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Indian Study: Abortion Multiplies Breast Cancer Risk by 2.8 Times

by Karen Malec

An Indian study found a statistically significant 2.8-fold increased breast cancer risk among women who had had abortions. [1] Dr. Unmesh Takalkar led the study. He serves as a consultant surgeon and chief medical director at United CIIGMA Hospital in India and an endoscopic surgeon and fellow at Johns Hopkins.

Although dozens of studies dating from 1957 support an abortion-breast cancer (ABC) link [2], the latest study is the seventh on the Indian subcontinent to implicate abortion as a risk factor for the disease [1,3-8], with a Bangladesh study reporting as much as a statistically significant 20-fold risk elevation. [3] Four additional Indian studies and a Sri Lankan study reported findings showing abortion significantly multiplied breast cancer risk between 1.9 and 6.38 times. [4-8]

Takalkar's team did not distinguish between induced and spontaneous abortions (miscarriages), but induced abortion has become so commonplace that it can be presumed to account for most abortions. First trimester miscarriages (which make up most miscarriages) do not raise breast cancer risk, so their inclusion in the study results in a slight underestimate of the ABC risk.

For example, in 2013, Yubei Huang and his colleagues, who examined 36 Chinese studies, demonstrated that studies including both miscarriages and induced abortions pulled down the ABC risk slightly, as they averaged a 41% risk increase, but studies including exclusively induced abortions averaged a 49% risk elevation. Huang's team, therefore, reported a statistically significant 44% increased risk for women with abortions. [9]

Karen Malec, president of the Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer, said,

“In an interview with the National Review Online in January, 2014, our science adviser, Professor Joel Brind (co-founder of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute), lamented how many post-abortive Asian women will develop breast cancer because abortion is ‘politically protected’ in the

West. He said, ‘There are over a billion women in India and China alone. If half of them have an abortion and the lifetime risk of breast cancer goes up a modest 2 percent, that comes out to 10 million women.’”[10] “

The failure of the leaders of U.S. cancer ‘charities’ and leftist women’s groups to blow the whistle about the ABC link shows what frauds they are,” asserted Mrs. Malec. “They prattle on about women’s health and ‘safe’ abortion, but they’d rather see millions die of breast cancer before they’d admit abortion raises risk. They’re cooperating in the Obama administration’s war on women.”

The Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer is an international women’s organization founded to protect the health and save the lives of women by educating and providing information on abortion as a risk factor for breast cancer.

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Turning the Hearts of Fathers

The Silent No More Awareness Campaign, a ministry for post abortive women, recently announced a new initiative launched in May for the fathers who grieve for the children they have lost by abortion:

He will go before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children...to prepare a people fit for the Lord. – Luke 1, 10-17

Amidst the joy of Father's Day celebrations some men will also be reminded that there is a child missing from their family celebration...a Father's Day card that will never be written. Listen to the heartache from two of the hundreds of men's testimonies you will find on the **Silent No More Awareness Campaign Website**:

Robert: *It was not until I finally got married, nine years ago, that I thought about the abortion again... I still feel the pain of my **lost fatherhood**...especially on Mother's Day and Father's Day.*

Matthew: *...that hidden shame and guilt caused me to*

go into a downward spiral of lying, cheating, pornography and addiction to alcohol...I told myself I would just hide what we had done.

The Silent No More Awareness Campaign has declared June 2014 as a time of **Turning the Hearts of Fathers** to their unborn children and the good news of God's mercy, forgiveness and restoration for those men who suffer after abortion loss.

It's understandable that fathers want to avoid this painful event and leave it in the past...but for many men it is still very much impacting them **in the present**.

If you are a man who experienced an abortion loss:

- You can believe God forgives you...but do you struggle to forgive yourself?

- Do you want to be closer to your wife and kids...to trust more and be more open to God's will for your life?

- Do you wonder why you feel so weak and at times fall back into sinful patterns in your life such as addictions, promiscuity and anger issues that bring pain and suffering to you and your loved ones?

