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## **Is Abortion Pill Reversal Possible?**

RU-486 or the so-called “Abortion pill” is a procedure often used in the first seven weeks of a pregnancy. This procedure consists of actually taking 2 pills. The first is either “Mifepristone (commonly called RU 486) or methotrexate. Either pill causes a “chemical abortion” by blocking the hormone progesterone, which is necessary to sustain pregnancy. Without progesterone, the lining of the uterus breaks down, the cervix (opening of the uterus or womb) softens, and bleeding begins.

Within a few days after ingesting either mifepristone or methotrexate, a second drug, misoprostol is either inserted into the vagina, placed between cheek and gum, or swallowed, and will cause the uterus to contract and empty, ending the pregnancy.

HOWEVER, what if a woman undergoing a RU-486 chemical abortion, takes the first pill, and then changes her mind? The clinic that provided the pills will tell her there is no way to stop the procedure once it is started. However there is a method to potentially reverse the effects of the first pill.

Dr. George Delgado, M.D. medical director of Culture of Life Family Services, realized that the first pill, mifepristone (RU 486), could potentially be reversed using progesterone supplementation. Dr. Delgado has a great deal of experience using progesterone with NaProTECHNOLOGY protocols to treat women with threatened miscarriages. He reasoned that increasing progesterone levels could out-compete the mifepristone in connecting the progesterone receptors and could, therefore, diminish the mifepristone effect.

Based on this information, Dr. Delgado, with the help of Dr. Mary Davenport, wrote an article in the Annals of Pharmacotherapy, describing six cases of women who decided to reverse the effects of mifepristone. Of

the six cases, four delivered full-term healthy babies. Since most of mifepristone leaves the woman’s body within two days, and is completely gone within five days, this extra progesterone treatment is usually not prolonged. So far, this innovation has helped 15 women reverse the effects of the abortion pill.

Those interested in more information are encouraged to visit [www.abortionpillreversal.com](http://www.abortionpillreversal.com) or call 1-877-558-0333. You will be linked up with someone in your local area who can help you reverse the effects of the abortion pill. Medical personnel who would like to learn this technique are encouraged to contact them as well.

## **If You Only Had One Minute...**

By Cecelia Cody

**If you know of someone who  
has taken the abortion pill and  
has changed her mind,  
Don't hesitate – immediately  
Call 1-877-558-0333  
Help is at hand**

It had been a long afternoon at the information table at the local mall. We were packing up our, when a young man approached and asked if he could have a few minutes of our time ask a few questions. We of course welcomed him, stifling the

urge to go home and put our feet up and relax. The next few minutes turned out to be the highlight of the afternoon. The young man appeared to be sincerely trying to figure out his position on the whole abortion issue. He asked several probing questions, the first one directed our teens who staff the tables, “Why are you pro-life?” Our teens and 20-something are sort of “peer counselors” at the mall tables, evangelizing their fellow teens on the life issues, and abstinence.

Imagine for a moment you were asked the question “Why are you Pro-Life?” How would you respond? What would you say in just a few sentences to someone who is not hostile or belligerent, perhaps someone who simply has never engaged the abortion issue directly? This is our usual experience; most people don’t stay more than a minute or two at our table, so our message must be succinct and touch hearts and minds.

Or perhaps you are standing outside an abortion mill praying and someone about to enter the killing center approaches you. What words of wisdom would you offer in a few sentences to convince the person to keep their preborn baby by NOT keeping the appointment to abort their baby?

Or you are out for coffee or a meal with a group of friends and one of them mentions they have a friend (or daughter) who is pregnant and proceeds to explain that the friend is going to have an abortion because \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank) What would you say and/or do?

These are all scenarios our members have experienced in the past couple of months. Are you prepared if you were faced with any of these scenarios? Have you considered how you would respond?

One of the objectives of the Information Tables for Life is precisely that, to get people to think about the issues before they are faced with it in real life; be it an unplanned pregnancy, an end of life care decision or something in between – including “Real Love Waits” our abstinence program. We aim to talk to people before they face a situation, and invite them to read a pamphlet we provide and consider the options, so should they ever face a situation with the emotional roller coaster it often entails, the person will have some information to fall back on. Most people approaching our tables aren’t facing a life or death scenario – however we do occasionally have that happen;

Let’s return to our young man at the mall table... Our youth volunteers were well prepared to answer the young man’s question; “Why are you pro-life?” The illustration he told us he found most convincing was the idea that once the ovum and sperm are joined everything is present in the genetic code for a human being to develop, not a “potential human being” but rather a “human being with potential.” Nothing more will ever be needed except S.L.E.D. (mentioned in our February newsletter Do you remember what the letters stand for? Do you still have a copy of the newsletter? It is available on our website [www.calright2life.org](http://www.calright2life.org) or contact our office for another copy. The “product of conception” as our adversaries like to say, will never be anything but a human being; not a fish or a bird or any other mammal or plant or tree. Blastocyst, zygote, embryo, fetus...newborn, toddler, teenager, “chronologically challenged” all are on the spectrum of human being!

