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**Statement on CDC Vaccine & Autism Updates from
the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP)**

November 20, 2025 – We remain steadfast in our commitment to advancing public health through evidence-based practice, scientific integrity, and transparent communication. In light of recent changes to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) webpage addressing vaccines and autism, and the subsequent amplification of false claims by anti-vaccine advocates, we believe it is essential to reaffirm what decades of rigorous research have already demonstrated: **vaccines do not cause autism.**

For more than a quarter of a century, large, well-designed studies conducted around the globe have consistently found no causal link between any vaccine and autism spectrum disorder. This remains one of the most extensively researched questions in modern medicine. The CDC's recent webpage update has been mischaracterized as new evidence of risk. In reality, the scientific conclusion stands unchanged. Vaccination is safe, effective, and critical to protecting patients.

Our commitment to science and public health is to:

- Uphold sound scientific processes to protect the health of patients and communities
- Ensure that immunization recommendations are driven by science-backed evidence
- Advocate for access to safe and effective vaccines for all populations
- Counter information that creates mistrust in immunization programs

Vaccines have prevented millions of hospitalizations, countless deaths, and disease resurgence. The spread of misinformation poses a threat to our communities, especially at a time when measles is resurging globally, preventable disease outbreaks are increasing, and vaccination rates in children and adolescents are declining. Our responsibility is to ensure that public conversations about vaccines remain grounded in fact, not fear.

Vaccines do not cause autism and they continue to save lives every day.

Signed,

-Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP) Board of Directors
-Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)
-Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA)

About SIDP

Founded in 1990, the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists is dedicated to promoting the appropriate use of antimicrobials through education, training, research and policy. SIDP is the premier organization for pharmacists engaged in infectious diseases, with more than 2,000 pharmacists and other healthcare professional members. Part of our mission is to develop

collaborative relationships with other professional and regulatory organizations involved in education, clinical practice, research and policy development related to the prevention and management of infectious diseases. We are committed to advancing infectious diseases pharmacy through collaborative research and education and optimizing the care of patients with infections in every practice setting. Learn more at sidp.org.

About APIC

Founded in 1972, the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology is the leading association for infection preventionists and epidemiologists. With more than 15,000 members, APIC advances the science and practice of infection prevention and control. APIC carries out its mission through research, advocacy and patient safety; education, credentialing and certification; and fostering development of the infection prevention and control workforce of the future. Together with our members and partners, we are working toward a safer world through the prevention of infection. Join us and learn more at apic.org.

About HOPA

The Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) supports hematology/oncology pharmacy professionals and promotes the role of the pharmacist in collaborative cancer care. Founded in 2004, HOPA provides crucial education, networking, and advancement opportunities frequently sought by pharmacists, pharmacy interns, residents, fellows, students, technicians, researchers, and administrators who specialize in hematology/oncology pharmacy. Its vision is to ensure that all individuals affected by cancer have a hematology/oncology pharmacist as an integral member of their care team.

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