



Health at Risk: Nurses for America Sounds the Alarm on RFK Jr.'s Dangerous Nomination to Lead HHS

Nurses for America is gravely concerned by the nomination of Robert F Kennedy Jr. to lead the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) which oversees 13 critical divisions, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Indian Health Service (IHS), and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

RFK Jr.'s intentional spread of false health information about vaccines is a threat to our nation's health and is especially detrimental to our children. Years of research shows that vaccinations are a safe and cost-effective way to protect children, families, and communities from disease, disability, and death.

As nurses, we are often responsible for administering vaccines and setting up the community clinics that provide them. We educate patients and families about the recommendations, risks, benefits, and side effects as well as providing the VIS (Vaccine Information Sheet) with each vaccine administered. We follow vaccine guidelines and recommendations set by the CDC and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) that are based on scientific data. Nurses follow evidence-based practice. We take our role to protect our patients' health and prevent disease very seriously, having spent many years studying science, health, illness and disease prevention.

Allowing Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a vaccine skeptic with no background or education in health, science, or medicine to oversee our nation's health system in addition to controlling our drugs, research, health information, and payment systems is dangerous to our patients and the public. We deserve a leader we can trust to safeguard our nation's health with science and accurate information. As Protect Our Care notes, **"Between his fringe views on vaccines and his disregard of science and public health, RFK Jr. is unfit to lead HHS and is a danger to the American people."**