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Re coronavirus vaccination - "we need everybody to be vaccinated" - President of the Australian Medical Association

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For the attention of:

Dr Omar Khorshid
President of the Australian Medical Association

Dear Dr Khorshid

In an ABC interview yesterday discussing 'health misinformation' and COVID vaccines, you said "...**for a vaccination program to work, we need everybody to be vaccinated, so we get those numbers up, we get the whole population immunised and therefore, immune to the virus**".[1]

Dr Khorshid, on what evidence are you basing your statement, why do you say "**we need everybody to be vaccinated**"? What proof do you have that coronavirus vaccination will make people "**immune to the virus**"? What is your definition of "**immune to the virus**"? You are an orthopaedic surgeon, not a specialist in infectious diseases, immunology and vaccines, on what expertise are you making your pronouncements?

It seems that most people under 70 are unlikely to be too adversely affected by this coronavirus, so why should they be subjected to what could become annual vaccination with coronavirus vaccine products throughout life? For instance Pascal Soriot, CEO of AstraZeneca, is assuming immunity could last 12 months maybe 18 months, "but the truth is that we don't know, this virus is very unpredictable".[2] I suggest there is much that is unknown about SARS-CoV-2, and the fast-tracked coronavirus vaccine products, a massive global experiment is now underway.

Looking at data from Sweden as an example of a country affected by the coronavirus, over the past nearly 12 months, there have been only 864 deaths attributed to coronavirus (COVID-19) in the age group 0-69 years.[3] 550 of these deaths were in the age group 60-69 years, so 314 deaths in the age group 0-59 years, in people of unknown general health status. This is in a country with a population of around 10.3 million.[4]

The majority of deaths in Sweden attributed to coronavirus (COVID-19) were in the age group 80 years and older[3], likely people with comorbidities, so COVID-19 is most likely to occur in the elderly. Life expectancy in Sweden for men is around 80.75 and 84.24 for women[5], so deaths attributed to COVID-19 must be seen in this context of life expectancy.

Dr Khorshid, do you really think it's justifiable to vaccinate millions of Australian children, and others in the prime of life, potentially for every year of their lives, for a virus that is unlikely to be a threat to them? Vaccination may actually interfere with their own natural response to the virus which may provide them with more effective protection, i.e. potentially annual coronavirus vaccination may be stealing their natural immunity - is this ethical?

And we have no idea of the long-term cumulative consequences of annual coronavirus vaccination, on top of the vaccine load already being imposed on Australians by the ever-increasing [National Immunisation Program Schedule](#).

Dr Khorshid, you are using your position as President of the Australian Medical Association to speak publicly, and potentially influence taxpayer-funded vaccination policy, about vaccine products the Australian people are at risk of being coerced to accept by the government, so you are accountable to the general public for your statements.

I request your response on this matter Dr Khorshid.

Sincerely

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Independent person investigating the over-use of vaccine products and conflicts of interest in vaccination policy.

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