

Resolution 9A

Dental Amalgam (Mercury) Fillings

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Whereas dental amalgam fillings contain about 50% mercury and, unbeknownst to most patients who have them, produce a significant amount of mercury exposure, typically greater than all other sources – air, water and food – combined; and

Whereas most patients do not typically even know that an amalgam is, by definition, a mixture of mercury with other metals, and the mercury amalgam filling goes deceptively under such names as “silver filling” or “silver amalgam,” when in fact, its largest ingredient is mercury; and

Whereas, in the unusual event that the patient voices concerns about the safety of amalgams, the patient typically receives (false) assurances that the exposure to mercury from amalgams is miniscule, and (falsely) that there is no science indicating that patients, and even children or the unborn fetus, can be harmed by the mercury exposure produces; and

Whereas, both the mainstream media, the dental establishment (e.g. the American Dental Association) and responsible regulation and oversight bodies such as the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control, state health departments and state dental boards have all been derelict in their duties to warn the public and protect it from the known hazards and risks of dental amalgam fillings; and

Whereas, instead of doing their duty to protect the public from dental amalgam mercury often state dental boards have attacked holistic, mercury free dentists, harassing them and sometimes disciplining them and sometimes revoking their licenses for being “holistic,” health conscious, removing amalgams for health reasons, for advertising as “mercury-free” and for speaking out to warn the public about the dangers of mercury in dentistry; and

Whereas, the public’s access to scientifically sound information has often been seriously impaired and quite often people are not able to make an informed decision regarding whether or not the use of (mercury) amalgam fillings is in their own interest or not; and

Whereas, it is further recognized that the conduct of state dental boards in targeting and prosecuting leading holistic dentists has had a chilling effect on the discussion of the mercury amalgam issue both within the dental profession and, all too often, between the dentist and his/her patients. This has impaired the patient informed consent process and the harassment and de-licensing of holistic dentists has impaired the patient’s ability to find and access the kind of holistic dentist needed to do safe amalgam removal and to reverse the harm done by past by previous dentists’ mistakes; and

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Whereas, the dental amalgam mercury is not only a serious health issue, but also a health freedom issue of major concern; and

Whereas mercury is the most toxic heavy metal that people are commonly exposed to, being more toxic than lead, cadmium, nickel and even arsenic, and there is no safe level of mercury; and

Whereas mercury targets the brain and nervous system, weakens and disrupts the immune system, attacks the thyroid, the entire endocrine system, the reproductive system, the digestive and is associated with over 300 symptoms, illnesses and disorders; and

Whereas certain subsets of the population are especially vulnerable to the harm done by mercury because of genotype, the presence of infections, accidents, injuries, environmental toxins; mercury accumulates in injured areas where nerve supply and circulation is impaired and is harder to detoxify in the presence of such impairments and disabilities; and

Whereas victims of dental amalgam mercury poisoning are often trapped in their disabilities, unable to afford amalgam removal because of lack of money and lack of help, with the mercury disability often destroying family life, and destroying the capacity to be financially independent; and

Whereas mercury poisoning is a major health problem, but is often not medically recognized because of mis-information and the lack of medical education about mercury poisoning. The signs and symptoms, proper testing, sources of exposure and safe detoxification are topics not being taught within the medical schools, resulting in a tendency of doctors to dismiss and ignore mercury amalgam victims, with their being classified as “crazy” and mentally ill instead; and

Whereas the world’s thirty leading mercury researches agree that *prevention* of all unnecessary mercury exposure is the only sensible policy for dealing with concerns over the mercury issue, and they largely agree that all use of mercury in medicine and dentistry should be halted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1.** All use of dental amalgam fillings in dentistry be banned in the near future, with the FDA reversing its previous dismissive stance on the safety of dental amalgam fillings, and instead recognizing the vast body of scientific knowledge (animal studies, human autopsy studies and other human studies) indicating that amalgams produce a significant mercury exposure and are not safe;
- 2.** That the US State Department join with others in the UNEP international forums who seek to approve a strong global mercury ban treaty, one that includes dental amalgams, rather than trying to exempt amalgams from being included in the global ban;

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3. That instead of harassing and intimidating holistic dentists who can remove amalgams safely, state dental boards ask that all dentists learn from such holistic dentists and from their holistic dental academies, such as the IAOMT, how to remove the amalgam safely, as safe amalgam removal is of great concern to the dentist and dental staff as well as to patients; and

4. That, in light of the US government's past failure to protect the public from the serious hazard of dental amalgam mercury, the US government provide low interest loans or outright grants to those who cannot afford safe amalgam removal. This would help some of the unfortunate and ignored members of our society – the dental mercury poisoned – to recover health, become productive again, and become the people they were meant to be. Such an enlightened program would help improve public health at the most fundamental level.

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References: on mercury and dental amalgam mercury the web site www.FLCV.com/indexa.html has an extensive survey of the science. The IAOMT has some good scientific articles at its web site, www.iaomt.org. The DAMS home page is at www.amalgam.org and DAMS answers questions, and helps people find knowledgeable dentists who can do safe amalgam removal.

Some of the most important dental mercury researchers in recent decades have been Boyd Haley, PhD, Fritz Lorscheider, PhD, and Murray Viny, DMD. A search on their names and the phrase “dental amalgam mercury,” will bring up their scientific paper and abstracts.

Be it resolved that the 2012 Health Freedom Congress has considered the following resolutions and hereby adopts the health freedom principles embodied in the resolutions and offers the support of the member organizations to the extent determined by each organization's governing principles. *

*This statement was adopted to apply to the set of resolutions that the 2012 Health Freedom Congress passed June 14, 2012.