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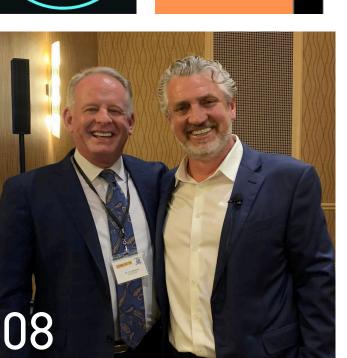














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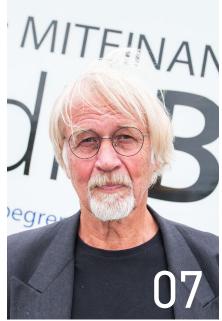
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Welcome to The Informant, our new monthly magazine offering curated news and exclusive content to supporters of the Informed Consent Action Network. We really wanted to provide something more to those supporters who give something more. The Informant features exclusive interviews, articles, and a breakdown of our most impactful work over the past month.

When The HighWire premiered in 2017, we imagined a news program where we could report on the important news ICAN was making, but we hadn't considered at the time that there would be too much news for us to cover in our weekly show. During production meetings, we are often faced with the difficult decision of cutting important stories simply because there is not enough time to cover every breaking story, and every action ICAN is taking. The Informant provides a platform to bring you those important stories, highlight ICAN's most significant actions, and direct your eye to informative content you may have missed in the previous month.

ICAN's legal footprint is vast, spanning thousands of FOIA requests, numerous lawsuits & petitions to regulatory agencies, in-depth investigations of important health issues facing the public, publication of white papers, and more.

Also, expect to find behind-the-scenes interviews with our CEO, Del Bigtree, a breakdown of things we aren't able to cover extensively on The HighWire, and other articles only available here, for you.

Part of what I think makes ICAN unique is our relationship with our supporters, who make all that we do possible. Our team really has a passion for providing information directly to the public, so they can make truly informed decisions for themselves and their families. We have all been on a journey together since our founding in 2016, and *The Informant* is another exciting path along that journey. I hope that you find it insightful, interesting and informative.

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# CDC STACKS ITS VACCINE COMMITTEE WITH PHARMA-AFFILIATED MEMBERS AHEAD OF JUNE 2024 VOTE ON COVID-19 VACCINES

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- ICAN's investigation into CDC's ACIP appointments revealed significant ties between new members and pharmaceutical companies.
- 7 of 9 new ACIP members have direct financial connections to vaccine manufacturers.
- ICAN filed a lawsuit against HHS for not complying with FOIA requests related to these appointments.
- ICAN will attend the next ACIP meeting for key COVID-19 vaccine recommendations in the 2024-2025 season.

An ICAN investigation into the background of new members appointed to CDC's highly influential Advisory Committee for **Immunization Practices** (ACIP) reveals deep ties with the pharmaceutical industry. Later this month, ACIP will vote on COVID-19 vaccine recommendations for the 2024-25 season. In May, ICAN filed a lawsuit against HHS for its failure to comply with a FOIA request related to these ACIP appointments.

Recently, the Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) <u>announced</u> that it had finally filled eight vacant positions and added an additional voting member to <u>ACIP</u>



(which advises CDC on which vaccines should be administered within the United States, how often, and to whom), bringing the number to sixteen voting members.

Given that half of the committee is being replaced at once, ICAN submitted FOIA requests seeking more information on these appointments and, when HHS failed to respond in accordance with the law, ICAN brought suit. In the meantime, ICAN conducted its own investigation and, disturbingly, found that seven of these nine individuals have direct financial ties to vaccine manufacturers, and many have received multi-million dollar grants from NIH:

- Dr. Helen Talbot is the new chair of the committee. She has received over \$425,000 in research funding from Sanofi Pasteur, over \$134,000 from MedImmune (since acquired by AstraZeneca), over \$130,000 from AstraZeneca, and nearly \$40,000 from Gilead.

- Dr. Edwin Asturias has received more than \$65,000 in direct payments and over \$3.6 million in associated research funding from various vaccine manufacturers, including Pfizer, Merck, and GlaxoSmithKline since 2016.

- Dr. Yvonne Maldonado has received over \$35,000 in general payments and nearly \$3.7 million in associated research funding from Pfizer since 2016. She was also the principal investigator on National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants totaling over \$11.5 million.

