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## **WHO-Approved Drug Promises Life, and Death**

By **Susan Yoshihara, Ph.D.**

By authorizing the use of a single drug, the World Health Organization has simultaneously raised hopes for saving thousands of mothers' lives and raised fears that the drug will also be used to kill perhaps millions of unborn children. Misoprostol is used to help stop bleeding during delivery, the main cause of maternal deaths, but it can also be used to induce at-home abortions, which are very dangerous, particularly in rural areas that lack primary or emergency medical care.

The fears are grounded in the fact that WHO approved use of the drug by unskilled personnel and that both WHO and Gynuity Health Projects, the organization which sought the drug's approval, advocate the use of misoprostol for abortion outside the hospital setting.

WHO says its "work over the past three decades has contributed significantly to the emergence and wide acceptance of the current recommended regime" of medical abortion, according to one of its recent reports. WHO has trained midwives throughout the developing world to perform abortions in order to eliminate the need for physicians, the report says. In Vietnam alone, the trials included 1,734 women, and its misoprostol-induced abortions are conducted up to 63 days, WHO says.

Gynuity is working to mainstream the use of misoprostol for self-induced abortions. According to a 2009 Gynuity report, the organization works at the community level to cast self-induced abortion in a positive light, and to "oppose legislation introduced at the state or federal level that furthers the concept of fetal personhood."

The WHO's decision is similar to Federal Drug Administration approval in the U.S., ensuring that the drug is legitimized for use without a doctor and that it will be stocked in pharmacies all over the world.

Another concern is that use of misoprostol causes birth defects. Gynuity's own 2002 report shows that when misoprostol is used for abortion, the risk of birth defects increases, most commonly causing clubfoot, cranial nerve abnormalities, and absence of the fingers.

When used to reduce post-partum hemorrhaging, pro-life physician Joe DeCook says misoprostol is a "wonder drug" since it does not have to be refrigerated or injected in non-sterile, rural environments. "But it's like morphine. It can be used for good or for evil."

Other physicians are even more skeptical. Maternal Life International (MLI) advised the WHO that approving the drug outside the hospital setting sets a double standard. "Women in resource limited settings are expected to give birth with unskilled or semi-skilled birth attendants," MLI's Dr. George Mulcaire-Jones said, "This fact alone leads to higher maternal and infant mortality rates than those in developed countries" and gives women "the false assurance that their deliveries will be 'safe.'"

A quarter of all medical abortions fail and require medical attention in a hospital setting, DeCook said, and after seven weeks, risks to the life of the mother increase dramatically. "They may be able to show a decrease in the number of maternal mortalities because they will decrease the number of deliveries by abortion," DeCook said, "but they will have no idea how many women will die in their wake."

**Do you know someone who might  
be considering abortion?  
Make sure they get the facts first!  
A LIFE depends on it...  
1-800-395-HELP (4357)**

## **Celebrity Stem Cell Surgery Texas Governor Rick Perry Uses Own Adult Stem Cells for Back Surgery**

In early July Texas Governor Rick Perry had surgery to treat a recurring injury of spinal fusion and nerve decompression. The procedure involved the use of Perry's own adult stem cells.

Perry underwent an experimental injection of his own stem cells in a treatment that is not yet approved by the FDA because of its experimental component. The procedure involved removing Perry's own adult stem cells from healthy tissue and injecting them back into his body at the time of surgery, with the hope that the stem cells would assist tissue regeneration and speed Perry's recovery.

David Prentice of family Research Council stated: "it is encouraging that Gov. Perry would make public his treatment with his own stem cells. Adult stem cells are improving health and saving lives for thousands of people every year."

## **Adult Stem Cells Helping Patients With Scleroderma Skin Disease**

by David Prentice, Ph.D.

Dr. Richard Burt and colleagues at Northwestern University have just published a new study in *The Lancet* that provides more evidence for the success of adult stem cell transplant in treating system sclerosis (scleroderma).

The autoimmune disease causes rigidity in the skin and organs, including lungs, of its victims; it exerts its fatal influence by essentially turning them to stone. Ten patients were treated with their own adult stem cells, and all improved at or before 12 months after treatment, compared with zero of the nine patients that received cyclophosphamide, a chemotherapeutic agent considered the "standard of care" for this disease. None of the adult stem cell-treated patients had their disease worsen, while 8 of the 9 chemo-treated patients showed worsening, and eventually 7 of the chemo patients switched to the adult stem cell treatment.

The researchers note that the adult stem cell treatment improves skin and lung function in these patients for up to 2 years (the length of the current study) and is preferable to the current standard of care.

The new report is accompanied by a commentary by Farge and Gluckman that says the Burt et al. study provides "the best data to date for transplantation in scleroderma," and "despite the small number of patients and short follow-up of ASSIST, the findings of this trial are important for patients with systemic sclerosis, the medical community, and policy makers."

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Dr. Burt is featured in a recently-released video discussing his ideas for use of adult stem cells to treat patients with autoimmune diseases. Burt and his team are using this technique to help treat patients suffering from some 23 different diseases, and the techniques he has developed are now being used in treatment centers around the globe.

Adult stem cells are helping patients now.

<http://www.lifenews.com/2011/07/20/adult-stem-cells-helping-patients-with-scleroderma-skin-disease/>

## **Around the Office**

**Last Hurrah of Summer** – With schools starting in mid-August, our youthful volunteers, recently returned from the annual "Survivors Boot Camp" ([www.survivors.la](http://www.survivors.la)) gathered for the August mall table on a Friday afternoon in early August. It was a very busy afternoon; lots of people stopped by the table and talked and picked up literature, bumper stickers, buttons, bookmarks and the ever-popular precious preborns and precious feet pins. We arrived with an overly full suitcase of materials as well as a carry all bag, and left with a suitcase that had a good deal of room.

