

WID Teaching Portfolio – Davina Mill, Psychology – Fall 2010

E. Informal Writing

Read Andre Picard's Globe and Mail article "Medical fraud revealed in discredited vaccine-autism study" so you can appreciate what serious problems can emerge when research fraud occurs. While you read those pages, keep notes of problems with original study (e.g., obviously small sample size, but there are other problems with this study.) Now write down at least 8 things that would have improved this study to determine if there really is a causal link between vaccines and autism. This assignment is intended as a good way to reinforce what you just learned about the strengths and weaknesses of research design. It will also help prepare you for some questions on our exam.