

## The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System

The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) is not a valid source of scientific data regarding the adverse side effects of vaccines without a great deal of additional analysis as is explained at this website:

<https://vaers.hhs.gov/data/dataguide.html>

This is an excerpt from that site:

“it is important to note that for any reported event, no cause-and-effect relationship has been established. Reports of all possible associations between vaccines and adverse events (possible side effects) are filed in VAERS. Therefore, VAERS collects data on any adverse event following vaccination, be it coincidental or truly caused by a vaccine. The report of an adverse event to VAERS is not documentation that a vaccine caused the event.”

Here is another excerpt from that site:

“VAERS reports can be submitted voluntarily by anyone, including healthcare providers, patients, or family members. Reports vary in quality and completeness. They often lack details and sometimes can have information that contains errors.”

This makes the data invalid for drawing conclusions regarding whether the vaccine caused the effects that are reported unless detailed information about each case is obtained. The purpose of this data collection system is not to provide data to determine the adverse effects of vaccines directly, but to serve as a sort of alert system – in other words, if the data suggest that there may be a type of adverse event that appears to be occurring significantly, then a study can be designed to determine whether there is a causal relationship. Conclusions about causality drawn directly from the VAERS data are thus scientifically invalid and should not be used to generate policy, rules, or recommendations regarding vaccines.