

Court says thimerosal did not cause autism

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(AP) -- A federal court has ruled that the vaccine additive thimerosal does not cause autism.

The court expressed sympathy for [parents](#) coping with their autistic children, but concluded Friday that they had not proved the children's illness was a result of the mercury-containing preservative in the vaccine.

Last year, the same court rejected claims that the [autism](#) was caused by a combination of vaccines with thimerosal and other vaccines.

That decision has now been appealed to the Supreme Court.

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