



## Peter J. Hotez, MD, PhD

### Scientist, Researcher, Author, Science Explainer

Peter J. Hotez, M.D., Ph.D. is Dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine and Professor of Pediatrics and Molecular Virology & Microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine where he is also the Co-director of the Texas Children’s Center for Vaccine Development (CVD) and Texas Children’s Hospital Endowed Chair of Tropical Pediatrics. He is also University Professor at Baylor University, Fellow in Disease and Poverty at the James A Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Senior Fellow at the Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs at Texas A&M University, Faculty Fellow with the Hagler Institute for Advanced Studies at Texas A&M University, and Health Policy Scholar in the Baylor Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy.

Dr. Hotez is an internationally recognized physician-scientist in neglected tropical diseases and vaccine development. He leads a team and product development partnership for developing new vaccines for diseases affecting hundreds of millions of children and adults worldwide, while championing access to vaccines globally and in the United States. Dr. Hotez has authored more than 600 original papers and is the author of five single-author books, including *Vaccines Did Not Cause Rachel’s Autism* (Johns Hopkins University Press); and *Preventing the Next Pandemic: Vaccine Diplomacy in a Time of Anti-science* (Johns Hopkins University Press).

Most recently as both a vaccine scientist and autism parent, he has led national efforts to defend vaccines and to serve as an ardent champion of vaccines going up against a growing national “antivax” threat. In 2021 he was recognized by scientific leadership awards from the AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges) and the AMA (American Medical Association), in addition to being recognized by the Anti-Defamation League with its annual Popkin Award for combating antisemitism. In 2022 Hotez and his colleague, Dr. Maria Elena Bottazzi, were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for “their work to develop and distribute a low-cost COVID-19 vaccine to people of the world without patent limitation.”

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