

RE: Docket Number 02P-0317

*Can aspartame cause Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder in children?*

No. The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Web site states that aspartame is not related to Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in children:

“ADHD isn't caused by a diet that contains too much sugar, too little sugar or aspartame (NutraSweet). It isn't caused by food additives, food colorings, food allergies or other allergies, or a lack of vitamins.”

The AAFP supports aspartame's safety, and denounces the misinformation circulating the Web that falsely claims aspartame is associated with a myriad of ailments, including brain tumors:

“The incidence of brain tumors actually began to increase before the introduction of aspartame and the most recent data have shown a slight decrease in the past years, says *Consumer Reports on Health*.”

The AAFP is one of the largest national medical organizations, representing more than 94,000 family physicians, family medicine residents, and medical students nationwide. Founded in 1947, its mission has been to preserve and promote the science and art of family medicine and to ensure high-quality, cost-effective health care for patients of all ages.

For more information on the American Academy of Family Physicians and its assessment of the safety of aspartame please visit: <http://www.aafp.org/afp/980600ap/quantum.html>.

For your reference and convenience this information has been attached in PDF form.

Respectfully submitted,

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