is sustained to a significant degree by the widely held myth Bernays designed and brought forth, by affirmative medical and regulatory authorities, and perhaps above all by a routinely unskeptical and compliant press. Not unlike the contradictory premises upon which psycho-social existence was predicated in Orwell's 1984- -ignorance is strength, war is peace, freedom is slavery--in the case of the West's 60-plus year experiment with fluoridation, poison is treatment.

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FLUORIDATION: A HORROR STORY
By Wade Frazier

Brief extract: In the fluoridation issue, the same conflicts of interest and corruption that pervade organized medicine are clearly seen. The AMA has never has had much to do with promoting the public’s well being, instead promoting cigarettes and helping to cover up health disasters. That dynamic can also be found in the American Dental Association (ADA), where its financial relationship with candy companies is similar to the relationship the AMA had for generations with the tobacco interests. In 1995, the ADA received 15% of its money from trade groups such as the Sugar Association, Coca-Cola, and M & M. The ADA actively promotes compulsory fluoridation. The ADA was also guilty of stating that the ACLU endorsed fluoridation when it in fact did not.[34] Since 1993, the ADA has had to drop many organizations from its list of fluoridation supporters, including the EPA.[35]
THE DENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) HAVE COMPLETELY CONTROLLED THE AGENCY'S STANCE SUPPORTING WATER FLUORIDATION.

THESE DOCUMENTS VIRTUALLY FORCE YOU TO DESTROY YOUR HEALTH

July 23, 2011

Documents released under the Freedom of Information Act show that since the 1970's, the dental health professionals in the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have completely controlled the agency's stance supporting water fluoridation. No CDC toxicologists, minority health professionals, experts in diabetes, or others outside the Oral Health Division had any input into the agency's position.

The documents have drawn attention once again to the CDC's and EPA's fluoride safety statements, which appear at odds with current scientific knowledge.

According to the Fluoride Action Network:

"Law firms are now reviewing old and new documents believed to highlight a pattern of attempts to curtail discussions on fluoride toxicity and downplay the importance of professionals personally reviewing scientific reports about fluorides."

Dr. Mercola's Comments:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is part of a larger administrative structure that provides intra-agency support and resource sharing for health issues that require the input from more than one area of expertise. Other offices that share information and expertise with the CDC include the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, and the Agency for Toxic Substances.

The general assumption has been that the agency utilized a broad range of expert input to evaluate fluoride before reaching the decision to support water fluoridation. After all, since fluoride is ingested, it stands to reason it may have an impact on your whole body, not just your teeth.

Alas, a recent document obtained through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) tells a different tale.

Dentists have Controlled CDC's Water Fluoridation Stance for over 35 Years…

In April, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) responded to an FOIA request asking for the names and job descriptions of all parties at the CDC who have had input into the agency's decision to support water fluoridation.

As it turns out, ever since the mid-1970's, when fluoridation activities transferred from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to the CDC under the directorship of William Bock, dental health professionals have been the sole body of experts directing the agency's stance on water fluoridation. Glaringly absent from this list are... well, any health expert outside the Oral Health Division. Apparently, no toxicologist has ever been directly involved in the decision process; nor any minority health professionals, or experts on internal medicine or diabetes, for example.
This flies in the face of what the agency claims, and what water-, health- and political leaders have believed about the way the CDC operates. Without these additional experts from other fields, can we reasonably believe that the agency has properly assessed the research on whole-body harm from fluoridation?

"The documentation intensifies focus on the motivations behind CDC's and EPA's fluoride safety statements that appear at odds with current scientific knowledge," the Fluoride Action Network says in its press release.

Indeed, the CDC's stance on water fluoridation does seem to be at odds with a now very large body of scientific evidence detailing the profound and detrimental impact of fluoride on multiple biological functions.

While the CDC officially claims that "extensive research conducted over the past 60 years has shown that fluoridation of public water supplies is safe and effective for all community residents," this claim appears to have the flimsiest of foundations.

