

required to proceed on a theory of causation-in-fact. An examination of the record reveals an absence of expert medical opinion or other persuasive evidence indicating that Nicole's injury was caused by the HPV vaccine.

Under the Vaccine Act, a petitioner may not be awarded compensation based solely on the petitioner's claims alone. Rather, the petition must be supported by either medical records or by the opinion of a competent physician. § 300aa-13(a)(1). In this case, the Petitioner has failed to proffer medical records or medical opinion sufficient to support Petitioner's claim of injury and to establish entitlement to compensation.

Therefore, the only alternative remains to **DENY** this petition. **Thus, this case is dismissed for insufficient proof. In the absence of a motion for review, the Clerk is directed to enter judgment accordingly.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dee Lord
Special Master