**The Compensation of Vaccination Victims in Israeli Law**

**Abstract**

**Background:**

Israel followed other countries in passing a law which provides for compensation to vaccination victims without proving “guilt.”

**Study Objectives:**

To examine the goals of the Vacccination Victim Insurance Law, 1989 at the time of its enactment, as well as to examine whether the manner of the law’s implementation attains these goals.

**Research Method:**

The study employed a qualitative methodology which made use of both the content analysis of relevant documents as well as in-depth interviews.

**Findings:**

Legislators sought to help vaccination victims by both lowering their burden of proof as well as establishing a short and efficient procedure for deliberating their claims. Furthermore, legislators believed that the assurance of compensation to vaccination victims would help in preserving a high rate of vaccination compliance. An examination of the law's implementation over time revealed that the aforementioned goals were not attained.

**Conclusions and Implications Pertaining to Practice and Policy:**

The legislators’ intent of employing a 2020 directive to update the list of vaccinations victims could be compensated for according to the Law's provisions, alongside a “no liability” clause in agreements signed with the manufacturers of COVID-19 vaccines calls for a re-consideration of the manner in which claims filed according to the aforementioned Law are to be deliberated as well as for the consideration of possible amendments to the Law. The determination of a causal connection according to circumstantial evidence, a transition to an administrative deliberation, the publication of cases where compensation was awarded to vaccination victims and other provisions have the capacity of evincing the values of fairness and solidarity that led to the Law’s enactment, as well the capacity of promoting the kind of trust in healthcare authorities which is essential to preserving a high rate of vaccination compliance.

**Keywords:** vaccination, vaccine, social welfare-oriented legislation, victim compensation, fairness, solidarity, trust