

Thank you for inviting me to speak. My name is Stephen Markus, and I have been a general dentist in the Philadelphia suburbs for 35 years. When I addressed the FDA panel in 2006 I made the following statement:

“About 20 years ago, the profession underwent a major paradigm shift. We had to treat everyone as if they were an AIDS threat. Now, another shift is in order. We must treat everyone as if they are one of the susceptible, to mercury toxicity. We have heard, repeatedly about the myriad symptoms that are part of the diagnostic equation. The A-Z. Alzheimer’s to Zygote abortion and everything in between.

A member of the panel asked a very salient question of Dr. Phillipson yesterday. What did he expect the epidemiologic impact of eliminating the placement of dental amalgam to be, in Sweden?

Many pro-mercury dentists argued about the cost of eliminating mercury from their armamentaria. But nobody asked what the financial burden is on the medical system for symptoms resulting from the use of mercury implanted in people’s skulls. Hopefully, if this body deems it correct to take the appropriate stance, we may see serious decreases in much of the chronic illness physicians might attribute to factors other than people’s fillings.

Pro-mercury dentists argued yesterday, that composite fillings are less durable, that dental schools can’t teach it. This is all ludicrous. Dental schools teach dexterity and technique. They also insist on the use of the rubber dam. It’s not the training of the students, it’s the retraining of some of the dinosaurs that may still be teaching that is the obstacle.

The image of the fighting, screaming welfare child is the exception and not the rule. It is certainly not the reason for you to approve the use of mercury in children’s heads, a substance that has no known half-life, and as we have heard, can cause symptoms 35 years later, not 5-7 years, as the limitations of the study presented indicated.”

Let me explain why we are here: collectively we are here because around 1830 MDs in this country advocated against the use of mercury in anyone's head because of the newly imported technique of the use of dental amalgam. The blacksmiths and barbers who also treated oral pain therefore formed a guild whose support of mercury could today be compared with the ADA. The ADA has in its Code of Ethics the fact that it is Unethical to speak out against the use of fillings which contain mercury. Perhaps that is why so many dentists don’t even bother thinking about the consequences of their continued use of mercury.

Personally, I am here because my eyes were opened, and my head came out from the sand when I read about the Vimy study, performed in Canada over 20 years ago. Using a radioisotope of Hg in amalgams placed in sheep Vimy sought to prove that the mercury became inert. To his surprise he found that it distributed to all organ systems,... but crossed the blood- brain barrier much more than it distributed to the body. It crossed the placenta to an even greater degree. The *guild* disputed the results by claiming sheep were different than humans. Vimy’s results were then repeated in primates.

You, the panel are here because despite the last panel's rejection of your own white paper in 2006, and the admission by the FDA's author of said white paper that the reason all information presented to that panel was so one-sided and pro-amalgam was that, "he was only following orders!". The FDA is under the influence of sinister forces that are trying to undermine health. Whose?

I know as both a citizen and a dentist, the decision last year by the FDA not to modify the protocols used, not just for the placement of mercury amalgam, but also to advocate for a safe removal process smacks of corruption.

The FDA asked me after the last time I spoke here, what I thought about a ban against the placement of Hg fillings in the heads of children under 6 years old, and in pregnant women? I told them it was a start, but did not go far enough. All the teeth in the head of a child at age six have begun to fall out. So what that proposed regulation did was permit the placement of Hg fillings into teeth that were going to remain in the body forever.

They wanted to prevent it's placement in pregnant women. I told them that regulation should have begun at first menstruation, ended after menopause, and was also sexually discriminatory.

So what the FDA did was nothing. The status quo. I have seen enough patients' conditions of depression, memory fog, Meniere's Disease, fatigue and more, eliminated after the proper protocols are followed to remove the mercury. I have seen others, where the dentist acceded to the patients' request for Hg filling removal, and their conditions worsened because proper protocols for removal were not followed.

The FDA had the opportunity to correct a 180 year old wrong last year, and the powers that be succumbed to this 180 year old sinister plot to poison Americans whose health is being compromised by a substance that 180 years ago was known by medicine to cause neurotoxicity. It's time for the FDA to right a 180 year old wrong. Not only must this substance be banned, but the public and MD's need to be educated about the symptoms and correct removal protocols which MUST be followed.

How can I have any trust in government and any faith in the FDA when important decisions requiring simple protocol changes are not advocated for by a government organization that is supposed to have the best interests of its citizens, not sinister lobbies, at the forefront of their resolutions?