**Napa County Fair** -The following Thursday we received a frantic call from our "Napa County Outpost." They were setting up an information table for Life at the Napa County fair and only had two bumper stickers. Fortunately we had a nice supply, and were able to bring them almost 250 various bumper stickers to "spread the word" at the Napa County Fair August 10-14.

These two events totally depleted our supply of several items, including 2" buttons and bumper stickers.

Fortunately one of our suppliers was having a sale, and we ordered \$500 of supplies to replenish, as well as more awareness bracelets, and other much needed supplies. Because of the sale, we were able to get over \$1,100 worth of materials for our \$500 expenditure. A special thank you to all our recent donors.... your ongoing support makes it possible for us to have a cupboard full of materials for emergencies like the Napa County fair.

Also a super-special thank you to our youth for their awesome efforts at the information tables for life. Several of them will be going off to college out of the area and will be missed, however we know they will be "Evangelizing for Life" wherever their paths may lead.

## **40 Days for Life September 28 – November 6, 2011**

As you are aware, 40 Days for Life is a POWERFUL way to save lives in your community. Over just the last four years, your prayers and participation have contributed to amazing results around the world:

- \* 400,000 participants have joined in prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and grassroots outreach
- \* 1,332 individual campaigns have taken place in 387 cities across all 50 American states and 10 countries
- \* Reports document 4,313 lives spared from abortion - and those are just the ones we know about
- \* 53 abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry
- \* 14 abortion facilities have completely shut down following local 40 Days for Life campaigns

The Fall 40 Days for Life campaign September 28-November 6 will be the biggest ever! Over 296 locations will take part in the next 40 Days for Life Campaign. There are 46 first-time campaigns – including locations in Puerto Rico, Argentina and Germany.

Visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) for further information and to find the location near you.

## **Support CA Right to Life Educational Fund through workplace campaigns!**

Along with September bringing the start of the school year, we also turn our thoughts to the annual payroll deduction charity giving campaigns. Please consider designating California Right to Life Educational Fund as one of your charities for 2012. We rely solely on private individuals donations for our ongoing support. Payroll donations make up over 25% of our income and provide the much needed steady flow of funding throughout the year.

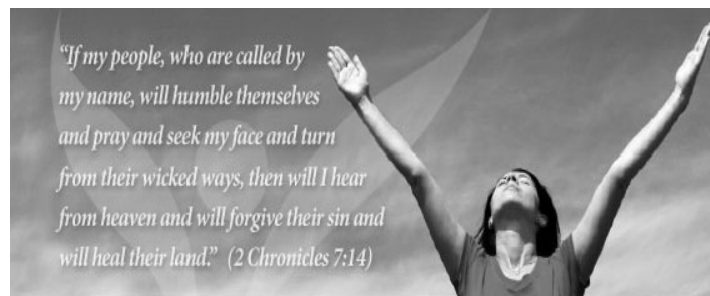
If you or a friend or family member are in the U.S. Military, a federal civilian employee, or employed by the postal service, please consider contributing to California Right to Life Educational Fund through the Combined Federal Campaign.

### **Our CFC number is 49743**

Corporate employees may donate through the United Way campaign; if we are not specifically listed in your brochure, ask your on-site campaign coordinator for more information on how to write California Right to Life Educational Fund in as a donor designated organization, or contact this office.

Please share this information with coworkers, family, and friends who share the vision to educate, counsel, and protect all innocent human life from fertilization to natural death.

Contact our office 925-944-5351 if you would like materials for your company campaign or a speaker for your events. We are also available by e-mail at: [callife@calright2life.org](mailto:callife@calright2life.org)



## Other Upcoming Events

**National Life Chain Sunday** - Sunday, October 2nd, generally 2:00 to 3:30 pm. For info on the National Life Chain in your area, visit [www.nationallifechain.org/](http://www.nationallifechain.org/) National Director, Royce Dunn, is looking for additional site coordinators. Please call 530-674-5068 or email Royce at [Royce@NationalLifeChain.org](mailto:Royce@NationalLifeChain.org).

**First Ever Historic INTERNATIONAL Pro-Life Youth Conference** November 11-13, 2011, in Los Angeles. Speakers include Father Pavone, Pastor Walter Hoye, and Lila Rose! See their website <http://internationalprolifeyouth.com/> for all the details.

**Saturday - January 21, 2012 – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life.** Mark your calendars now (if you haven't already) for the largest gathering of Pro-Lifers on the West Coast. Visit: <http://www.walkforlifewc.com/>

**Remember [www.calendarforlife.org](http://www.calendarforlife.org)**

For the latest and most up to date listing of activities and events happening in your area.

### WHO IS CALIFORNIA RIGHT TO LIFE?

This is the newsletter of **California Right to Life Education Fund**, a 501-c-3 organization established to educate the public about pro-life issues. Donations to the EDUCATION FUND are **tax-deductible** and can be sent to P.O. Box 4343, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-0343.

California Right to Life **Committee, Inc.** is a 501-c-4 organization providing information on legislative issues affecting the right to life, and pro-life political advocacy. **CRLC, Inc. is not permitted**, under IRS regulations, to offer a tax deduction for donations. \$24.99 annually is requested for a subscription to the CRLC legislative email updates list and can be sent to 1920 Monument Blvd #309, Concord, CA 94520.

Both are affiliates of American Life League, headed by Judie Brown, and share the same "no-exceptions, no excuses" beliefs and the same dedication to promoting the Culture of Life, respecting all innocent human life from the single-cell stage to natural death.