

Childhood Vaccines: HPV Vaccine (Gardasil) Injuries and Deaths of Young Boys

14-year-old Christopher Eugene Bunch received Gardasil HPV vaccine at routine doctor's visit and died six weeks later

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"On June 29, 2018, Christopher Bunch received the Gardasil vaccine at a routine doctor's visit.

Within two and half weeks, he started complaining of a sore throat, and by July 31, he was complaining about a terrible sore throat and headache. (Sore throats and headaches are listed on the Gardasil 9 vaccine insert at common adverse effects.)

On August 1, his mother, Destiny, took him to express care where he tested negative for strep throat. He was sent home with instructions to treat the symptoms.

Christopher was checked into the emergency room, and blood work was ordered quickly. From there, his health rapidly deteriorated. He was piercing his lips together and fidgeting with his fingers trying to take off his oxygen monitor.

He wasn't really speaking but would nod and give a thumbs up. His blood work came back and it showed that he had an elevated white blood cell count. Since there were no other signs of bacterial or viral infection or illness, Christopher was sent to Iowa City Children's Hospital for further testing. When Christopher arrived at Iowa City Children's Hospital, they immediately ordered more blood work, a CT Scan, an MRI, and a spinal tap.

The tests revealed that Christopher's brain was swelling and that he had lesions on his brain. Destiny and the doctors went over his last couple of months in detail to try and pinpoint the reason for swelling and lesions. The only thing that was different was that he had received the Gardasil vaccine.

On Friday, August 10, Christopher was moved to the PICU as he needed more observation and medical attention. His neurologist explained that they were diagnosing him with Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (ADEM) and, given his medical history, he was “100% sure that the HPV vaccination caused the ADEM for Christopher... “The week of August 6, Christopher started football practice. After practice, he showered and slept until the following afternoon when it was time for practice again. Thinking that Christopher was dehydrated from practice and the heat, he was encouraged to eat and drink. After dinner, he went back to sleep.

On August 8, after several attempts to wake Christopher, his mother decided he needed to see a doctor and headed to Trinity Medical Center. On the way to the hospital, Christopher was disoriented and said he felt very confused.

By Saturday, August 11, Christopher ‘s health became even more unstable and he stopped breathing on his own. His doctors told his family that they were unsure what the quality of his life would be if he recovered given the level of brain damage that had occurred from the massive amount of brain swelling.

On August 12, the doctors decided that in order to give Christopher the best chance of survival, they had to remove a portion of his skull to relieve the pressure caused by the swelling. His family was told that they would have to wait for two days to see if he had brain function.

On Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 11 AM, doctors tested Christopher to see the level of activity in his brain. At [11:20](#) AM, Destiny, and his father, Elijah, were given the news that their precious baby boy was brain dead. Destiny and Elijah made a decision that no parent should ever have to make. They decided to unhook their son from life support.

Christopher Eugene Bunch passed on August 14, 2018 at [1:02](#) PM.”

Christopher Eugene Bunch (12/5/03-8/14/18)

On December 5, 2003, Christopher Bunch was born into this world. He weighed eight pounds and one ounce and was absolutely perfect. Christopher quickly captured the heart of his parents, older brother, and family. Everyone who met Christopher was instantly drawn in with his beautiful bright blue eyes, his outgoing personality, and his ability to light up the room. Christopher excelled in athletics, playing baseball and football, and was an exceptional student with a 3.9 GPA. He was an incredible son, the best brother you could ever ask for, and a supportive friend and boyfriend. Everyone loved Christopher. He was creative, kind, compassionate, and hilarious. He had a knack for making YouTube videos and described himself as “a kid from a small town trying to make it big.”

Sadly, Christopher passed on August 14, 2018, from a severe form of Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (ADEM), a rare inflammatory demyelinating disease of the central nervous system which his doctors confirmed was caused by the HPV vaccination he had received earlier that summer.

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My Take...

Are HPV Vaccines dangerous for boys?

There are some interesting cases in VAERS.

[VAERS 405821](#) - 15 year old boy (New Jersey) had Gardasil on Aug.30, 2010 and died suddenly while playing hockey on Sep. 27, 2010 (4 weeks later).