The Lord wants to strengthen you as a man/husband/father/spiritual leader through an abortion recovery program. Silent No More Awareness has created a website **AbortionForgiveness.org** wherein a man or woman can enter their zip code and find abortion recovery information from a number of national and local groups in your area. Take the next step and discover the healing in Christ that will truly bless your life.

... Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Matthew 14:27

A Crib for Her Baby

by Audra Nakas

"Hey, whatcha doin'?"

I clutched my rosary a little tighter.

"Um... I'm just praying for everyone inside," I replied, nodding toward the Planned Parenthood building. I was participating in 40 Days for Life, and every Friday afternoon I prayed in front of the abortion facility. On

this particular autumn day, a woman and her friend were standing on the sidewalk outside, talking boisterously. I felt a little intimidated when they approached me and asked what I was up to, because before then I'd never sidewalk-counseled anybody. I will never forget the conversation that followed.

The woman explained that she was considering an abortion because she was worried about being able to provide for another daughter. From what the woman continued to tell me, it was clear that her entire life, she had been surrounded by poverty and the suffering that often accompanies it in the form of violence, drugs, and a broken family. Now she felt that she had no other choice but to have an abortion—she teared up as she told me, to my alarm, “I just have to give my baby back to God.”

I had previously heard of the connection between abortion and poverty. A pregnancy help center director once related a story about a woman who had an abortion because she didn't have a crib for her baby. In its February 2014 fact sheet on “Induced Abortion in the United States,” the Guttmacher Institute, a research organization historically associated with Planned Parenthood, indicates that forty-two percent of women who obtain abortions have incomes below the federal poverty level (in 2014, \$11,670/year) and an additional twenty-seven percent have incomes up to twice the official poverty level (under \$24,000). Seventy-three percent of women cite the inability to afford a child as a reason for their decision. (http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/fb_induced_abortion.pdf)

Yet I had never encountered this desperation face-to-face. This woman believed in God and understood that she was carrying a baby. But even with that knowledge and the desire to have her child, she didn't think there was any realistic option besides abortion. I realized that day that in the battle to save lives and souls, philosophizing about personhood and the right to life isn't enough; it doesn't give a scared mother a crib for her baby.

Of course, the life-saving charity work that pregnancy help centers provide is crucial. We also have a responsibility to help prevent and alleviate the poverty that leads to this kind of situation in the first place. As

the wisdom of Catholic social teaching demonstrates, if we want to establish a true culture of life, our work to promote the dignity of human life must include every aspect of social justice, especially concern for the poor.

Although I may never know what the woman ultimately decided, I felt hopeful; with a new cheerfulness, she and her friend thanked me for my prayers and left with the phone number I gave them for a pregnancy help center. I prayed that this woman found the compassion and material support she needed to escape the clutches of poverty and give her unborn child life. Guest columnist, Audra Nakas, is a rising senior at The Catholic University of America and a former intern for the USCCB's [Catholic Campaign for Human Development](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/life-issues-forum/a-crib-for-her-baby.cfm).

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“Better to Light one Candle Than to Curse the Darkness” Achievements of 40-Days-for-Life Efforts

Saving the lives of unborn babies, and their mothers and abortion mill workers – one at a time... here are some statistics of the achievements over these past six-and-a-half years through the 40-Days-For-Life Project:

- 625,000 participants ...
- 17,000 churches ...
- 3,039 local campaigns ...
- 539 cities ...
- 24 nations ...
- **8,973 lives saved** ... (that we know about... only God knows the total impact we have made in saving these precious wee ones)
- **101 abortion workers quit** ...
- **50 abortion centers closed**...

The next Campaign begins September 24th through November 2nd. (Applications to coordinate a location in your area will open July 1, 2014)

Calendar of Events

For the latest updates of events see

www.calendarforlife.org

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children - Saturday Sept 14, 2014

The second annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014. Organizing for the event will commence in the first half of 2014. Plans are to make this an annual event on the second Saturday of September. For a listing of possible sites in your area see:

<http://abortionmemorials.com/sites.php>

Consider coordinating a vigil at a site in your area. For further information see: <http://abortionmemorials.com/>

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