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# SERIOUSLY ILL AGAINST VIVISECTION

*We need real science not vivisection*

## Vivisection Harms Humans.

Vivisection is killing our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and our children. There will never be cures for the dreadful diseases that inflict mankind whilst animals are being used in research. Why are cancer, heart disease, and many more conditions on the increase yet researchers and pharmaceutical companies are forever saying 'they are on the verge of a breakthrough'? In reality the breakthrough or cure never happens.

Vivisection is a multi-billion pound industry which is making the pharmaceutical companies rich. Meanwhile we wait for a cure! VIVISECTION IS SCIENTIFIC FRAUD!



## Misleading

In a survey carried out by Dr Vernon Coleman, 88% of 500 Doctors agreed that *'laboratory experiments performed on animals can be misleading because of anatomical and physiological differences between animals and humans'*. The response from Dr Mark Matfield, Director of The Research Defense Society (defenders of vivisection) was: *"I would certainly agree with that."*

## Why Does It Go On?

**Money** - Vivisection is an insurance policy for the chemical and pharmaceutical industry. When humans are harmed by their products, they have a 'get out clause' - they simply say it was tested on animals and the evidence shows it was safe. They can avoid paying compensation, fines and costs to their victims.

**Money** - Businesses related to vivisection are also a multi million pound industry, including breeders of animals, restraining devices, cages, food, surgery equipment and transportation of the animals.

**Money** - The chemical and pharmaceutical companies want their product on the market as quickly as possible in order to make more profit.

The drugs below were all 'safety tested' on animals but had harmful or even fatal affects on people:

- **Opren** - Arthritis medication. Killed 61 people. Over 3,500 cases of severe reactions have been recorded.
- **Clioquinol** - Anti-diarrhoeal, Caused blindness and/or paralysis in at least 30,000. Thousands died.
- **Encainide and Flecainide** - Given to people with heart disease, killed an estimated 3,000 people.
- **Septrin** - Antibiotic, The drug caused over 100 deaths and caused serious side effects.
- **Eraldin** - Heart disease drug, Caused 23 deaths and blindness in humans. Scientists were unable to reproduce these results in animals.

..... **About Us**

Seriously Ill Against Vivisection (SIAV) was formed to counter multinational drug and chemical companies' assertions that animal testing saves lives and promotes human health.

We at SIAV strongly disagree with this and we believe animal testing harms human health and ultimately kills people.

We are appalled that these companies claim to speak for us. THEY DO NOT. We need to see an end to ALL animal tests if we are to see real medical progress.

SIAV would like to see medical research move into the 21st century and adopt real science NOT vivisection.

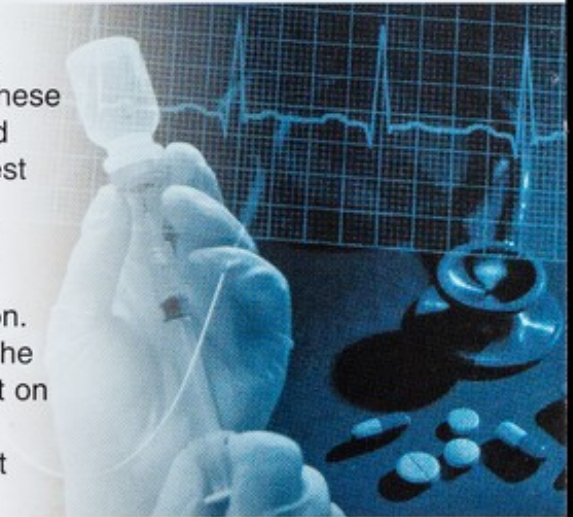
There are many alternatives to animal testing, these alternatives save human life unlike vivisection which destroys it.

We condemn vivisection on scientific and moral grounds.

SIAV is completely independent of any other group and our funding comes solely from public donations.

..... **Should Vivisection Stop?**

Approximately 450 scientific methods exist which could replace animal experiments. These methods range from human cell, tissue and organ cultures, sophisticated computers, test tube techniques, epidemiology, educating people on how to stay healthy, and clinical research to name but a few. We would all benefit from an immediate end to vivisection. Animal experiments are bad science, and the money used on vivisection should be spent on funding research into alternative cures for diseases. Animal tests tell us nothing about human beings, they will only tell us what happens to animals in laboratories.



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“ *During my years in hospital practise I cannot recall meeting a single patient whose health had benefited from animal experimentation. The idea that vivisection helps humanity is pure myth and utterly unscientific.* ”

**Dr Gwen Mellor (retired London Hospital doctor)**

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