At the information tables, we have lots of materials to assist in sharing our message; We can just say a couple sentences and provide the person with a few pamphlets to read to enhance their knowledge. Sidewalk counselors also usually come equipped with fetal development pamphlets, perhaps a fetal model, and sometimes pamphlets of what abortion does to the woman. However prayer warriors and, even more so, when out having coffee with friends, we often don’t have materials readily available. So we have to depend on our memory and wit. Without looking, can you remember the phone number shown on almost every newsletter, to refer a person considering abortion? If not, do you have it in your wallet? (contact our office and we can send you a business card size card with the number on it.) Can you share the basics of fetal development with the woman about to enter the abortion mill: when did the heart start beating? Brain waves? Do you wear a precious feet pin? Persons who pray outside abortion mills, would you like to have a precious pre-born model to have in your pocket when you are out on the sidewalk? (Contact our office.)

Most of us carry a lot of things in our wallet, Why not make sure one of the things is the phone number 1-800-712-HELP (4357) and a fetal development card you can share with the abortion bound person. Many people carry a checkbook or calendar in their purse, or a day planner; why not put a fetal development tri-fold pamphlet in the center to have it ready if the need ever arises. . Contact our office and we will be happy to send you these materials.

Some of us dedicate our lives to the respect life arena as our occupation; speaking to the media, assisting students on class projects, and educating you our members and the general public through writing newsletters and organizing information tables. However it is the vocation of everyone to be knowledgeable and ready to provide the most basic information if ever and whenever the occasion arises.

**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)**

# Irish Stem Cell Research Could Save Sight of Diabetes Patients

Irish scientists at Queen's University Belfast and NUI Galway are hoping to develop a novel approach that could save the sight of millions of diabetes sufferers using adult stem cells. Currently millions of diabetics worldwide are at risk of sight loss due to a condition called Diabetic Retinopathy. This is when high blood sugar causes the blood vessels in the eye to become blocked or to leak. Failed blood flow harms the retina and leads to vision impairment and if left untreated can lead to blindness.

The novel REDDSTAR study (Repair of Diabetic Damage by Stromal Cell Administration) involving researchers from Queen's Centre for Vision and Vascular Science in the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences, will see them isolating stem cells from donors, expanding them in a laboratory setting and re-delivering them to a patient where they help to repair the blood vessels in the eye. This is especially relevant to patients with diabetes where the vessels of the retina become damaged.

At present there are very few treatments available to control the progression of diabetic complications. There are no treatments which will improve glucose levels and simultaneously treat the diabetic complication.

The €6 million EU-funded research is being carried out with NUI Galway and brings together experts from Northern Ireland, Ireland, Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark, Portugal and the US.

The Queen's component of the REDDSTAR study involves investigating the potential of a unique stem cell population to promote repair of damaged blood vessels in the retina during diabetes. "The impact could be profound for patients," says Professor Alan Stitt, Director of the Centre for Vision and Vascular Science at Queen's and lead scientist for the project, "because regeneration of damaged retina could prevent progression of diabetic retinopathy and reduce the risk of vision loss."

"Currently available treatments for diabetic retinopathy are not always satisfactory. They focus on end-stages of the disease, carry many side effects and fail to address the root causes of the condition. A novel, alternative therapeutic approach is to harness adult

stem cells to promote regeneration of the damaged retinal blood vessels and thereby prevent and/or reverse retinopathy."

"This new research project is one of several regenerative medicine approaches ongoing in the centre. The approach is quite simple: we plan to isolate a very defined population of stem cells and then deliver them to sites in the body that have been damaged by diabetes. In the case of some patients with diabetes, they may gain enormous benefit from stem cell-mediated repair of damaged blood vessels in their retina. This is the first step towards an exciting new therapy in an area where it is desperately needed."

The research focuses on specific adult stem cells derived from bone-marrow. The cells are being provided by Orbsen Therapeutics, a spin-out from the Science Foundation Ireland-funded Regenerative Medicine Institute (REMEDI) at NUI Galway.

The project will develop ways to grow the bone-marrow-derived stem cells. They will be tested in several preclinical models of diabetic complications at centres in Belfast, Galway, Munich, Berlin and Porto before human trials take place in Denmark.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/02/130213214618.htm>

## Guess who's Pro Life?

Not many people in Hollywood have had a career as celebrated and prolific as Jack Nicholson. A writer, director, producer, and actor, he has received the most Oscar nominations of any male actor, ever.

Considering that he's a notorious womanizer, it may be surprising to hear that he's an adamant pro-lifer, but he is.

As a pregnant teenager, Nicholson's mother was pressured to have an abortion, but she refused. This has shaped Nicholson's view on abortion, making him one of the few pro-life celebrities. On the subject, he has said, "I don't have the right to any other view. My only emotion is gratitude, literally, for my life."

For a list of nine other celebrities who are pro-life see: <http://www.lifenews.com/2013/03/15/ten-notable-pro-life-celebrities-you-should-know/>

(If you don't have access to the internet, contact our office and we will send you a copy of the article.)

## Important Phone Numbers

**Pregnant – Need Help**

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

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

**Reversal of Abortion Pill**

**1-877-558-0333**

**Website: [www.abortionpillreversal.com](http://www.abortionpillreversal.com)**

**End of Life issues...Advance Directives**

**Patients Rights Council**

**1-800-958-5678**

**Website: <http://www.patientsrightscouncil.org/site/>**

## Calendar of Events

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

**April is Abortion Recovery Awareness month** and this a perfect time to promote **Silent No More Awareness Campaign** website especially the healing resources pages, which has a zip code search mechanism to find local healing programs in your community go to [www.abortionforgiveness.org](http://www.abortionforgiveness.org) to access the search engine directly.

### WHO IS CALIFORNIA RIGHT TO LIFE?

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