VAERS ID: [405821](#) (history) **Vaccinated:** 2010-08-30
Form: Version 1.0 **Onset:** 2010-09-27
Age: 15.0 **Days after vaccination:** 28
Sex: Male **Submitted:** 2010-10-27
Location: New Jersey **Days after onset:** 30
 Entered: 2010-10-28
 Days after submission: 1

| Vaccination / Manufacturer | Lot / Dose | Site / Route |
|---|------------|--------------|
| HPV4: HPV (GARDASIL) / MERCK & CO. INC. | 1333Y / 1 | UN / UN |

Administered by: Other **Purchased by:** Other

Symptoms: [Death](#)

SMQs:

Life Threatening? Yes

Birth Defect? No

Died? Yes

Date died: 2010-09-27

Days after onset: 0

Permanent Disability? No

Recovered? No

Office Visit? No

ER Visit? No

ER or Doctor Visit? No

Hospitalized? No

Previous Vaccinations:

Other Medications: LIPITOR

Current Illness: Cardiac disorder; Asthma

Preexisting Conditions:

Allergies:

Diagnostic Lab Data: Unknown

CDC Split Type: WAES1010USA02704

Write-up: Information has been received from a physician concerning a 15 year old male with asthma and "cardiac history" (unspecified) who on 30-AUG-2010 was vaccinated with GARDASIL (Lot number 665607/1333Y). Concomitant therapy included LIPITOR. [On 27-SEP-2010 the patient died while playing hockey.](#) The physician reported "awaiting autopsy results". At the time of report no further information was available. The reporter considered death to be life-threatening. A lot check has been initiated. Additional information has been requested.

[VAERS 421582](#) - 17 year old boy had Gardasil Nov. 1, 2010 and died from sudden cardiac death on the lacrosse field 5 months later on April 1, 2011.

VAERS ID: [421582](#) (history) **Vaccinated:** 2010-11-01
Form: Version 1.0 **Onset:** 2010-11-01
Age: 17.0 **Days after vaccination:** 0
Sex: Male **Submitted:** 2011-04-21
Location: Unknown **Days after onset:** 171
 Entered: 2011-04-22
 Days after submission: 1

| Vaccination / Manufacturer | Lot / Dose | Site / Route |
|---|------------|--------------|
| HPV4: HPV (GARDASIL) / MERCK & CO. INC. | - / UNK | UN / UN |

Administered by: Other **Purchased by:** Other

Symptoms: [Death](#), [Sudden cardiac death](#)

SMQs: Torsade de pointes/QT prolongation (broad), Arrhythmia related investigations, signs and symptoms (narrow), Shock-associated circulatory or cardiac conditions (excl torsade de pointes) (narrow), Cardiomyopathy (broad), Noninfectious myocarditis/pericarditis (broad)

Life Threatening? Yes

Birth Defect? No

Died? Yes

Date died: 0000-00-00

Permanent Disability? Yes

Recovered? No

Office Visit? No

ER Visit? No

ER or Doctor Visit? No

Hospitalized? No

Previous Vaccinations:

Other Medications: Unknown

Current Illness:

Preexisting Conditions: Unknown

Allergies:

Diagnostic Lab Data: Unknown

CDC Split Type: WAES1104USA02226

Write-up: Information has been received from a nurse practitioner concerning a patient's nephew, a 17 year old male consumer who she "thought" was vaccinated with a dose of GARDASIL (lot number not provided) in November 2010. The nurse practitioner stated that two weeks after the patient received the dose of GARDASIL, approximately November 2010 (also reported as "two weeks ago" on approximately 01-APR-2011), [the patient died of sudden cardiac death on the lacrosse field](#). Unspecified medical treatment was given. It was unspecified if any lab diagnostic test were performed. The cause of death was sudden cardiac death. Sudden cardiac death was considered to be immediately life-threatening and disabling by the reporting nurse practitioner. Additional information has been requested.

[VAERS 437999](#) - 18 year old boy (Ohio) got Gardasil 2nd dose on July 22, 2011 and committed suicide by hanging on July 27, 2011. "The patient had no medical history," "physician also reported that there was no indication from the patient that he was troubled," "Toxicology screen indicated that there were no medications involved in the patient's death."

