



Polio vaccines are a proven means of eradicating this disease. Islam urges vaccination of children against polio

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Polio vaccines are the most important tools for preventing this disease, which may deprive children from the ability to move from the very beginning of life. It can lead to disability and the inability of the child to practice normal life activities like normal peers. Moreover, this inability will be a burden on others, such as family members and colleagues, in terms of their work, energy and life. This will hinder children's ability to grow and progress and force families to allocate a great deal of their income to compensate for the disability caused by this disease. This will ultimately affect the country's national income.

There is no doubt that the prevention of this disease spares children, their families and society from such suffering which is not limited to the pain and the disability the child has to live with but extends to the family which will have to bear the consequences of their child's paralysis. The community will also be affected as it will be required to take care of this polio-disabled group. All of this demonstrates the importance of preventing the disease by available means, including polio vaccines.

It's scientifically confirmed that polio vaccines are an effective and proven means of preventing this disease.

These vaccines have been tested by scientists and researchers in dozens of Muslim and non-Muslim countries. The tests showed, beyond

any doubt, that these vaccines are effective in the prevention of polio, resisting pathogens in the human body. They also proved that when children are immunized with these vaccines, they will certainly be safe from diseases. This confirms that these vaccines are effective in achieving the hope of preventing diseases and their spread.

Scientific research related to these vaccines revealed that they are safe and that their composition is free from anything forbidden by Islam. All of these vaccines are free from substances forbidden by Islam, and they don't cause infertility as some claim.

As such, these vaccines are a tool for the prevention of polio, and their use for this purpose is a religious duty that cannot be abandoned, because they preserve health and prevent risks to human life.

It is known that using anything that protects the body from the evils of diseases and their causes is a religious duty that cannot be abandoned. Preserving life is an obligation and whatever leads to fulfilling such an obligation is also obligatory and this necessarily means that abandoning this obligation is forbidden. Failure to fulfill this obligation means doing harm to the human body and leaving it vulnerable to deadly diseases including polio. Harming the human body is forbidden and this can be averted by vaccination. Vaccination is obligatory because it protects life from sources of harm as indicated in this Quranic verse: "Believers, take your precautions...".⁽¹⁾ This verse requires us to remain vigilant to avoid potential harm, which includes leaving the body vulnerable to deadly diseases. Allah also wants us not to harm ourselves by being vulnerable to diseases as stated in this Quranic verse: "...do not cast into destruction with your own hands....".⁽²⁾

And because leaving body vulnerable to harm caused by these disease leads to self-destruction, Allah forbids this as stated in this Quranic verse: "...And do not kill yourselves. Allah is the Most Merciful to you."⁽³⁾ These Quranic verses and other evidence from the Sharia and Sunnah clearly indicate that protecting oneself from deadly diseases,

⁽¹⁾ Surat Al-Nisa [verse 71]

⁽²⁾ Surat Al-Baqarah [verse 195]

⁽³⁾ Surat Al-Nisa [verse 29]

including polio, is an obligation. The Prophet PBUH said: "There is no disease that Allah has sent down except that He also has sent down its cure." Another hadith indicates that preventing diseases and avoiding infections are things that must be pursued. Clearly, Islamic Sharia calls for using polio vaccines for their ability to prevent this disease.