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## **STOPP comes to California (Stop Planned Parenthood)**

Howard Haupt - NVCL Exec Committee

During the week of October 18-24, Jim Sedlak of Stop Planned Parenthood [STOPP] and Jeff White, leader of the Survivors organization, presented a blueprint of their anti-abortion efforts to various groups throughout the entire state of California. During the two hour presentation they described how Planned Parenthood is organized to exploit our present-day culture and achieve its goals. They then presented strategies and techniques to fight Planned Parenthood (PP) in a typical local community.

STOPP subscribes to the credo that since “all politics is local,” Planned Parenthood must be stopped at the local level, one community at a time. They have been successful with this approach, as the number of Planned Parenthood clinics has declined from a high of 938 in 1995 to 668 at the end of 2014. [American Life League 2014].

However, the movement is faced with daunting obstacles. The cultural trend in this country, Secular Humanism, which is anti-God and anti-religion, blends perfectly with the plans of Planned Parenthood. For example, the Planned Parenthood scheme to introduce promiscuity at an early age is actually well-conceived (pun not intended), because children at ages 6 – 12 are most open to learn, most curious, and most trusting of adults. Then from age 13 onwards, strong sexual urges begin to occur manifested physically by boys, romantically by girls. It is akin to a perfect storm.

The Planned Parenthood education program is designed to take advantage of these ‘natural circumstances’ and therefore contracts with the public school districts to teach sex-education courses to junior high/ middle schools and high schools. Often Planned Parenthood offers this service and trains the instructors who are usually paid via a county/city grant, the source of which is property taxes.

In this manner, Planned Parenthood feeds its supply chain and convinces innocent children that acting on their physical drives is “normal and healthy.” Of course, popular

culture reinforces these evils in many areas, particularly the media. In its present form Obamacare provides \$75 million annually for sex-education in our schools.

The presentation covered some examples of how PP finances its operations:

1. The average price for contraceptives (birth control pills) purchased at a local pharmacy is \$28 for a one month supply. Planned Parenthood, because it is a 501-c3 non-profit, gets special prices. They also usually buy in bulk and pay approximately \$1.50 for this supply and then in California charge only \$18. – which can be reimbursed by Medi-Cal (using your tax dollars once again!)
2. The above example illustrates why contraception, not surgical abortion, is the major money-maker for PP. Abortion is the single most expensive service, but contraceptive devices and pills yield more for the bottom line. As a ‘non-profit’ organization, last year PP showed \$127.1 million income over expenses. [2015 American Life League]

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Finally, we learned that the main reason Planned Parenthood centers (clinics) are closed is the bottom line; if they are unable to show a profit, they will be shut down by management. This fact is one of the many vulnerabilities of Planned Parenthood that STOPP has been exploiting during its 20+ years in the battle for life.

For more information about STOPP and to subscribe to their semi-monthly e-newsletter visit <http://www.stopp.org/>

## **New GSK Shingles vaccine in Phase 3 trials – morally produced!**

(Largo, FL) Children of God for Life is pleased to announce a new shingles vaccine produced by Glaxo SmithKline called HZ/su that is currently in Phase 3 clinical trials – and it does not use aborted fetal cell lines.

“Finally the public will have a moral option!” said Debi Vinnedge, Children of God for Life’s Executive Director.

“This is simply fantastic news for people worldwide who have wanted to protect themselves against shingles but would not compromise their deeply held prolife and religious objections to abortion.”

After an individual has chickenpox, the virus may remain dormant or reactivate as shingles later in life. Shingles can be extremely painful and usually manifests as blisters on the skin or sometimes in the eyes.

Currently, the only US licensed shingles vaccine is Merck’s Zostavax, which contains residual cell components, proteins and DNA from aborted fetal cell line MRC-5. The cell line was derived from the lung tissue of a 14 week gestation male baby, aborted in the UK “for psychiatric reasons.”

Conversely, Glaxo’s HZ/su combines a protein from the chickenpox virus called glycoprotein E with the immune system-boosting QS-21 Stimulon made by Agenus. This unique component is made from the bark of the Quillaja saponaria (soap bark) evergreen tree native to central Chile.

