

Aspartame Hoax: Internet Smear Campaign

The artificial sweetener aspartame, marketed under various brand names, has come under fire on the internet since a 1996 scientific study reported an increase in brain tumors among laboratory animals ingesting the chemical, although no direct causal link was asserted and medical opinion later varied on the subject, as the incidence of tumors leveled off while use of aspartame continued to increase nationwide. In December 1999 a letter began circulating on the internet, allegedly written by one Betty Martini, described as a lecturer at the World Environmental Conference. Its contents were entirely false, misleading, and defamatory to various popular products and their manufacturers, with no basis whatever in fact. That message read (complete with errors):

World Environmental Conference and
the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation -
FDA is suing for collusion with Monsanto
Article written by Betty Martini

I have spent several days lecturing at the World Environmental Conference on aspartame, marketed as NutraSweet, Equal, and Spoonfull. In the keynote address by the EPA. they announced that there was an epidemic of multiple sclerosis and systemic lupus. and they did not understand what toxin was causing this to be rampant across the United States. I explained I was there to lecture on exactly that subject. When the temperature of Aspartame exceeds 86 °F, the wood alcohol in aspartame converts to formaldehyde and then to (formic acid. which in turn causes metabolic acidosis. (Formic acid is the poison found in the sting of fire ants.) The methanol toxicity mimics multiple sclerosis: thus, people were being diagnosed with having multiple sclerosis in error. The multiple sclerosis is not a death sentence. when methanol toxicity is. In the case of systemic lupus. we are finding it has become almost as rampant as multiple sclerosis. especially Diet Coke and Diet Pepsi drinkers. Also, with methanol toxicity. the victims usually drink three to four 12 oz. cans of them per day, some even more. In the case of systemic lupus, which is triggered by aspartame, the victim usually does not know that aspartame is the culprit. The victim continues its use aggravating the lupus to such a degree, that sometimes it becomes life threatening.

When we get people off the aspartame, those with systemic lupus usually become asymptomatic. Unfortunately, we cannot reverse the disease. On the other hand, in the case of those diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, (when in reality; the disease is methanol toxicity), most of the symptoms disappear. We have seen cases when their vision has returned and even their hearing has returned. This also applies to cases of tinnitus.

During the lecture I said "if you are using aspartame [NutraSweet, Equal, Spoonful, etc.] and you suffer from fibromyalgia symptoms, spasms, shooting pains, numbness in your legs, cramps, vertigo. dizziness, headaches, tinnitus, joint pain, depression, anxiety attack, slurred speech, blurred vision, or memory loss, you probably have ASPARTAME DISEASE!"

People were jumping up during the lecture saying, 'I've got tins. Is it reversible!' It is rampant. Some of the

speakers at my lecture were even suffering from these symptoms. In one lecture attended by the Ambassador of Uganda, he told us that their sugar industry is adding aspartame! He continued by saying that one of the industry leader's son could no longer walk due in part to product usage! We have a very serious problem.

Even a stranger came up to Dr. Episto (one of my speakers) and myself and said. "Could you tell one why so many people seem to be coming down with MS!" During a visit to a hospice, a nurse said that six of her friends, who were heavy Diet Coke drinkers, had all been diagnosed with MS. This is beyond coincidence. Here is the problem. There were Congressional Hearings when Aspartame was originally included as a sweetener in 100 different products. Since this initial hearing. there have been two subsequent hearings, but to no avail.

Nothing has been done. The drug and chemical lobbies have very deep pockets. Now there are over 5,000 products containing this chemical and the PATENT HAS EXPIRED!!!

At the time of this first hearing, people were going blind. The methanol in the Aspartame converts to formaldehyde in the retina of the eye. Formaldehyde is grouped in the same class of drugs as cyanide and arsenic—DEADLY POISONS!!! Unfortunately, it just takes longer to quietly kill, but it is killing people and causing all kinds of neurological problems. Aspartame changes the brain's chemistry. It is the reason for severe seizures. This drug also causes birth defects. There is absolutely no reason to take this product. It is NOT A DIET PRODUCT! The Congressional record said, "It makes you crave carbohydrates and will make you FAT." Dr. Roberts stated that when he got patients off aspartame, their average weight loss was 19 pounds per person.

The formaldehyde stores in the fat cells, particularly in the hips and thighs. Aspartame is especially deadly for diabetics. All physicians know what wood alcohol will do to a diabetic. We find that physicians believe that they have patients with retinopathy, when in fact, it is caused by aspartame. The aspartame keeps the blood sugar level out of control, causing many patients to go into a coma. Unfortunately, many have died. People were telling us at the conference of the American College of Physicians, that they had relatives that switched from saccharin to an aspartame product and how that relative had eventually gone into a coma. Their physicians could not get the blood sugar levels under control. Thus, the

patients suffered acute memory loss and eventually coma and death. Memory loss is due to the fact that aspartic acid and phenylalanine are neurotoxic without the other acids found in protein. Thus it goes past the blood brain barrier and deteriorates the neurons of the brain.

