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## Researchers warn against fluoride use for infants and pregnant women to prevent neurological damage

New York – July 8, 2020 - Avoid fluoride during pregnancy and infancy to protect babies' brains, caution fluoride researchers in the [Journal of Pediatrics](#) ("Current Best Evidence," July 2020), reports the New York State Coalition Opposed to Fluoridation, Inc. (NYSCOF).

Scientists Howard Hu, MD and Morteza Bashash, PhD provide commentary on [one](#) of seven well-conducted and government funded [Mother-Offspring studies](#) indicating that fluoride can potentially affect brain development.

They write, "Fluoride is not essential for growth and development, a cautious step could be avoidance of fluoridated products and water by women during pregnancy and by infants during the first 6 months of life."

*JAMA Pediatrics* Journal editor [Dimitri Christakis](#), MD, agrees. "I would advise them [pregnant women] to drink bottled water or filtered water because it is not a particularly odious thing to do and actually does reduce the risk," in a discussion of the [JAMA Pediatrics fluoride/IQ](#) study.

Additionally, [65 studies found a lower IQ](#) among children with higher fluoride exposure; 400 link [fluoride to neurological effects](#).

Unnecessary fluoride chemicals, purposely added to many US public water supplies, [attempts but fails to prevent tooth decay](#).

Officials also fail to adequately publicize scientists' advice to avoid [mixing fluoridated water into infant formula to prevent dental fluorosis \(discolored teeth\)](#). Can government be trusted to adequately warn parents of fluoride's neurological toxicity?

“It’s up to us to protect our children from fluoride. Politics and money protect fluoridation; science does not,” says attorney Paul Beeber, NYSCOF President. “Organize your community to stop fluoridation.”

[Dr. Hu recently](#) testified [in a US federal fluoride lawsuit](#) against the EPA. Plaintiffs demand EPA lower allowable fluoride levels in public water supplies based on the growing evidence of fluoride’s neurological harm.

According to [Law360.com](#) “The judge said it’s undisputed that fluoride can, at some level, be a neurological hazard. The EPA doesn’t dispute that, but what has been hotly disputed at trial is the level at which a neurological hazard exists.”

“It’s time to stop using our children as guinea pigs in these ongoing fluoride/brain studies,” says Beeber. “New science says fluoride accumulates in the brain, where it was never intended and doesn’t belong. This should be enough to cease artificial fluoridation schemes country-wide,” says Beeber.

Harvard professor and neurotoxicity expert Philippe Grandjean, MD, also testified in the fluoride trial. He concluded in a [recent review](#)

*“... there is little doubt that developmental neurotoxicity is a serious risk associated with elevated fluoride exposure, whether due to community water fluoridation, natural fluoride release from soil minerals, or tea consumption, especially when the exposure occurs during early development.”*

Fluoridation was declared safe for 75 years. “Yet, studies conducted in North America examining the safety of fluoride exposure in pregnancy were nonexistent,” write [Till and Green](#) in “Controversy: The evolving science of fluoride: when new evidence doesn’t conform with existing beliefs.” Till and Green advise pregnant women to avoid fluoridated water.

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