

1 DR. LEVY: Yes. And, in fact, this is  
2 one of the problems -- the lemons here: it's  
3 very, very difficult, at that point, to trace  
4 back and attribute what was the cause.

5 PARTICIPANT: I mean, now you find a  
6 lot of Attention Deficit Disorder and they're  
7 really not saying where it is coming from.  
8 People are speculating whether it's too much TV  
9 or MTV or whatever. But maybe it could be coming  
10 from eating too much fish -- you know -- I mean,  
11 is that a possibility?

12 DR. LEVY: Yes, that's why we're --  
13 yes, that is a possibility. That is why we're  
14 interested in this.

15 PARTICIPANT: So my daughter is on  
16 medication, now, because I ate fish.

17 DR. LEVY: There is a very, very low  
18 likelihood that you'd ever be able to test for  
19 that. But --

20 PARTICIPANT: But, I mean, that could  
21 be why --

22 DR. LEVY: -- now that we have this

1 research, that now is a possibility. Our ability  
2 to attribute a given case of Attention Deficit to  
3 the mother's diet of fish, you know, 12 years ago  
4 is zero. There's no way.

5 PARTICIPANT: Are there other ways to  
6 ingest mercury into the body? Fish is the only  
7 way?

8 DR. LEVY: Well, no. I mean, fish is  
9 by far the most important way. But mercury is  
10 very ubiquitous in the environment.

11 PARTICIPANT: So a woman could have  
12 obtained it from some other means. Yet you're  
13 saying that it had to be from fish.

14 DR. LEVY: Fish is the major source of  
15 human exposure. The other kinds of sources would  
16 be, you know, exposure to really high levels that  
17 are pollution-related or something like that. A  
18 spill could happen.

19 PARTICIPANT: When you do research,  
20 there's certainly places within this country --  
21 areas within this country that eat more fish than  
22 others. There are, certainly -- around the