Dr. Russell Blaylock, neurosurgeon, said, "The ingredients stimulate the neurons of the brain to death, causing brain damage of varying degrees. Dr. Blaylock has written a book entitled "*Excitotoxins: The Taste That Kills*," Health Press 1-800-643-3665]. Dr. H.J. Roberts, diabetic specialist and world expert on aspartame poisoning, has also written a book entitled "Defense Against Alzheimer's Disease" (1-800-814-9800). Dr. Roberts tells how aspartame poisoning is escalating Alzheimer's Disease, and indeed it is. As the hospice nurse told me, women are being admitted at 30 years of age with Alzheimer's Disease. Dr. Blaylock and Dr. Roberts will be writing a position paper with some case histories and will post it on the internet.

According to the Conference of the American College of Physicians, "We are talking about a plague of neurological diseases caused by this deadly poison." Dr. Roberts realized what was happening when aspartame was first marketed. He said, "His diabetic patients presented memory loss, confusion, and severe vision loss." At the Conference of the American College of Physicians, doctors admitted that they did not know. They had wondered why seizures were rampant (the phenylalanine in aspartame breaks down the seizure threshold and depletes serotonin, which causes manic depression, panic attacks, rage and violence).

Just before the Conference, I received a fax from Norway, asking for a possible antidote for this poison because they are experiencing so many problems in their country. This 'poison' is now available in 90 PLUS countries worldwide. Fortunately, we had speakers and ambassadors at the Conference from different nations who have pledged their help. We ask that you help too. Print this article out and warn everyone you know. Take anything that contains aspartame back to the store. Take the "no aspartame 'test'" and send us your case history. I assure you that Monsanto, the creator of Aspartame, knows how deadly it is. They fund the American Association, American Dietetic Association Congress, and the Conference of the American College of Physicians. The New York Times, November 15, 1996, ran an article on how the American Dietetic Association takes money from the food industry to endorse their products. Therefore, they cannot criticize any additives or tell about their link to Monsanto. How bad is this? We told a mother who had a child on NutraSweet to get off the product. The child was grand grand map seizures every day. The mother called her physician, who called the ADA, who

A later version of this warning letter is identical in all respects except that the author's name has been changed to "Nancy Markle." Title and contents notwithstanding, the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation has publicly disavowed any knowledge of a link between the disease or its symptoms and any artificial sweeteners. The American Diabetes Association has likewise denounced the hoax and refuted its claims with respect to diabetes, while the Food and Drug Administration has attested to aspartame's safety for human consumption. Finally, none of the organizations named have filed or anticipate filing litigation of any sort against Monsanto Corporation or any other manufacturer of artificial sweeteners.

told the doctor not to take the child off NutraSweet. We are still trying to convince the mother that the Aspartame is causing the seizures. Every time we get someone off of aspartame, the seizures stop. If the baby dies, you know whose fault it is, and what we are up against. There are 92 documented symptoms of aspartame, from coma to death, the majority of them are all neurological, because the aspartame destroys the nervous system.

Aspartame Disease is partially the cause of what is behind the mystery of the Desert Storm health problems. The burning tongue and other problems discussed in over 60 cases can be directly related to the consumption of Aspartame product. Several thousand pallets of diet drink are shipped to the Desert Storm troops. (Remember heat can liberate the methanol from the aspartame at 86 °F.) Diet drinks sat in the 120 degree F Arabian sun for weeks at a time on pallets. The servicemen and women drank them all day long. All of their symptoms are identical to aspartame poisoning. Dr. Roberts says consuming aspartame at the time of conception can cause birth defects.

According to Dr. Louis Elsas, Pediatrician and Professor of Genetics at Emory University, in his testimony before Congress, the phenylalanine concentrates in the placenta, causing mental retardation. In the original lab tests, animals developed brain tumors, phenylalanine breaks down into DXP, a brain tumor agent.) When Dr. Episto was lecturing on aspartame, one physician in the audience, a neurosurgeon, said, "When they remove brain tumors, they have found high levels of aspartame in them." Stevia, a sweet food, not an additive, which helps in the metabolism of sugar, would be ideal for diabetics, has now been approved as a dietary supplement by the FDA for years. The FDA has outlawed this sweet food because of their loyalty to Monsanto.

If it says "sugar free" on the label—DO NOT EVEN THINK ABOUT IT. Senator Howard Hetzenbaum wrote a bill that would have warned all infants, pregnant mothers and children of the dangers of aspartame. The bill would have also instituted independent studies on the problems existing in the population (seizures, changes in brain chemistry, changes in neurological and behavioral symptoms). It was killed by the powerful drug and chemical lobbies, letting loose the bounds of disease and death on an unsuspecting public. Since the Conference of the American College of Physicians, we hope to have help of several world leaders.

Again, please help us, too. There are a lot of people out there who must be worried, please let them know this information. The author, Betty Martiri, can be reached at 770-242-2599.