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Chickenpox may help lower brain tumor risk

The July 15, 2001 issue of the American Journal of Epidemiology reports that researchers at the University of California, San Francisco have found patients who have brain tumors are much less likely to have had natural cases of the chickenpox. When a person naturally gets a case of chickenpox, their body forms antibodies to the chickenpox virus that then give that person true lifetime immunity to the disease. In this study, 134 patients with glioma-type brain tumors were studied and found to be 60% less likely to have chickenpox antibodies in their blood, indicating they never had the disease.

The lead researcher, Dr. Margaret Wrench, concludes that a person who has had naturally-occurring chickenpox may have an immune system that is better able to fight the formation of gliomas (the most common type of brain tumor) "before they become dangerous."

By way of commentary, a lot of research reported here and other places is finding that allowing children to experience the "normal" childhood diseases, rather than vaccinating them, will help them build stronger immune systems for the future. Research has also pointed out over and over again how Chiropractic Wellness care will also help build immune system strength as well.

For more information on vaccination issues, the National Vaccine Information Center maintains an informative website at <http://www.909shot.com> they can be reached at 512 W. Maple Avenue, #206, Vienna, VA 22180. Their phone number is 1-800-909-SHOT (7468).

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