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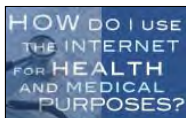
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<b>Principle :</b>	<b>URL :</b>
<b>1/ Authority</b>	<a href="http://imcv-wi.org/BoardofDirectors.aspx">http://imcv-wi.org/BoardofDirectors.aspx</a>
<b>Reason (s) :</b> The board of directors of this site are all opposed to vaccination. As an example, the President works for Age of Autism, an organisation whose sole purpose is to promulgate untrue and unverified claims about the dangers of vaccines.	

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<b>2/ Complementarity</b>	<a href="http://imcv-wi.org/aboutus.aspx">http://imcv-wi.org/aboutus.aspx</a> .
<b>Reason (s) :</b> The Complimentary Code states: "The information provided on this site is designed to support, not replace, the relationship that exists between a patient/site visitor and his/her existing physician". Any site opposing vaccination must, by definition, undermine the relationship between ethical doctors and their patients.	

An example of this appears on the page listed below, where it says "The socialist-styled Wisconsin Medical Journal has published a report called Parental Vaccine Refusal In Wisconsin. With a system setup so deadly that it vaccinates against Hepatitis B at birth, the most disturbing information one can glean from this report is how few Wisconsinites have made informed decisions on vaccination in the past. Today, though, the tide is turning and Wisconsin physicians and parents are educating themselves".

<b>Principle :</b>	<b>URL :</b>
<b>4/ Attribution</b>	Web address not indicated
<b>Reason (s) :</b> Experience with anti-vaccination campaigners strongly suggests that sources are either misquoted, incorrectly referenced, or produced by people with an anti-vaccine agenda.	

<b>Principle :</b>	<b>URL :</b>
<b>5/ Justifiability</b>	<a href="http://imcv-wi.org/compare.aspx">http://imcv-wi.org/compare.aspx</a>
<b>Reason (s) :</b> Following on from 4 above, the page listed below repeats the oft-discredited claim that there are very low rates of autism in Amish communities and that this is a direct result of low levels of vaccination. This is a standard lie told by people such as Age of Autism.	

<b>Principle :</b>	<b>URL :</b>
<b>7/ Transparency of sponsorship</b>	Web address not indicated
<b>Reason (s) :</b> I can find no information about the financing of the site.	

**Notes:** In December 2009 I reported the parent organisation of this site (the now renamed Medical Voices Vaccine Information Center) for claiming HONCode accreditation while simultaneously campaigning against vaccination. I have two sites which have HONCode accreditation and I take it seriously. I believe it devalues the system to allow sites which exist for no purpose other than to fight against vaccination to carry the HONCode seal of approval. Please cancel the accreditation of all sites associated with the International Medical Council on Vaccination as soon as possible. Thank you.

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