According to a 2006 report from the National Research Council, extensive amounts of research is inconclusive, or still missing and needs to be conducted to evaluate whole-body impact of fluoride… Not only that, but their scientific review also identified research suggesting a variety of harmful effects, from skeletal fluorosis, bone fractures, and, potentially, even cancer. With that in mind, how can the CDC claim that "extensive research" has concluded water fluoridation is safe for ALL community residents, without differentiation between infants and adults, the sick or the healthy?

Water Fluoridation—A Civil Rights Issue

Water fluoridation has been a civil rights issue from the very start. Just take a look at this 1977 article in the Harvard Crimson, and you'd think it was written today. Nothing has changed in the 34 years since that article was published, except for the emergence of additional research supporting fluoride opponents' worst fears.

Alveda King, niece of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. has now joined the fight against water fluoridation, stating on her blog:

"This is a civil rights issue... No one should be subjected to drinking fluoride in their water, especially sensitive groups like kidney patients and diabetics, babies in their milk formula, or poor families that cannot afford to purchase unfluoridated water. Black and Latino families are being disproportionately harmed."

The reason why certain ethnic minorities may be disproportionately harmed is because fluoride's toxicity appears to be exacerbated by:

- **Inadequate nutrition**, including lower intakes of iodine and calcium. Certain racial groups are more likely to be lactose intolerant than others and may therefore consume less dairy (a primary source of calcium) and more water.

  Included among these are Central and East Asians, Native Americans, African Americans, Southern Indians. Thus these groups may be more heavily exposed to fluoride in water and other beverages than are Caucasian Americans, and their calcium intakes may be compromised, which may further exacerbate toxicity.

- **Kidney dysfunction and diabetes**, which are more prevalent among minorities than whites.

- **Inadequate supplies of vitamin C, vitamin D, magnesium, and selenium**
According to CDC statistics, African American mothers are also the least likely to breastfeed their infants, compared to other ethnic groups. And while breast milk is very low in fluoride, infants fed formula mixed with fluoridated water may receive harmful amounts of fluoride—as much as 200 times more fluoride than a breastfed baby.

Two Atlanta Civil Rights leaders, Andrew Young and Reverend Dr. Gerald Durley, recently called for the state of Georgia's mandatory water fluoridation law to be repealed, based on the fact that it disproportionately harms minorities and the poor.

In a letter to Georgia state legislators, Rev. Dr. Durley writes,

"I support the holding of Fluoridegate hearings at the state and national level so we can learn why we haven't been openly told that fluorides build up in the body over time, (and) why our government agencies haven't told the black community openly that fluorides disproportionately harm black Americans..."

Dental Fluorosis is Just the Beginning

Supporting the assessment that water fluoridation may disproportionately harm minorities are the statistics showing that dental fluorosis is more prevalent among African American and Hispanic children. These groups also have an increased risk for the more severe forms of this condition. And while advocates for fluoridation are fond of saying that the characteristic mottling of the teeth is "only cosmetic," it might just be the visible tip of the iceberg.

Dental fluorosis may be an indication that the rest of your body, such as your bones and the rest of your organs, including your brain, has been over-exposed to fluoride as well. As Dr. Paul Connett, a chemist specializing in environmental chemistry, explained in a previous interview:

"We know that 32 percent of American children have been overexposed to fluoride because you have this telltale sign of dental fluorosis, which in its mildest form is little white specs. But when it gets more serious, it affects more of the surface of your teeth and it becomes colored; yellow, brown and orange mottling of the teeth ...

The teeth are the window to the bones. If you've seen the damage to the teeth, what damage can you not see?"

In other words, if fluoride has a detrimental, visual effect on the surface of your teeth, you can be virtually guaranteed that it's also damaging something else inside your body, such as your bones. Bone is living tissue that is constantly replaced through cellular turnover. It's a finely balanced, complicated process. Fluoride has been known to disrupt this process ever since the 1930s.

