



Should the Government Make You Do It? Vaccine Mandates and Children

First in a series of public forums on vaccine science, ethics, and policy presented at The Franklin in partnership with the Center for Vaccine Ethics and Policy.

Wednesday, March 26, 2008 | 7:00PM – 8:30PM

THE FRANKLIN THEATER

- **Opening Remarks:** Frederic Bertley
- **Immunization and Child Health:** Paul Offit
- **Case Study: New Jersey and Pre-School Influenza Vaccination:** Eddy Bresnitz
- **The Ethics of Vaccine Mandates:** Art Caplan
- **Vaccines and the Media:** John Timpane
- **Q & A**

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Benjamin Franklin on Innoculation

In 1736, Benjamin Franklin's four-year-old son Francis died of smallpox. Shortly after his son's death, Franklin published in his Pennsylvania Gazette on December 30, 1736 that his son had contracted the disease before an inoculation was available. Franklin continued to say that he would have had his son inoculated if given the opportunity, as Franklin's opinion was that inoculation is "a safe and beneficial Practice."

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