VAERS ID: [437999](#) (history) **Vaccinated:** 2011-07-22
Form: Version 1.0 **Onset:** 2011-07-27
Age: 18.0 **Days after vaccination:** 5
Sex: Male **Submitted:** 2011-10-12
Location: Ohio **Days after onset:** 77
Entered: 2011-10-13
Days after submission: 1

| Vaccination / Manufacturer | Lot / Dose | Site / Route |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| HEPA: HEP A (VAQTA) / MERCK & CO. INC. | 0126AA / UNK | UN / UN |
| HPV4: HPV (GARDASIL) / MERCK & CO. INC. | 0841AA / 2 | UN / UN |

Administered by: Other **Purchased by:** Other
Symptoms: [Asphyxia](#), [Completed suicide](#), [Death](#), [Drug screen negative](#), [Toxicologic test normal](#)
SMQs: Suicide/self-injury (narrow), Acute central respiratory depression (broad), Hostility/aggression (broad), Respiratory failure (broad)

Life Threatening? No

Birth Defect? No

Died? Yes

Date died: 2011-07-27

Days after onset: 0

Permanent Disability? No

Recovered? No

Office Visit? No

ER Visit? No

ER or Doctor Visit? No

Hospitalized? No

Previous Vaccinations:

Other Medications: SEPTRA

Current Illness: Acne

Preexisting Conditions:

Allergies:

Diagnostic Lab Data: diagnostic laboratory, 7/7/11, toxic screen indicated that there were no medications involved in the patient's death.

CDC Split Type: WAES1110USA00917

Write-up: Information has been received from a physician concerning an 18 year old male patient with acne and no drug allergy or reaction who on 16-MAY-2011 was vaccinated with the first dose of GARDASIL (Lot number 668554/0306AA; Expired date: 10-MAY-2013) and a dose of VAQTA (Lot number: 670377/0126AA; Expired date: 07-DEC-2013, dose in series unknown). On 22-JUL-2011, the patient received the second dose of GARDASIL (Lot number 668262/0841AA; Expired date: 18-APR-2013). Concomitant therapy included SEPTRA. Follow up phone call from the physician was received. The physician reported that the patient had no medical history. The last time he saw the patient was on 22-JUL-2011, when the patient received his second dose of GARDASIL. The physician also reported that there was no indication from the patient that he was troubled. On 27-JUL-2011 the patient committed suicide. The cause of death was asphyxiation by hanging. The death report that the physician received was that the patient had a normal examination. The Toxic screen indicated that there were no medications involved in the patient's death. The patient's mother had asked the physician if GARDASIL could have caused her son to commit suicide. The physician reported to the patient's mother that he did not feel that GARDASIL was the cause of her son's suicide. The physician stated that he was not aware of any reported deaths by suicide that were related to GARDASIL. Lot checks have been initiated for

[VAERS 457904](#) - 14 year old boy (Wisconsin) had Gardasil on Apr. 2, 2012 and June 4, 2012. On June 7, 2012 he shot himself in the head. "Physician stated this young male was happy go lucky, healthy, and never had any psychiatric issues in the past."

VAERS ID: [457904](#) (history) **Vaccinated:** 2012-06-04
Form: Version 1.0 **Onset:** 2012-06-07
Age: 14.0 **Days after vaccination:** 3
Sex: Male **Submitted:** 2012-06-21
Location: Wisconsin **Days after onset:** 14
 Entered: 2012-06-22
 Days after submission: 1

| Vaccination / Manufacturer | Lot / Dose | Site / Route |
|---|------------|--------------|
| HPV4: HPV (GARDASIL) / MERCK & CO. INC. | 1224AA / 2 | LA / IM |

Administered by: Other **Purchased by:** Other
Symptoms: [Completed suicide](#), [Death](#), [Gun shot wound](#)
SMQs: Suicide/self-injury (narrow), Accidents and injuries (narrow), Hostility/aggression (broad)
Life Threatening? No
Birth Defect? No
Died? Yes
 Date died: 2012-06-07
 Days after onset: 0
Permanent Disability? No
Recovered? No
Office Visit? No
ER Visit? No
ER or Doctor Visit? No
Hospitalized? No
Previous Vaccinations:
Other Medications: None
Current Illness:
Preexisting Conditions: None
Allergies:
Diagnostic Lab Data: Unknown
CDC Split Type: WAES1206USA02932
Write-up: Information has been received from a physician concerning a 14 year old male with no pertinent medical history and no drug allergies who was vaccinated intramuscularly with the first and second 0.5ml dose of GARDASIL (Lot# not reported) respectively on 02-APR-2012 and 04-JUN-2012. There was no concomitant medication. On 07-JUN-2012 the patient committed suicide. He shot himself in head. Physician stated this young male was happy go lucky, healthy, and never had any psychiatric issues in the past. It was not known if the patient sought for medical attention. On 07-JUN-2012 the patient died of suicide. Additional information has been requested.