For an extensive listing of scientific studies on fluoride, see this link. Studies into the health effects of fluoride have identified a multitude of other health hazards, including:

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Incredible Documentation Indicating Suppression of Safety Information

According to the Fluoride Action Network:
"Law firms are now reviewing old and new documents believed to highlight a pattern of attempts to curtail discussions on fluoride toxicity and downplay the importance of professionals personally reviewing scientific reports about fluorides... One such document is an explosive transcript of a 1951 meeting of state dental directors on file at the Library of Congress."

In this meeting, state dental leaders were told:

"The question of toxicity is on the same order. Lay off it altogether. Just pass it over. 'We know there is absolutely no effect other than reducing tooth decay,' you say, and go on. If it becomes an issue, then you will have to take it over, but don't bring it up yourself."

Additionally, a white paper issued by the American Dental Association in 1979 states:

"Individual dentists must be convinced that they need not be familiar with scientific reports of laboratory and field investigations on fluoridation to be effective participants in the promotion program and that nonparticipation is an overt neglect of professional responsibility."

Fluoride Action Network quotes Daniel G. Stockin, a career public health professional opposed to water fluoridation:

"I think it's pretty clear that the public, the media, and health providers were given soothing talking points about fluoridation, and in many cases dissuaded from personally looking at toxicity data.

How can CDC oral health professionals in a department that has promoted fluoridation for decades be objective, let alone competent to assess research and draw conclusions about the toxicity of fluorides on thyroid glands, kidneys, and the pineal gland?

There is a reason we're seeing calls for Fluoridage investigations. The legal community and the media are waking up to this. I believe jurors will see a clear pattern of disinformation, half-truths, misdirection, and omission of critical material facts concerning harm from fluoridated drinking water."

The Role of the EPA in Water Fluoridation

The CDC isn't the only agency that might be unduly biased. EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson has declared that achieving Environmental Justice for all Americans is a top priority for her agency. Clearly, since fluoride has been shown to disproportionately affect poor and minority Americans, the EPA should therefore give special consideration to these groups when determining the level of fluoride in drinking water in order for it to be safe for all Americans.

Unfortunately, the most recent analyses of fluoride by the EPA's Office of Water indicate that the EPA is more concerned with protecting the fluoridation program than protecting the American people...

For example, the EPA's newly proposed reference dose for fluoride (the dose of fluoride that is supposedly safe for everyone when taken every day and over a lifetime) is based on the dietary intake of fluoride recommended by the Institute of Medicine in 1997 to prevent dental caries.

Since that time, however, it has been well established - and is now widely accepted - that the primary action of fluoride on teeth is topical, not systemic. Therefore, since fluoride is not an essential element (i.e. not necessary for human health), any dietary recommendations for fluoride are illogical and unnecessary, and may do more harm than good.

So, again, we see a clear disconnect between the latest scientific findings concerning safety and the EPA's proposed changes to the reference dose. This reference dose will soon be translated to a new Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) for fluoride in drinking water. If EPA were to evaluate the true science behind fluoride toxicity - free from any interference by those promoting..."
fluoridation - the only rational outcome would be an MCLG of ZERO, effectively ending the practice of artificial water fluoridation.

What You Can Do TODAY!

The Fluoride Action Network has a game plan to END water fluoridation in both Canada and the United States. Our fluoride initiative will primarily focus on Canada since 60 percent of Canada is already non-fluoridated. If we can get Calgary and the rest of Canada to stop fluoridating their water, we believe the U.S. will be forced to follow.

Please, join the anti-fluoride movement in Canada and United States by contacting the representative for your area below.

Contact Information for Canadian Communities:

1. If you live in Ontario, Canada, please join the ongoing effort by contacting Diane Sprules at diane.sprules@cogeco.ca.
2. The point-of-contact for Toronto, Canada is Aliss Terpstra. You may email her at aliss@nutrimom.ca.