- Dr. Noel Brewer is currently a Merck consultant who has received <u>grants</u> for over \$500,000 from Merck, a grant for more than \$420,000 from Pfizer, and a grant for \$3.5 million from GlaxoSmithKline.

- Dr. George Kuchel received over \$13,000 in general payments from Janssen and about \$5,000 in associated research funding from Novartis during 2019. He was the principal investigator on over \$20.9 million in NIH grants.

- Dr. Helen Chu has received over \$65,000 in payments and grants from Pfizer and Merck since 2016. She has <u>served</u> on advisory boards for Merck and Vir Biotechnology, and she has received almost \$900,000 in grant funding from NIH.

- Dr. Albert Shaw has received several thousand dollars in payments and grants from GlaxoSmithKline and Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals since 2019. Dr. Shaw has received over \$10.4 million in NIH grants for his research.

Five of the new members have already joined the committee, while the remaining four start their term July 1. The next ACIP meeting is scheduled for June 26-28, 2024, where members will be voting on numerous topics including COVID-19 vaccine recommendations for 2024-2025. ICAN will be in attendance and will continue to update our supporters on any new developments regarding the HHS FOIA lawsuit.

# FOURTH V-SAFE PRODUCTION REVEALS A DISTURBING TREND IN MISCARRIAGES AND MENSTRUAL DISTURBANCES FOLLOWING COVID-19 VACCINATION

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- V-safe free-text entries reveal over 500 reports of miscarriages and more than 2,000 reports of menstrual disturbances linked to COVID-19 vaccination.
- CDC has overlooked these adverse reports and instead references its own funded study to claim safety during pregnancy.

While <u>CDC</u> assures the public that COVID-19 vaccines do not cause fertility issues, and that any menstrual irregularities are minor and temporary, the V-safe free-text entries CDC was forced to produce by a court order show the opposite!

ICAN's review of the <u>free-</u> <u>text</u> records produced to date, which are only a small fraction of the total set to be released by CDC, reveals at least <u>500 reports</u> <u>of miscarriage</u> and more than 2,000 reports of menstrual disturbances.



Here are a few examples:

"I had a miscarriage at 13 weeks between my first and second vaccine. No chromosomal abnormalities detected."

"I started my menstrual cycle and I've been in menopause for 11mo. I started the night of my vaccine. Not sure if it was a coincidence."

"I had miscarriage after 2nd dose of Pfizer covid vaccine. I felt fine until I had the vaccine and within 48 hrs pregnancy symptoms ceased. I have no history of fertility issues or complications and had 2 healthy uneventful pregnancies prior to this." "I feel this has affected my hormones greatly. About a week after my shot I felt thrown into menopause. Hot flashes, horrible night sweats, mood swings and anxiety. Prior to shot I had none of these symptoms."

Not only has CDC ignored these reports from its own V-safe program, but it has also ignored studies from healthcare specialists within the United States supporting these same harms. For example, one <u>study</u> found significant harms to pregnant women and infants following COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy.

Instead of taking these reported harms seriously,

<u>CDC's website</u> instead points to a study funded by none other than CDC itself to claim COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy is not associated with adverse outcomes.

This again reflects that CDC is not a medical or science organization, but rather a political one. And like all political entities, it sets a policy—in this case that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and everyone must partake—and then only publishes information to support that policy. People don't matter. Facts don't matter. Only the policy of increased vaccine uptake matters.

ICAN will continue to review and report on the V-safe free-text entries as they are received. If you are interested in reviewing the free-text entries, you can <u>download</u> this data directly.

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# SAVANAH **HERNANDEZ** | EP 375

Independent journalist and podcast host, Savanah Hernandez, discusses her fearless style of "guerrilla journalism" and how it has helped her bring light to the most controversial and censored issues of today.

# WHAT TO KNOW

- Savanah stresses the importance of Americans questioning MSM narratives, being aware of propaganda, and doing their own research.
- She and Del discuss challenges faced in journalism and the importance of staying calm in the face of opposition while striving to change hearts and minds through honest discourse.
- She reported on the presence of over 175,000 illegal immigrants in NYC, estimating a cost of \$12 billion through 2025 for housing, feeding, medical care, and free daycare for the children.
- She was censored on Twitter (X) for two years for sharing contrasting perspectives from the Million MAGA March 2020 and exposing discrepancies in media coverage of the 2020 BLM riots.

