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FDA Approves RU-486 Through First 10 Weeks of Pregnancy

We recently received a call from a student doing a University project on RU-486, and while assisting her in her research I discovered a number of facts I thought might be helpful for all of us to know as we work to stop the use of RU-486, the "Medical Abortion Pill."

Earlier this year the FDA expanded the use of Mifeprex, (also known as Mifepristone or RU486), permitting the "Medical Abortion Pill" to be administered through the first ten weeks of pregnancy instead of the previously approved 49 days or seven weeks, and also allowing smaller doses to be dispensed. These changes were approved despite the FDA's own studies showing RU-486 has high failure rates and risks to women's health.

The RU-486 regimen fails in

- 1 out of 12 women with pregnancies less than or equal to 49 days (seven weeks), according to the clinical trial.
- Those failures, however, increase to 1 out of every 6 women with pregnancies just one week advanced (50-56 days)
- And further still, to a failure rate of nearly 1 out of every 4 pregnancies at 57-63 days' gestational age.
- When using RU-486, 1 out of 100 women with pregnancies less than or equal to 49 days will require emergency surgery,

- However, this number increases dramatically to 1 out of every 11 women with pregnancies of 57-63 days' gestational age.

The FDA has documented 2,207 adverse events in the U.S. of women who have had medical abortions, including 14 deaths, 612 hospitalizations, 339 cases where blood loss was so great the woman needed a transfusion, 256 infections and 58 ectopic pregnancies. Women who died from medical abortions died from a bacterial infection like toxic shock, hemorrhaging to death,

ruptured ectopic pregnancy and massive heart attack. We in California remember one of those first deaths, Holly Petersen.

The clinical trial submitted to the FDA for approval explains why the FDA originally recommended the drug only up to seven weeks of pregnancy.

RU-486 has claimed the lives of two million unborn children in the United States since its approval at the end of the Clinton administration.

As we work to stop this dangerous procedure it is very important to REMEMBER and spread the word that even if the mother has taken the first pill, the fate of her baby is not determined. Successes stories in reversing the effects of RU-486 are mounting. Given the statistics – it is even more important to know how to advise a woman who has taken the "Medical Abortion Pill." For more information, see www.abortionpillreversal.com.

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Physician Assisted Suicide – Coming to California?

With the passage of the Physician Assisted Suicide legislation last summer, Oregon-like Physician Assisted Suicide is scheduled to become a possibility in California on June 9, 2016. Here are ten talking points to assist you in discussing this horrible possibility with your friends, family and associates. The Coalition against Physician Assisted Suicide continues to fight in the courts to stop this dangerous legislation.

1. Assisted suicide turns doctors into killers. The American Medical Association rejects physician-assisted suicide in the following terms: *“Allowing physicians to participate in assisted suicide would cause more harm than good. Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would pose serious societal risks.”*

2. Assisted suicide endangers the weak and vulnerable. Wherever assisted suicide has been legalized, safeguards to protect the ill have been inadequate, watered down or eliminated over time. People who deserve society’s help are instead treated like chattel and offered death.

3. Assisted suicide laws give societal approval to killing. Legislation that allows people to end their lives automatically creates incentives to seek death as a cost-saving option. The elderly and infirm are seen as burdens and can easily be disposed of. Suicide becomes the easy way out.

4. Just call it what it is: suicide. Under the false guise of ‘compassion,’ all sorts of euphemisms are being used to force this dangerous legislation on America -- phrases such as “aid in dying,” “end-of-life options,” and “death with dignity.” But there is no getting around the truth: these laws allow doctors to administer drugs designed to facilitate suicide. Even more insidious, the lethal drugs are falsely labeled as “medication” while designed to do the exact opposite of any true medicine.

5. Assisted suicide laws are unfair to the disabled. The vast majority of those requesting assisted suicide in Oregon was not because of pain, but the loss of functional ability. The mindset involved in allowing the practice of assisted suicide equates disability with a “loss of dignity.” But, every day, thousands of disabled Americans rely on the assistance of others, without any loss of dignity.

6. Assisted suicide laws lead to euthanasia. Euthanasia, defined as “the practice of intentionally ending a life in order to end pain and suffering,” has followed wherever assisted suicide laws have been enacted. Instead of the suffering person requesting it, euthanasia is administered by others with or without patient consent. Dr. Herbert Hendin, writing in *Psychiatric Times*, sums up what has happened in the Netherlands:

“The Netherlands has moved from assisted suicide to euthanasia, from euthanasia for the terminally ill to euthanasia for the chronically ill, from euthanasia for physical illness to euthanasia for psychological distress and from voluntary euthanasia to involuntary euthanasia (called “termination of the patient without explicit request”).”

In fact, the Dutch now kill patients and babies born with deformities.