Contact Information for American Communities:

We're also going to address three US communities: New York City, Austin, and San Diego:

1. New York City, NY: The anti-fluoridation movement has a great champion in New York City councilor Peter Vallone, Jr. who introduced legislation on January 18 "prohibiting the addition of fluoride to the water supply." A victory there could signal the beginning of the end of fluoridation in the U.S.

If you live in the New York area I beg you to participate in this effort as your contribution could have a MAJOR difference. Remember that one person can make a difference.

The point person for this area is Carol Kopf, at the New York Coalition Opposed to Fluoridation (NYSCOF). Email her at NYSCOF@aol.com. Please contact her if you're interested in helping with this effort.

2. Austin, Texas: Join the effort by contacting Rae Nadler-Olenick at either: info@fluoridefreeaustin.com or fluoride.info@yahoo.com, or by regular mail or telephone:

   POB 7486
   Austin, Texas 78713
   Phone: (512) 371-3786

3. San Diego, California: Contact Patty Ducey-Brooks, publisher of the Presidio Sentinel at pbrooks936@aol.com.

In addition, you can:

* Make a tax-deductible donation to the Fluoride Action Network, to help them fight for your rights to fluoride-free food and water.
* Check out FAN's Action Page, as they are working on multiple fronts to rid our food and water supplies of fluoride.
* For timely updates, join the Fluoride Action Network Facebook page.

From 1997
Water fluoridation is the ideal solution for industry's fluoride waste disposal problem. Like the tall smoke stack introduced a decade earlier, it diverts and disperses pollutants far and wide. Chemicals that would cost $7,000 per tanker to dispose of are sold instead to cities at $265 to at least $722 per ton. Consequently, the phosphate fertilizer manufacturers invest millions of dollars in grants and lobbying of government officials to promote water fluoridation.

Contaminated with arsenic, lead, barium, cadmium, and mercury, no analyses of fluorosilicic acid are performed at the source, and only rudimentary analyses are performed at water treatment plants prior to their injection into public water systems. In many artificially fluoridated areas, the lead and copper content of the water exceeds EPA/Safe Drinking Water Act standards. This occurs because of the caustic nature of fluorosilicic acid and its capacity to leach copper and lead from soldered pipe joints and brass fixtures.


A Growing Concern: Hazardous Waste in Fertilizer
This is a story about corruption, collusion and conflicts of interest. About tight-lipped regulators, paranoid lawyers, muzzled journalists and federal loopholes big enough to drive nuclear waste trucks through. About regular people who have been threatened, harassed and shunned because they dared to speak out. Oddly enough, this is a story about fertilizer.

By Diane Olson Rutter
First published in Catalyst Magazine, May 2003. Catalyst is a regional magazine based in Salt Lake City, Utah

http://newfarm.rodaleinstitute.org/depts/gleanings/0803/rutter.shtml

An example of conflicts of interests endangering the population - an atrocity!

RENOWNED CANCER SCIENTIST WAS PAID BY CHEMICAL FIRM FOR 20 YEARS

- Sarah Boseley, health editor
- The Guardian, Friday 8 December 2006
Sir Richard Doll is applauded after receiving the Tyler Award for Environmental Achievement in 2003. Photograph: Rene Macura/AP

A world-famous British scientist failed to disclose that he held a paid consultancy with a chemical company for more than 20 years while investigating cancer risks in the industry, the Guardian can reveal.

Sir Richard Doll, the celebrated epidemiologist who established that smoking causes lung cancer, was receiving a consultancy fee of $1,500 a day in the mid-1980s from Monsanto, then a major chemical company and now better known for its GM crops business.

While he was being paid by Monsanto, Sir Richard wrote to a royal Australian commission investigating the potential cancer-causing properties of Agent Orange, made by Monsanto and used by the US in the Vietnam war. Sir Richard said there was no evidence that the chemical caused cancer.

