Breaking News: Parents Expose Alabama Doctor in Alleged Medical Negligence Case, Call for National Reform

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Birmingham, AL — A Birmingham family has come forward with explosive allegations against Dr. Scott James, an infectious disease physician at Children's of Alabama, accusing him of misleading their son about critical diagnostic testing and downplaying life-threatening illness. Their story underscores what patient advocates warn is a deep, systemic crisis in U.S. healthcare.

The Encounter That Sparked Alarm

According to the family, Dr. James told their son he would be given the "king of all parasite tests," a test that would definitively rule out parasitic infection if negative. But when results came back negative, the parents say they became suspicious and contacted the California lab directly.

A PhD-level scientist at the lab reportedly explained that the test could only register positive if the patient was immunocompromised (such as with HIV) and that a patient could harbor "a hundred parasitic species" and still test negative.

The family describes the promise of an all-encompassing test as "a lie," alleging that Dr. James used the false reassurance to steer them away from the environmental illnesses they had long suspected.

Medical Gaslighting and Retaliation

After questioning Dr. James, the parents claim the only follow-up note he entered into their son's chart was: "The parents are a concern."

"That was the only thing he got right," they said. "We are a concern—because our son's life is on the line."

A Child in Crisis

Under the care of another provider, the child has since been diagnosed with chronic bacterial, fungal, mold, and parasitic infections, along with organ damage affecting his liver, kidneys, intestines, bladder, and reproductive system.

"We are desperately and aggressively trying to save his organs—his life," the parents said in a statement.

A Broken System

The family argues that Alabama's judicial system offers no avenue to hold providers accountable, leaving federal court as the only path to justice. They describe the incident not as an isolated failure, but as part of a broader collapse of accountability in U.S. medicine.

Their advocacy group, R123, is now pushing for federal legislation to:

- Criminalize intentional medical negligence
- Enforce patient-first standards
- End restrictive barriers to testing and records access
- Create independent patient advocacy teams

A National Call to Action

“This is bigger than one doctor or one hospital,” the parents declared. “It’s about a system that too often protects itself at the expense of patients. We won’t stand down. We are fighting for our son, your children, and generations to come.”

The family is urging Americans to unite under their campaign #Stand_and_Roar, demanding reform that restores honesty, transparency, and humanity to healthcare.

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