# JEFFEREY **JAXEN** | EP 376

As countries order millions of bird flu vaccines, Jefferey Jaxen investigates the media excitement surrounding the Bird Flu. Scientists worldwide urge a pause on this research to prevent another pandemic. Unlike COVID, Bird Flu poses a unique threat to American food security. With nearly 100 million birds culled, how might governments exploit this tragedy?

# WHAT TO KNOW

- The culling of millions of birds threatens food security and the poultry industry, impacting both commercial and backyard farms.
- There are concerns that the Bird Flu crisis could be exploited to advance environmental agendas, particularly in achieving net zero emissions goals.
- Alignment of H5N1 outbreaks with gain-of-function research since 1997 raises serious concerns about virus manupulation and strain severity.
- Concerns arise from gain-of-function research enhancing transmissibility and pathogenicity of bird flu viruses.
- Calls for a moratorium on gain-of-function research aim to prevent a human-made influenza pandemic affecting animals and humans.

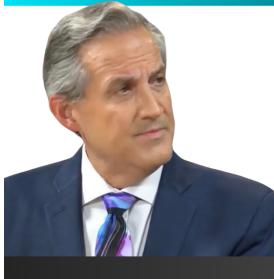


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## DR. JAMES NEUENSCHWANDER | EP 377

Emergency & Integrative Medical Physician, James Neuenschwander, discusses the skyrocketing rates of chronic disease and disorders in children and his mission of *Medical Academy of Pediatric Special Needs* (MAPS) to raise an army of medical practitioners to understand the principles of root cause medicine. Learn about the upcoming <u>MAPS conference</u> in Scottsdale, AZ.

# WHAT TO KNOW

- Dr. Neuenschwander is the President of the Medical Academy of Pediatric Special Needs (MAPS), a non-profit providing support and resources for children with special needs.
- MAPS focuses on promoting the health and well-being of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults through a holistic approach. It emphasizes identifying and treating the underlying causes of health issues in children rather than just addressing symptoms.
- Dr. Neuenschwander's approach involves looking at each child individually, considering factors like prenatal health, birth circumstances, and early vaccinations in their treatment plans.

# DR. WOLFGANG WODARG | EP 377

Epidemiologist & former Member of German Parliament Wolfgang Wodarg, MD, discusses his new book, *False Pandemics: Arguments Against the Rule of Fear.* The book examines the fabricated pandemic alarms of swine and bird flu designed to mislead millions. Hear why he believes it is vital for our immune systems to be exposed to viruses and his surprising take on the threat of gain-of-function research.

## WHAT TO KNOW

- Dr. Wolfgang Wodarg served as a director of a public health institution in northern Germany, specializing in pediatrics.
- As a former Member of Parliament, he actively opposed lobbying influences in healthcare and the pharmaceutical industry's influence on medical practices.
- He promotes holistic healthcare approaches, emphasizes patientcentered care, and encourages the use of humor and critical thinking in navigating health crises.
- His website serves as a resource for accessing his research, insights, and perspectives on public health, medicine, and healthcare systems.



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REMEMBERING DR. MEEHAN

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The HighWire family deeply mourns the passing of Dr. James (Jim) C. Meehan, Jr., a true hero and esteemed colleague who bravely battled cancer and passed away at the age of 59 on June 15, 2024. Dr. Meehan, renowned as an ophthalmologist and a functional medicine doctor, was widely recognized for his outspoken views on vaccine safety, including COVID-19 vaccines and masks, and his advocacy for medical freedom. His legacy is one of integrity, courage, and an unwavering dedication to truth.

Dr. Meehan was devoted to his wife, Cathy, raising their five children, and cherishing his time with his grandchildren. His faith and commitment to his family were central to his life and work. His professional journey began in 1998 when he graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. He completed his residency in ophthalmology at Washington University and Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. He was also an award-winning West Point cadet, a 5th-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, a NAGA World Jiu-Jitsu Champion, and a 2013 "Living Legend" inductee into the Martial Arts Masters Hall of Fame.