Documents seen by the Guardian reveal that Sir Richard was also paid a £15,000 fee by the Chemical Manufacturers Association and two other major companies, Dow Chemicals and ICI, for a review that largely cleared vinyl chloride, used in plastics, of any link with cancers apart from liver cancer - a conclusion with which the World Health Organisation disagrees. Sir Richard's review was used by the manufacturers' trade association to defend the chemical for more than a decade.

The revelations will dismay scientists and other admirers of Sir Richard's pioneering work and fuel a rift between the majority who support his view that the evidence shows cancer is a product of modern lifestyles and those environmentalists who argue that chemicals and pollution must be to blame for soaring cancer rates.

Yesterday Sir Richard Peto, the Oxford-based epidemiologist who worked closely with him, said the allegations came from those who wanted to damage Sir Richard's reputation for their own reasons. Sir Richard had always been open about his links with industry and gave all his fees to Green College, Oxford, the postgraduate institution he founded, he said.

Professor John Toy, medical director of Cancer Research UK, which funded much of Sir Richard's work, said times had changed and the accusations must be put into context. "Richard Doll's lifelong service to public health has saved millions of lives. His pioneering work demonstrated the link between smoking and lung cancer and paved the way towards current efforts to reduce tobacco's death toll," he said. "In the days he was publishing it was not automatic for potential conflicts of interest to be declared in scientific papers."
But a Swedish professor who believes that some of Sir Richard's work has led to the underestimation of the role of chemicals in causing cancers said that transparency was all-important. "It's OK for any scientist to be a consultant to anybody, but then this should be reported in the papers that you publish," said Lennart Hardell of University Hospital, Orebro.

Sir Richard died last year. Among his papers in the Wellcome Foundation library archive is a contract he signed with Monsanto. Dated April 29 1986, it extends for a year the consulting agreement that began on May 10 1979 and offers improved terms. "During the one-year period of this extension your consulting fee shall be $1,500 per day," it says.

Monsanto said yesterday it did not know how much work Sir Richard did for the company, but said he was an expert witness for Solutia, a chemical business spun off from Monsanto, as recently as 2000.

http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/2006/dec/08/smoking.frontpagenews

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ROYAL SOCIETY’S CHIEF CALLED TO RESIGN OVER FLUORIDATION REVIEW DEBACLE  http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/GE1210/S00084/royal-societys-chief-called-to-resign-over-fluoridation.htm

DENTAL DISEASE INCREASES 6-FOLD BY FLUORIDATION  http://www.i-sis.org.uk/NotoFluoridation.php

FLUORIDATION & HIP FRACTURES  http://www.nofluoride.com/Hip_fractions_Lee.cfm

Truth on “water fluoridation” & phosphate mining  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEZ15m-D_n8&feature=share

REVOLVING DOOR INDUSTRIES & GOVERNMENT  http://rense.com/general45/bll.htm

The fertilizer, aluminium & steel industries produce massive quantities of fluoride that used to be industrial waste. To save large amounts of money, they came up with the idea of dumping this industrial waste into drinking water. Now, instead of having to pay to have the fluoride waste hauled away, they are paid to poison us.  http://www.just-think-it.com/no-f.htm

Water fluoridation is not safe and not effective (as the dental crises in all long time fluoridated cities will attest). The population have been lab rats for decades and this must be stopped urgently, permanently and irrevocably for all time for the protection of the long term health and safety of the population and our environment. The drinking water supplies of the population are not hazardous waste disposal areas nor are the populations' kidneys meant to be hazardous waste disposal/filtration units. It must be stopped.

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Water Fluoridation an absolute fraud and failure:-

Australia in dental crisis after widespread fluoridation Australia wide for decades first commencing Beaconsfield Tasmania in 1953 (also in dental crisis and chronically diseased)  and USA also in dental crisis after up to 67 years of water fluoridation/pollution first commencing Grand Rapids,
Michigan in 1945 (also in dental crisis - Kentucky USA 100% fluoridated also in dental crisis and chronically diseased). It’s a no-brainer - dangerously corrosive hazardous waste pollutants & co-contaminants have no place being disposed/dumped into the peoples’ water supplies and hence also contaminating/polluting our food chain. All water fluoridation (pollution) must cease immediately & irrevocably for all time.

