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## **Planned Parenthood 2015-2016 Annual Report Highlights**

Planned Parenthood finally released their 2015-2016 annual report – four months late! There are a number of interesting facts that can be gleaned from it. Below are seven observations:

1. **Abortions increased** from 323,999 to 328,348; an increase of 4,349 abortions per year. Planned Parenthood now performs 897 abortions PER DAY.
2. **Taxpayer money** to Planned Parenthood increased from \$553,700,000 to \$554,600,000 - an increase of \$900,000.
3. **Prenatal care has significantly decreased.** No surprise given Live Action's investigation (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekgiScr364Y>) into the supposed prenatal care that Planned Parenthood provides (spoiler: hardly anything). In 2014-2015, they served 17,419 individuals for prenatal care. In 2015-2016, that number is nearly cut in half at 9,419; a decrease of 8,000.
4. **The total number of clients decreased 100,000 from 2.5 million to 2.4 million and cancer screenings, pap tests, and breast exams all decreased.** By comparison, in 2005-2006, Planned Parenthood did 2,007,371 cancer screenings and had 3.1 million clients. This year's report of 2015-2016 shows Planned Parenthood did only 665,234 cancer screenings and had 2.4 million clients. Oh, and they only got \$336,700,000 in taxpayer funds in 2006 versus over \$554,600,000 in 2015.
5. Planned Parenthood has also added to the report "Well-Woman Exams" and "Miscarriage Care," which are completely new categories and are not explained.
6. **Planned Parenthood claims 300 campus groups**, which is up from 275 in previous

reports. Compare that to Students for Life. In the last three months of 2015, Students for Life started 115 new groups alone; there are now over 1,140 Students for Life groups. The Pro-Life Generation is winning.

7. Planned Parenthood committed **more abortions than they did breast exams** last year. Abortion is their business.

This brief overview perhaps explains why Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider took so long to release their annual report. Funding from governmental sources increased, while clients served decreased. The number of abortions has increased, while the number of cancer screenings, breast exams, and pap tests continue to plummet.

## **What They're Not Telling You About Assisted Suicide**

by [Bradley Mattes](#) - Life Issues Institute

Advocates of physician-assisted suicide want you to believe that this process of ending life is peaceful and serene. First the caring physician prescribes a lethal dose of medication that you take home and ingest. Then minutes later you make a peaceful transition to "the other side."

What they're not telling you — and some say they're hiding — is that there's an unknown, horrifying dark side to these lethal drugs.

Contrary to expectation, some patients and those around them at the time of an assisted suicide have come face-to-face with the unexpected — a process that goes desperately wrong.

In some cases, the drugs don't work and the patient wakes up wondering why he or she is still alive.

The family of 42-year old David Prueitt alerted the *Associated Press* to his failed assisted suicide attempt. He took the prescribed lethal medication as instructed with his family at his side. It was unforeseen that David would be unconscious for 65 hours, then wake up unscathed. [\[1\]](#)

At other times the patient will linger for days before finally succumbing to the lethal prescription.

One patient died after ingesting the medication, but it took her a US record of 104 hours to expire. George Eighmey, Compassion's executive director in Oregon, said, "The doctors we talked to said it's likely she just had a very strong heart."<sup>[2]</sup>

There are occasions when the patient has severe, adverse reactions to the drugs. These incidents have horrified and traumatized family and friends who witness the dramatic aftermath.

In one case the patient took the lethal meds as normal with no doctor present but began to exhibit physical symptoms. Alarmed and unable to handle the situation, his wife called 911 and an ambulance took him to a local hospital where they revived him. After which they transferred him to a nursing home.<sup>[3]</sup> His health condition ultimately claimed his life.

This was not the kind of death either one of them had envisioned.

The Netherlands has decades of experience with assisted suicide and euthanasia. One of those who have practiced it for many years is Dr. Pieter Admiraal. He has warned about the risks and shortcomings associated with assisted suicide. "In spite of these measures [preparations], every doctor who decides to assist in suicide must be aware that something can go wrong, with the result being a failure of the suicide. For this reason, **one should always be prepared to proceed to active euthanasia**. In other words, the doctor should always have at hand thiopental and muscle relaxant."<sup>[4]</sup> (Emphasis mine)

The *New England Journal of Medicine* researched 114 cases of assisted suicide in The Netherlands<sup>[5]</sup> and found that:

- 9 percent of the patients experienced complications including spasms, vomiting or extreme gasping.
- 14 percent of the cases encountered problems such as an inability to induce a coma or that the patient awoke after in a coma.
- 19 percent of patients experienced a longer than expected time to die, lasting as long as seven days.
- 18 percent of the cases resulted in the physician directly intervening to administer

lethal medication to kill the patient by direct euthanasia.

