

Healthcare

Let's Train – Cross contraction

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a longtime antivax activist, now directs U.S. health policy under Trump, signaling a sharp break with scientific consensus. On August 5, he abruptly halted 22 mRNA vaccine projects worth nearly \$500 million, including collaborations with big pharma groups, claiming a review of the data justified the cuts. Critics argue the decision reflects the growing influence of conspiracy-driven antivax sentiment in government, undermining technologies that saved millions of lives during Covid-19 and earned a 2023 Nobel Prize. Kennedy Jr.'s path to power—from an independent 2024 presidential bid to an alliance with Trump—culminated in his Senate-confirmed appointment as Health Secretary, despite widespread concern over his inexperience and controversial positions. Founder of Children's Health Defense, he has long promoted discredited claims linking vaccines to autism, fueling distrust in public health, prompting 77 Nobel laureates to warn his leadership constitutes “a public health risk.”

Oral Exams – Listening Comprehension (PTSI only)

Video 1 :

1 – B	6 – A
2 – B	7 – B
3 – A	8 – B
4 – B	9 – B
5 – C	10 - C

Possible key question for a commentary: *What is at stake with Trump's use of Executive Orders ?*

Video 2 :

1 – B	6 – B
2 – A	7 – C
3 – B	8 – B
4 – B	9 – B
5 – B	10 - B

Possible key question for a commentary: *What considerations arise when political priorities conflict with public health needs?*