“This is an incredible victory for moral medicine, for Hippocratic ethics, for the family,” said Judie Brown, President of American Life League.

Not only is it ethically produced, from a clinical perspective, GSK’s vaccine is faring considerably better than Merck’s. Trial results are showing an efficacy of 97.2% in adults at least 50 years old (24% were over 70 years of age) and a 90% effective rate in patients 70 and older. [1]

According to the CDC Merck’s Zostavax is 51% overall effective in preventing shingles; 64% in people 60 through 69 years of age and only 38% in people older than 70.

Zostavax protection also wanes within the first 5 years after vaccination, and protection beyond that is uncertain. [2]

GSK’s vaccine is expected to be submitted for approval in the US by mid 2016.

“We are always quick to complain and slow to praise,” said Vinnedge. “It is so important that people take the time and write to GSK and thank them. There is absolutely no reason why any company should use aborted fetal material when moral alternatives are readily available and we are extremely grateful that GSK is listening to the public and taking the lead!”

Letters or thank you notes can be sent to GSK here:

Sir Andrew Witty, CEO  
GSK USA – Philadelphia Navy Yard  
5 Crescent Drive  
Philadelphia PA 19112

[1] <http://seekingalpha.com/news/2860396-glaxos-shingles-vaccine-candidate-successful-in-second-late-stage-study>

[2] <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/shingles/hcp-vax-recs.html#effectiveness>

## R.I.P. Embryonic Stem Cell Research Debate

There is a huge silence, where only a decade ago (2002-2008) there was a good deal of hype surrounding embryonic stem cell research (eSCR) This great miracle of science that was going to cure Alzheimer’s, Parkinson Disease, Juvenile Diabetes and so many other diseases. Here are just a few of the quotes from days gone by:

- If we cannot become Titans using our own stem-cell resources, perhaps we can resist the onslaught of time’s vulture by transplanting pluripotent cells derived from early embryos to supplement our own waning supplies of stem cells. — Nadia Rosenthal, in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, 2003.
- Science has presented us with a hope called stem-cell research, which may provide our scientists with answers that have so long been beyond our grasp. I just don’t see how we can turn our backs on this, there are just so many diseases that can be cured, or at least helped. We have lost so much time already, and I just really can’t bear to lose any more. — *Former First Lady Nancy Reagan*
- Personally, I can’t think of a greater affirmation of the culture of life than to advance the fight against disease by increasing federal funding for biomedical research. Equally crucial is to remove undue restrictions on important paths forward, including embryonic stem cell research. America is about optimism, about promise, about always moving forward. The idea of rejecting one of the most promising areas of research is shortsighted. — *Michael J. Fox, Founder, Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research*
- It is difficult to estimate just how damaging the current restrictions have been to the field to date, but if the current restrictions are not eventually lifted, patients will suffer needlessly. — *James Thomson of the University of Wisconsin, Madison*
- The U.S. House of Representatives has voted to ban research on, and the use of, medical treatments derived from embryonic stem cells. This bill is short-sighted and has the potential to put many critical future advances in medicine beyond the reach of patients in the United States. — *Jeffrey Drazen, Editor, New England Journal of Medicine*

We who were against embryonic stem cell research (eSCR) were considered to be troglodytes and religious fundamentalists; we were frauds waging war on genuine science. Our scientific credentials were questioned. We

were accused of being callous and indifferent to the suffering of patients with chronic illness.

Fast forward to today, and guess what – We were right. Not one person has been cured with embryonic stem cells. **NOT A SINGLE CURE!**

The controversy ran out of steam almost immediately after Japanese researcher Shinya Yamanaka developed induced pluripotent stem cells (iPS cells) in 2007, a feat for which he was later awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine. His cells apparently have all the potential of embryonic cells without the ethical baggage. Leading scientists quietly stopped working with human embryonic stem cells and began using induced pluripotent stem cells.