POOR ORAL HEALTH PUTTING HOSPITALS UNDER PRESSURE – TASMANIA -26 Feb, 2012

DENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM IN DECAY
Dr Deborah Cole is chief executive officer of Dental Health Services Victoria. http://www.theage.com.au/opinion/a-system-in-decay-20120107-1ppd0.html

Geelong - fluoridated/polluted June, 2009
GEELONG kids will have more to smile about thanks to a multi-million-dollar State Government plan to tackle tooth decay and gum disease. Health Minister launched the $14.9 million public dental plan, aimed at improving the oral health of young people across the state. http://www.geelongadvertiser.com.au/article/2013/05/29/366034_news_pf.html

REPORT WARNS $10B NEEDED TO FIX DENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM February 28, 2012

50% of Children have tooth decay in Australia yet, Australia is almost fully fluoridated. How about we stop consuming sugar in everything, reduce dental costs and educate children/people to daily oral healthcare instead of dumping industrial waste into water supplies and hence also contaminating our food chain.
http://www.cosmeticdentistryguide.co.uk/news/more-than-50-of-children-have-tooth-decay-in-australia-9526

Fluoridation Fails - alarming rise in dental hospitalizations U.S. 10th September, 2013
Despite decades of water fluoridation and fluoridated toothpaste that was supposed to all but eradicate tooth decay and put dentists out of business, the opposite is true. From 2000 to 2008, more than 61,000 people were hospitalized in the U.S. for a dental abscess, a 41% increase. The burden on Medicaid to pay for discharges related to periapical abscesses has jumped 74%. Sixty-six patients died while in the hospital. http://www.topix.com/business/dental/2013/09/1309098IGFU
Full story: www.drbicuspid.com

An Australian Example of Fluoridation Dictatorship
The only answer EVER was to provide access to affordable dental health care services for all the population, not the disposal of hazardous waste pollutants and co-contaminants known as water fluoridation; into our drinking water supplies and hence also the contamination of our food chain and using the populations' kidneys as hazardous waste disposal/filtration units.

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Allegedly, Corporate `sponsorship` of our Dental Schools etc., in Australian Universities is like leaving the wolves to mind the lambs. These are most serious conflicts of interests and complete loss of ethics and integrity.

The informed and independently researched/unbiased members of the population are sick of the fact that for decades the Fluoridation Lobby remain so politically powerful and media powerful - and that's the only way these dangerously corrosive hazardous waste pollutants fluorosilicic acid/silicofluorides and co-contaminants of lead, mercury, arsenic, cadmium etc., (known as water fluoridation chemicals) (also added is aluminium sulphate) continues to be disposed of into our drinking water supplies and hence also contaminating our food chain - the truth never gets to the people by way of headlines in a totally controlled corporate mainstream media - this is appalling.

Also many of the population are still unaware because authorities lie and say the 'fluoride' is natural - this is absolutely deceptive and a cover-up.

This is what they are consuming in their water, of course it's all through the food chain, and they bath their babies, kids, themselves and their pets in these hazardous waste pollutants - we the population, pets and environment polluted with this hazardous waste known as water fluoridation.

All thinking people must ask, who in their right minds would force an entire population to consume this in everything we eat, drink and bathe in, also ask why would Dentists and doctors fight to the death to enforce this pollutant on us all & our environment if as they say it is effective at reducing dental decay by between 30 & 60% thus reducing their income. What BS ! They say it is safe and effective and Australia wide and USA all in dental crisis after decades of the poison fluoridation commencing firstly in Australia 1953 and USA in 1945.


