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Re: **Independent Scientists – you said you want a list to call**

Dear Mr. Adjodha,

By handpicking as official speakers only those who agree with Dr. Lin and Dr. Runner -- pro-mercury advocates with probable ties to organized dentistry, plus FDA staff embedded in protecting amalgam from the emerging science -- it is increasingly clear that Dr. Schultz, Dr. Lin, Dr. Runner, and you are attempting to marginalize those who want science to trump ADA politics. That FDA staff in the 21st century continues to trivialize mercury toxicity, pretending it only causes rashes, or justifying it based on the pseudo-science that it's been used for a long time, is truly an outrage. No reputable scientist defends mercury toxicity, and no reputable scientist denies that amalgam (50% mercury) causes mercury toxicity. True, Dr. Runner has handpicked biased and unqualified persons, usually dentists, to opine to the contrary, but they have no science to support their bogus positions, and most (e.g. DeRouen) have severe conflicts of interest.

Assistant Commissioner Lutter and Assistant Commissioner Brodsky will be shocked to learn that **Dr. Schultz, Dr. Lin, Dr. Runner, and you are incapable of identifying independent scientists who have published researched the toxicity of mercury amalgam.** That you refuse to find out such easily-accessible information is further proof that **the Center on Devices gets its information on mercury amalgam from the most biased source of all, the ADA**, who has pay-to-play contracts with amalgam manufacturers and even owns patents on mercury fillings. That you would assert you are interested in getting the science before the panel, but in the next breath admit that the Center on Devices has no idea whom to invite, speaks volumes about the long-lasting Center policy of shutting out the science of mercury toxicity from amalgam.

Sir, would you ask Dr. Schultz to stop keeping dentists in charge of determining if mercury harms the fetus, the brain, and the kidneys! It's time for him and Dr. Lin to cut the apron strings from the ADA.

But you have requested information on who are the scientists and how to find them, and I am pleased to cooperate. In addition to Professor Boyd Haley, whom you called yesterday, here are the leading independent scientists and contact information.

Research

- Professor Vascken Aposhian, Ph. D., University of Arizona, Tucson
Ph. 520.621-7565; e: Aposhian@u.arizona.edu
- Professor James Adams, Arizona State University, Tempe
Ph. 480.965-3316; e: jim.adams@asu.edu

- Professor Anne Summers, University of Georgia, Athens
Ph. 706.542-2669; e: summers@uga.edu
- Murray Vimy, DDS, University of Calgary, Alberta
Ph. 403.266-2251. e: dr-vimy@shaw.ca
- Fritz Lorscheider, Ph.D. formerly of U. of Calgary, retired and now in Kaiwah I.,
S.C. Ph. 843.768-4396 (no known e-address)

Neurology

- Margareta Griesz-brisson, M.D., a German now residing in the U.K. I will get you her contact information; her c.v. is attached.

Dental materials

- Mark Morin, DDS, Detroit -- one of the leaders in continuing dental education. You signed up an ADA “materials expert.” Now it’s time for one who is independent – and who will explain why mercury amalgam is a truly bad dental material. Ph. 248.354-1555; e: DrMorin@earthlink.net

As you said you would, **I would expect that you will invite each of these persons to testify.** Failure to do so would indicate bad faith on the part of Dr. Schultz, Dr. Lin, Dr. Runner, and you.

Sincerely,
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cc--Chu Lin, Patricia Kuntze, Les Weinstein, FDA; scientists and dentist identified above

PS -- Since FDA is paying the way for the pro-mercury speakers, we call on Director Dan Schultz and Director Chu Lin to pay their way as well. Otherwise, they are continuing their policy of shutting out independent science in favor of existing ADA propaganda.