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**Some parents are refraining from giving certain immunizations to their children. How will this affect diseases in the United States in the future? How as medical professionals can we embrace these nontraditional practices?**

Refusal or refraining provision of recommended vaccines to children would significantly and adversely affect diseases in the United States in the future. As emphasized in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “Diseases that are almost unknown would stage a comeback. Before long we would see epidemics of diseases that are nearly under control today. More children would get sick and more would die” [CITATION CDC14 \p 1 \l 1033 ]. As such, the relevance of immunization was affirmed to ultimately prevent diseases and keep children (as well as the adult population) in good health. From the statement of the CDC, the authorized health agency tasked with disseminating information on various diseases and on the value of immunization, refraining from giving immunizations to children would expose them to health hazards and risks of contracting illnesses (even those which were identified to have been under control).

Medical professionals should promote recommended vaccinations to ensure that children are prevented from contracting illnesses. Parents should be the target group for disseminating crucial and relevant information which would increase their awareness on the importance of providing required vaccinations to their children. Any non-traditional practice of refraining giving of critical immunizations should be addressed with caution and respect. However, diligence and commitment in enforcing the value of immunizations should still be promoted to local community members and health centers. An awareness campaign on the myths and facts about immunization should be appropriately disclosed.

Reference

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