7. Assisted suicide laws put the poor at risk. Those without financial resources are most at risk from this dangerous legislation. Suicide becomes the cheap alternative for the poor who cannot afford costly treatment and medication. By passing assisted suicide laws, the state takes an interest in promoting the suicide of its citizens in order to save money. In fact, many insurance companies also favor assisted suicide because it saves them a lot of money.

8. It pressures dying people to end their own lives. Those coping with terminal illness are pressured to take the easy way out. “Not being a burden” becomes a powerful temptation to end one’s life. Instead of cherishing the sunset of life, a terminally ill person’s last moments are deliberately cut short. Laws of this type also allow relatives and family members to kill in order to access inheritances and take advantage of the situation.

9. 3.4 million nurses oppose assisted suicide.

The American Nurses Association, which represents 3.4 million registered nurses, has clearly stated that: "... the nurse should not participate in assisted suicide. Such an act is in violation of the Code for Nurses [...] and the ethical traditions of the profession."

10. Assisted suicide laws go against the Law of God. The practice of suicide goes against the 5th Commandment: "Thou shalt not kill." This commandment prohibits the murder of oneself or the murder of others. The state has no right to approve laws contrary to the moral and Divine Law. And all people of good will should firmly reject assisted suicide and stand up for morality and right reason.

As history demonstrates, the gap between "assisted suicide" and mandatory suicide can be very narrow. Who can guarantee that the legalization of "assisted suicide" today won't prepare the way for a new version of Auschwitz cremation ovens tomorrow?

Around the Office

Some days are slower than others at an "information Table for Life." That was not the case the Friday before Mother's Day! Our day started with a man coming to the table and almost immediately tearing up. He shared his story that he and his wife thought they were too young to have a child, so they aborted, and he regrets that decision to this day. (We provided him with some resources for post-abortion healing ministries.)

We had numerous people stop by, or give us a thumbs up as they walked by. Several people who stopped by our table may be contacting us in the coming days to discuss further the possibility having a speaker to their church or other group. We desperately need speakers, if we are going to be able to meet this need. Contact our office if you feel called to assist in this important ministry.

As our lead article recounts, the students continue to find us via Google searches, and call for assistance in school projects. We may not be able to directly speak in the schools; however, we can prepare students to go in and proclaim the pro-life message. If you have a high school or college student, talk to them about looking for opportunities to share the message of life through classroom presentations. For example a Spanish class student who was assigned a 5-10 minute

speech, spoke on fetal development and methods of abortion.

Library Corner: The Walls Are Talking – by Abby Johnson

The Walls are Talking is a compilation of recollections of the harrowing and life-changing experiences of former abortion clinic workers, told in their own words. Abortion is an act of violence, harming not only the obvious victim—the unborn child—but also the mother, the father, the doctor, and everyone else involved. This book is a difficult read, even for those of us who thought we had heard it all, and perhaps thought we had developed a "thick skin." Yet these are stories that need to be told, stories that need to be read, stories that need to be shared.

The recounting of the workers as they work in the POC ("product of conception") lab, arranging the parts of the aborted baby in the petri dish to make sure all the parts have been extracted will affect even the most hardened of hearts.

I was especially moved by the story of the "Frequent Flyer" a woman who was undergoing her ninth abortion, the moment she discovered her late first trimester "product of Conception" was a baby.

Anyone who still clings to the idea that the objective of "women's health clinics" is to help women will want to read the chapter entitled "Sorority Girl" to learn how the chase for the almighty dollar almost cost a college woman her life. Or the recounting of a 28-week gestation multi-day procedure of a perfectly normal baby, when the mother changes her mind. What about this "woman's right to choose" when she makes a different choice?

Several of the stories also provide important insights of how those of us on the sidewalk are viewed from the perspectives of those who work and/or are coming to receive "services" at the abortion center.... What works and what to avoid. (Spoiler Alert: Leave your Grim Reaper costume at home.)

Author Abby Johnson is a former director of the Planned Parenthood in Byron Station Texas, and founder of "And Then There Were None" ministry that helps those currently working in the abortion industry to find other employment and a new life outside the

abortion center walls. To find out more about her ministry visit: www.AbortionWorker.com

Calendar of Events

***For the latest updates of events, see
www.calendarforlife.org***

Building a Pro-Life Future – National Right to Life Convention 2016 – July 7-9, 2016 Herndon VA. (Just outside Washington D.C.) During this three-day event, national experts on life issues gather in one place to equip the pro-life grassroots with the knowledge and skills they need to advance our cause.

The Resistance 19th Annual Survivors Pro-Life Training Camp - 13 days of intense training and activism that will prepare you to stand against the worst evil of our day: abortion. June 20th- July 2, 2016, Southern California for High school and college-age youth (ages 14 -29 yrs. old)
<http://www.survivors.la/southern-california-prolife-training-camp>

Californians for Life Summit 2016 – “Working Together to End Abortion in California”
July 23, 2016 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
St. Philip the Apostle Church, 151 S. Hill Avenue, Pasadena. Visit <http://californiansforlife.org/summit/>
or call 916-955-1577

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