Dr. Meehan was not just a doctor but a pioneer in preventive and functional medicine. Early in his career, he recognized the flaws in our medical system, saying, "I discovered just how much the pharmaceutical and medical industries were profiting at the cost of patients' health. It was apparent that keeping people sick was the motive of the medical industry, and I had to do my part to change that system."



Meehan, Cadet Fourth Class, United States ary Academy, West Point, NY, 1984.



JIM MEEHAN, MD @docmeehan

The medical training we get as doctors is absolutely controlled by the pharmaceutical industry. I have experienced it first-hand. From the first day of medical school to the last, it is brain washing and indoctrination by the pharmaceutical industry.

His journey from treating diseases surgically to embracing functional medicine was sparked by his own health challenges over 15 years ago. Frustrated by misdiagnosis, he pursued extensive research in functional medicine, immunology, and interventional endocrinology. This led to the development of <u>The Meehan MINDSET</u><sup>TM</sup>, which emphasizes the importance of positive thinking paired with various therapies that helped thousands of patients take control of their health without pharmaceutical drugs.



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During my position as a medical editor, I was told "You don't understand how the game is played." Well, I am not playing games. This was the beginning of my awakening and emergence. It forced me to research everything and start my training over without the influence of the pharmaceutical industry.

Dr. Meehan was a staunch advocate for informed consent and medical choice and was extremely vocal about vaccine risks for many years. His commitment to medical freedom became even more evident as he publicly <u>spoke</u>

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out against masks during the COVID-19 pandemic. In August 2020, Dr. Meehan joined Tulsa business owners in <u>filing a lawsuit</u> against Mayor Bynum and the Tulsa City Council, challenging the city-wide mask mandate.

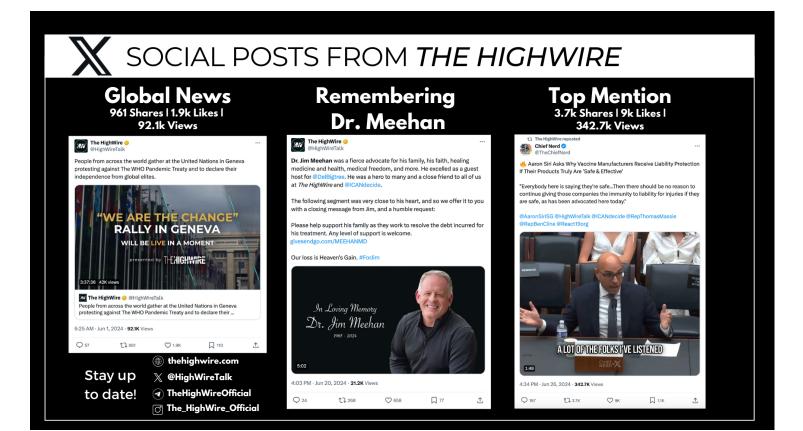
Dr. Meehan's commitment to vaccine safety also encompassed his faith-based concerns regarding the use of aborted fetal cell lines in vaccines. In a <u>heartfelt segment</u> for *The HighWire*, he discussed the ethical implications of these practices, emphasizing the importance of religious freedoms and informed consent. His poignant words reflected his deep commitment to protecting the health and rights of individuals, particularly children.

Dr. Meehan was more than a medical professional; he was a warrior for truth and a protector of health freedoms. He showed unwavering support for *The HighWire* during Del's personal health challenges, <u>stepping in to host</u> and provide assistance whenever needed. As Dr. Meehan faced his battle with cancer, our community rallied to support him and his family, recognizing the immense contributions he has made. Dr. Meehan's legacy is a call to action for all who value truth and medical freedom. His life reminds us of the importance of standing up for our beliefs, educating ourselves and others, and protecting our freedoms. As we remember Dr. Meehan, let us strive to embody the courage, compassion, and dedication that defined his remarkable journey.

The HighWire family extends its deepest condolences to Dr. Meehan's family and friends. We honor his memory and commit to continuing the fight for medical freedom.

Your support for the Meehan family would be invaluable during this difficult time. Please consider making a donation to their *GiveSendGo* fundraiser <u>here</u>. Together, we can ensure that Dr. Meehan's family feels blessed and supported as they navigate this challenging period. Jim, you will always be remembered with love.





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