[VAERS 510130](#) - 14 year old boy (California) had 2nd Gardasil vaccine on Aug.19, 2013. "Victim was found unresponsive/cardiac arrest in bed at home in the morning of Aug. 20, 2013 (next day). Autopsy showed cause of death was myocarditis."

VAERS ID: [510130](#) (history) **Vaccinated:** 2013-08-19
Form: Version 1.0 **Onset:** 2013-08-20
Age: 14.0 **Days after vaccination:** 1
Sex: Male **Submitted:** 2013-10-26
Location: California **Days after onset:** 67
 Entered: 2013-10-29
 Days after submission: 3

| Vaccination / Manufacturer | Lot / Dose | Site / Route |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| HPV4: HPV (GARDASIL) / MERCK & CO. INC. | H020062 / 2 | LA / IM |

Administered by: Private **Purchased by:** Private

Symptoms: [Autopsy](#), [Cardiac arrest](#), [Death](#), [Myocarditis](#), [Unresponsive to stimuli](#)

SMQs: Torsade de pointes/QT prolongation (broad), Anaphylactic reaction (broad), Hyperglycaemia/new onset diabetes mellitus (broad), Neuroleptic malignant syndrome (broad), Arrhythmia related investigations, signs and symptoms (broad), Shock-associated circulatory or cardiac conditions (excl torsade de pointes) (narrow), Acute central respiratory depression (broad), Guillain-Barre syndrome (broad), Noninfectious encephalitis (broad), Noninfectious encephalopathy/delirium (broad), Noninfectious meningitis (broad), Cardiomyopathy (broad), Hypotonic-hyporesponsive episode (broad), Respiratory failure (broad), Drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms syndrome (broad), Hypoglycaemia (broad), Immune-mediated/autoimmune disorders (broad), Noninfectious myocarditis/pericarditis (narrow)

Life Threatening? No

Birth Defect? No

Died? Yes

Date died: 2013-08-20

Days after onset: 0

Permanent Disability? No

Recovered? No

Office Visit? No

ER Visit? No

ER or Doctor Visit? No

Hospitalized? No

Previous Vaccinations:

Other Medications: None

Current Illness: None

Preexisting Conditions: None

Allergies:

Diagnostic Lab Data: Autopsy.

CDC Split Type:

Write-up: [Victim was found unresponsive/cardiac arrest in bed at home in the morning of 8/20/13.](#)

[Autopsy showed cause of death was myocarditis.](#)

[VAERS 515434](#) – 16 year old boy (Louisiana) had Gardasil on May 23, 2013. He died 6 weeks later on July 4, 2013. “Sudden death. He was perfectly healthy. This vaccination is the only thing I can think of that would have caused this. Everything else in his life was normal, the same.”

VAERS ID: [515434](#) (history) **Vaccinated:** 2013-05-23
Form: Version 1.0 **Onset:** 2013-07-04
Age: 16.0 **Days after vaccination:** 42
Sex: Male **Submitted:** 2013-12-03
Location: Louisiana **Days after onset:** 152
Entered: 2013-12-03

| Vaccination / Manufacturer | Lot / Dose | Site / Route |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| HPV4: HPV (GARDASIL) / MERCK & CO. INC. | H016238 / 1 | LA / IM |

Administered by: Private **Purchased by:** Unknown

Symptoms: [Sudden death](#)

SMQs: Torsade de pointes/QT prolongation (broad), Arrhythmia related investigations, signs and symptoms (broad), Cardiomyopathy (broad), Noninfectious myocarditis/pericarditis (broad)

Life Threatening? No

Birth Defect? No

Died? Yes

Date died: 2013-07-04

Days after onset: 0

Permanent Disability? No

Recovered? No

Office Visit? No

ER Visit? No

ER or Doctor Visit? No

Hospitalized? No

Previous Vaccinations:

Other Medications: ALBUTEROL

Current Illness: No illnesses at time of vaccination

Preexisting Conditions: Asthma

Allergies:

Diagnostic Lab Data:

CDC Split Type:

Write-up: [Sudden death. He was perfectly healthy. This vaccination is the only thing I can think of that would have caused this. Everything else in his life was normal, the same.](#)

Do pediatricians or family doctors discuss these risks with their patients? I would bet none of them do.

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