

“To Vaccinate, Or Not To Vaccinate?”

Objective:

To present valid concerns that parents may ask you to address as healthcare providers regarding vaccines that are recommended and required for their children in Colorado. Second to provide accurate and factual information to parents regarding vaccinations.

Procedure:

Each group will be responsible for finding research and facts for their specific arguments regarding vaccinations. Please site your sources. Find current information and use the research you discover to make a compelling argument either for or against vaccinating children between the ages of birth and 20 years old.

You will have given some time to research and formulate your arguments and rebuttals for your assigned position on this discussion in your assigned groups. We will then meet at another assigned time to begin the debate.

You will have 30 minutes to present your information and each person on your team must take an active role and speak at least once. After that, your team will need to be ready to defend your arguments against questions, comments and concerns for 15 minutes from the opposing team.

The next group will present their arguments in the same fashion for 30 minutes followed by another 15 minutes of rebuttal.

You may use the Internet to access information on your topic. You may also ask for books within the health department to use for your presentations, interview staff members regarding their position on this issue.

Outcomes:

To better prepare yourself as nurses to educate, inform and be an active advocate for your patient's health. To respect your patient's decision to make autonomous healthcare decisions and to uphold and carryout their decisions whether you support them or not.

Group A:

Vaccines contain Thimerisol, which is made from mercury, a neurotoxin. MMR causes Autism.

Group B:

Address parental concerns about Thimerisol and MMR causing Autism.

Group A:

Vaccines don't work and it's better to get the natural disease.

Group B:

Address parental concerns that vaccines don't work and it's better to get the natural disease.

Group A:

Vaccines weaken or "use up" the immune system.

Group B:

Address parental concerns that vaccines weaken or "use up" the immune system.