

Unit 2: Lesson 5 – Vaccine Safety

GLOSSARY

Assertion

A forceful statement of fact or belief

Assumption

A belief that something is true without evidence of its truth

Autism

A spectrum of conditions involving the brain that causes repetitive behaviors, restricted interests, and difficulties in communicating

Logical Fallacy

An error in reasoning that makes an argument unsound

Misconception

An incorrect understanding or view of something

Myth

A false idea

Thimerosal

A mercury-based chemical used in some vaccines as a preservative

Vaccine

A tool that introduces the immune system to potential pathogens in a controlled manner, so that it does not cause disease but it does allow for the development of protective immunity