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Parents and vaccination

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Introduction: to examine vaccination, side effect of vaccine and parents attitudes

Sample and methods: 1050 parents of 6 years old children; anonymous questionnaire.

Results: 97.9% of all parents vaccinated their child by the Croatian law only 2.1% did not (did not get the official invitation, being in foreign countries, forgot it, being ill). Extra vaccine that child had are against meningoencephalitis, flu, small pox. 99.3% parents did not know the name of the any vaccine; 99% never wanted help from doctor after vaccination-there is no side effects; 1% mentioned pain, temperature and rash after vaccination. 86.9% of parents think that vaccination is good preventive measure against diseases; 71.7% support official vaccine calendar in Croatia, most of these parents are from the city and highly educated.

Conclusion: In Croatia, the vaccine for some diseases is obligatory for all population and regulated by the law. The antivaxers are strong in Croatia, but we still have over 90% vaccinated children. Especially these days we are becoming aware of the dangers of infectious diseases, so health professionals must continue to strengthen prevention and educations.