In a study of physician-assisted suicide in the United States, Emanuel et al. reported that the process failed 15% of the time.<sup>[6]</sup>

There has been at least one documented case in Oregon when the assisted suicide attempt failed and a family member took matters into his own hands. His brother-in-law "helped" him die. "It doesn't go smoothly for everyone," the relative explained. "It would not have worked without help."<sup>[7]</sup>

The process of intentionally taking the life of a chronically ill or vulnerable person can be wrought with traumatic and unintentional circumstances. Evidence shows that assisted suicide can and does add trauma and stress to what would have been a natural and peaceful death.

*Educate yourself and others. The lives we save someday may be our own. Contact our office for materials and other resources.*

FOOTNOTES: [1] Associated Press, Assisted suicide attempt fails, March 4, 2005. [2] <http://crosscut.com/2010/03/firstyear-complications-with-assisted-suicide/> [3] David Reinhard, The pills don't kill: The Case, part one, Oregonian, March 23, 2000 and The Cover-Up, part two, Oregonian, March 26, 2000. [4] Admiraal, P.V., "Toepassing van euthanatica," Ned Tijdschr Geneeskde, 2/11/95, p. 267 [5] <http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJM20002243420805> [6] Emanuel EJ, Daniels ER, Fairclough DL, Clarridge BR. The practice of euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide in the United States: adherence to proposed safeguards and effects on physicians. JAMA 1998;280:507-513 [7] Oregonian, 1/17/99 and 3/11/99

## One Year of Physician Assisted Suicide in California: A Preliminary Report

June 9<sup>th</sup> marked the one year anniversary of legal Physician Assisted Suicide in California (Recall that euthanasia advocates managed to co-opt a special session of the state legislature in 2015 to resurrect a bill that had been soundly defeated by lawmakers several months earlier.) In early June Compassion & Choices, the group that lobbied the California

government to legalize assisted suicide, announced that 504 people had received prescriptions based on inquiries to its consultation program. The total number of prescriptions statewide will be significantly higher since not every patient would have contacted the advocacy group.

Official State of California statistics will not be released until July; however this preliminary projection begs the question: how many bottles of unused poison are in medicine cabinets or otherwise accessible as a danger to those for whom it was not prescribed? We may never know, since the law mandates that death certificates falsify the actual cause of death. The law states that death certificates from assisted suicide list the cause of death listed not as the lethal overdose as the cause - but rather the underlying prognosis.

We continue to follow this law, and will report the actual “official” statistic when it becomes available.

## Around the Office

Finally, we also are “on the ground” assisting callers in resolving “End of Life” issues. On evening in early June we received a call from a son in Southern California who was suspicious his 89 year old father was being targeted for possible “withholding of treatment.” With the help of our friends at Life Legal Defense Foundation, we were able to get him the assistance he needed. Recently the son called to thank us for our assistance and let us know his father is recovering, soon to be discharged from the hospital.

Sadly, donations are no longer covering our expenses, We have been forced to decrease phone coverage, i.e. less “live voice” and more “returned messages.” Also we now limit materials provided for classroom presentations. Please remember us in your charitable giving, especially during the “dry” summer months.

As well as financial assistance, we are always looking for volunteers. Among the “opportunities”:

- Staffing Information Tables for Life
- Expansion to new venues for future Information Tables for Life
- Newsletter article writers. Do you have a passion you would like to share by writing an article on a life issue, perhaps a recent breakthrough on stem cell cure, or an educational article on fetal development?
- Speakers for classroom or media opportunities.

## Calendar of Events

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

**Survivors Camp - July 18th-28th, San Francisco** Ages 14-29. In Northern California for the first time ever! Join us for 11 days of intense training and activism. More info:

<http://www.survivors.la/southern-california-prolife-training-camp> **NOTE Change in Dates and Location.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children - Saturday, September 9, 2017**

Pro-life Americans will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor. For a location near you, visit:  
<http://abortionmemorials.com/sites.php>

**40-DAYS FOR LIFE** – Sept. 27-Nov. 5, 2017

See: <http://40daysforlife.com/> for a location near you.

**LIFE CHAIN** – October 1, 2017 in most locations. For nearby locations, visit: <http://lifechain.net/>