Fluoridation = What you are drinking, bathing in and it's all through the food chain:-

Hydrofluoric Acid - Acutely toxic chemical
http://www-esh.fnal.gov/CourseHandout_Mat/Hydrofluoric_Acid_Safety_Handout.pdf

Explaining the truth about "water fluoridation" and the phosphate mining industry http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEZ15m-D_n8&feature=share

FLUORIDATION CHEMICALS
http://afamildura.wordpress.com/fluoridation-chemicals/
Fluosilicic Acid. TOXNET profile from Hazardous Substances Data Base  http://www.fluoridealert.org/pesticides/fluosilicic.acid.toxnet.hsd.htm

Fluoride Class Action http://fluoride-class-action.com/what-is-in-it

The hazardous waste pollution of our water supplies, food chain and environment - this concerns us all - we must all demand that water fluoridation/pollution with hazardous waste, end as a matter of urgency and for all time.

The people who don't follow like sheep, do not believe anyone in the DENTAL INDUSTRY and their interests that the dumping/disposing into the water supplies and hence also contaminating our food chain of dangerously corrosive hazardous waste pollutants fluoroisilicic acid/silicofluorides and co-contaminants of lead, mercury, arsenic, cadmium, etc., aka water fluoridation chemicals, is good for teeth, brains, organs and bodies - to believe this, you would need your 'head read'.

For the truth see REPORT Brief Overview of water fluoridation/pollution etc., hereunder; and remember, pro-fluoride fanatics will continue to say and do anything to keep the cities/states 'fluoridated' - and their Bovine Excreta of their untrue chant of it being safe and effective is willfully and recklessly negligent.  Australia wide in dental crisis after widespread fluoridation in every State, first commencing Beaconsfield, Tasmania in 1953 = likewise USA in dental crisis after widespread 'fluoridation' first beginning in 1945 Grand Rapids Michigan.

Water fluoridation/pollution with hazardous waste fluoroisilicic acid/silicofluorides & co-contaminants of lead, mercury, arsenic, cadmium, etc. (plus they add aluminium sulphate to this hazardous waste soup) is not safe and not effective and all those continuing with this dangerous fraud of WF had better stop. No one has the right to treat, medicate, drug, chronically poison/pollute anyone especially by force and without informed consent (or refusal) or to pollute our food chain and environment).


REPORT: Can Dentists & Doctors be trusted when they say Water Fluoridation is Safe & Effective?  http://fluorideinformationaustralia.files.wordpress.com/2013/01/can-dentists-doctors-be-trusted-when-they-say-water-fluoridation-is-safe-effective.pdf


Website:  http://fluorideinformationaustralia.wordpress.com/fia-report-archives/
Reminder - let us clarify something regarding FLUORIDE ACTION NETWORK (Professor Paul Connett) website www.fluoridealert.org - FAN seeks to broaden awareness about the toxicity of fluoride compounds among citizens, scientists, and policymakers alike. FAN not only provides comprehensive and up-to-date information, but remains vigilant in monitoring government agency actions that impact the public's exposure to fluoride.

I am sure many will be disturbed by the actions of the ADA and when this first happened some years ago, it certainly was disturbing to all Truth Seekers; the lengths to which some pro-fluoride fanatics go, in this case, please note that after Fluoride Action Network and the dot org domain was originally secured (fluoridealert.org ) and before Fluoride Action Network could secure the domain name fluoridealert.com - that the American Dental Association (allegedly) deviously many say, swooped in and 'nicked' the fluoridealert.com domain name of Fluoride Action Network's fluoridealert.org
So to re-clarify this ‘interesting’ piece of pro-fluoride ‘manoeuvering’/deception by the ADA:-

Fluoride Action Network Professor Paul Connett www.fluoridealert.org
American Dental Association (who allegedly) 'nicked' the dot com www.fluoridealert.com

I guess that’s a pretty effective way to impede people and researchers getting truth !

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