

IAOMT Press Release

In 1978 Congress ordered FDA to require that all medical and dental devices be classified (to reflect their safety and efficacy) based on sound scientific evidence. Despite that Congressional mandate the FDA has steadfastly refused to classify mercury/silver dental fillings for more than 30 years. That is, until this week!

In a shocking announcement on Tuesday certain FDA officials apparently chose to ignore or disregard dozens of reliable peer-reviewed research studies documenting significant human health risks posed by mercury derived from dental fillings. In fact FDA has now classified this substance - which has been declared by EPA as a toxic waste disposal hazard! - as a class II dental device, meaning FDA is claiming it is harmless. Dental amalgam is universally acknowledged to expose people to mercury, but by declaring it a class II device, the FDA has passed on the opportunity to require proof of safety from its manufacturers. Instead FDA has declared it safe by administrative fiat.

Paradoxically this 'opinion' of safety stands in direct contradiction to the conclusions of its own 2006 Joint Panel of FDA scientific experts as well as the IAOMT Scientific Advisory Board members (see attached) who reviewed the same research papers. It also stands in contrast to the FDA's own current advisories that pregnant women limit their dietary intake of certain fish due to their mercury content - even though it is known that **mercury dental fillings contribute 2-3 times as much mercury to human body burden that do alldietary & environmental sources combined.**

Experts from around the world have also led many other countries to abandon or dramatically restrict the use of mercury/silver fillings on their own populations - particularly pregnant women and children, who are especially vulnerable to the neurotoxic effects of mercury. As more and more devastating neurological and other disorders continue to be linked to mercury, the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology is increasingly concerned about the widespread over-exposure of the human population to mercury. Yet the FDA, the federal agency entrusted by Congress and the American public to advise and protect us from harmful products is now on record assuring us that the single greatest source of mercury, the most potent neurotoxic element on earth, is now harmless even to pregant women and children.

This begs the question - who are the scientific "experts" inside the FDA who are telling us this nonsense and what scientific credentials do they possess? Why do they arrive at conclusions which so are diametrically opposed the world renowned IAOMT Scientific Advisory Board members and many other established scientists with credentials in toxicology? We know for sure that the IAOMT Scientific Advisory Board scientists have no vested interests in the dental manufacturing industry and they act independently of the IAOMT. What is known of the FDA scientific "experts"? - and what motive can be ascribed to their breach of duty to classify for 30 years?

Consumers deserve to know !

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