Nonetheless, some scientists still insisted that human embryo stem cells were the gold standard; destructive embryo research would always be essential for the advancement of science.

Now, in the concluding act of the stem cell wars, a paper in *Nature Biotechnology* [1] has suggested that iPS cells and eSCR cells are functionally equivalent — effectively meaning that there is no need to destroy embryos either for research or for therapies. If this is true - and it needs to be confirmed by other researchers - it is the stem cell equivalent of receiving the surrender of the last Japanese soldier on some remote island in the Philippines. Whether or not the findings of Konrad Hochedlinger and colleagues at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston are correct, the war is over.

However, a news report in *Science* [2] of this finding has attracted not one single comment. This attitude is thoroughly dishonorable. All those eminent journal editors, journalists, scientists, bioethicists, and politicians who insisted that destructive embryo research was vital were wrong. Will there be no apology? Perhaps it's time for scientists and bioethicists to establish an Embryonic Stem Cell Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

(Special thanks to *Michael Cook*, editor of *MercatorNet*, for the research on quotes included in this article.)

[1]<http://www.nature.com/nbt/journal/v33/n11/full/nbt.3388.html>  
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[2]<http://news.sciencemag.org/biology/2015/10/reprogrammed-stem-cells-work-well-those-embryos>

## Around the Office

Cecelia Cody, Administrative Director

As the calendar year comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our donors, for your ongoing support. We would especially like to give special remembrance to two wonderful women who “remembered us in their wills.” Without those two large donations we would be operating at a deficit of several thousand dollars in 2015. Please consider California Right to Life Educational Fund in your Wills and trusts. If you need assistance in this, contact our office and we will put you in touch with a pro-life lawyer that specializes in this type of work.

2015 has been an especially busy year for us. We coordinated several rallies related to the Center for Medical Progress undercover reporting on Planned Parenthood selling fetal body parts, providing materials including a couple of banners that the youth have used almost weekly at their spot rallies wherein they unfurl these banners. We also printed over 7,500 drop cards to spread the word on this horrendous topic, as well as cards to give to pregnant women looking for assistance with a challenging pregnancy.

Mall tables, newsletters, media interviews, 24/7 phone line for counseling and referrals on any life issue, a website we hope to update in 2016... you the donors make all this possible. Please remember California Right to Life Educational Fund in your year-end giving. We have lots we would like to do in 2017 including “remodeling” our website. Your donations are what will make our dream a reality.

We would also like to expand our information tables for life – more often in current locations, and perhaps add additional locations. However our greatest need in this area is more volunteers to staff the tables. If you would be interested in assisting in this area, contact our office. We train on the job, you will be paired with an experienced volunteer to learn the routine.

Again thank you for all your support. If you need materials, and/or, if there is anything we can do to assist you in your efforts to proclaim and protect all life from fertilization to natural death, please feel free to contact our office at 925-944-5351 or e-mail [callife@calright2life.org](mailto:callife@calright2life.org).

**Do you know someone who might be considering abortion?**

**Make sure they get the facts first!  
A LIFE depends on it...**

**1-800-712-HELP (4357)**

**Website: <http://www.optionline.org/>**

## *Calendar of Events*

*For the latest updates of events see  
[www.calendarforlife.org](http://www.calendarforlife.org)*

**MARCH FOR LIFE** – Washington D.C. Friday  
January 22, 2016 12 Noon Rally, 1:00PM March  
<http://marchforlife.org/>

**WALK FOR LIFE – WEST COAST**  
San Francisco – Saturday January 23rd 2016  
See: <http://www.walkforlifewc.com/>

**STUDENTS FOR LIFE NATIONAL  
CONFERENCES – *Born to Win:*  
*Abolishing Abortion in Our Lifetime***  
**East Coast** – Saturday January 23, 2016 - First Baptist  
Church of Glenarden, Upper Marlboro, MD  
**West Coast** – Sunday January 24, 2015 – St. Mary  
Cathedral Event Center, San Francisco

For further information, visit:  
<http://studentsforlife.org/rsvp-for-the-2016-national-conference-now/>

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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.

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