

# CALIFORNIA RIGHT TO LIFE EDUCATION FUND

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## **FDA Guidelines on Vaccines/Aborted Fetal Cell Lines Open for Public Comment**

The FDA is issuing guidelines to the pharmaceutical industry on cell line standards to be used in developing vaccines. The list includes both aborted fetal cell lines currently in use in several vaccines plus new aborted fetal cells such as PER C6 (taken from the retinal tissue of an 18-week gestation electively aborted baby.) They have also included cell lines derived from ethical sources and new innovative technologies that could be used instead of the aborted fetal tissue.

“Whether one is pro-life or not, the public should have a genuine concern that ethical versions are used instead of aborted fetal cell lines,” said Debi Vinnedge Executive Director of Children of God for Life.

“There are non-objectionable sources available that are both safe and effective. Certainly, common sense tells you that in order to effectively protect the public we need to have vaccines produced in a way that the entire population can benefit, not just those who have no moral qualms about using aborted fetal vaccines.” Vinnedge stated.

Recent workshops sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control on planning for pandemic flu and Avian flu highlight the need for both government agencies and the pharmaceutical industry to listen to public demand. PER C6 is just one of the aborted fetal cell lines to be used in these vaccines.

“The time has come to put an end to this immoral and unnecessary practice and we have a great opportunity to do that right now before these vaccines are brought to market”, Vinnedge added. “A strong public response could very well change the direction the pharmaceutical companies take in future research and development.”

**Public Response through December 28th on  
Docket Number 2006D-0383.** We need to use this

unique opportunity to absolutely bombard the FDA, CDC and HHS with our letters!

For further information and/or to submit your letters via the internet go to the Children of God for Life website at [www.cogforlife.org/fdaalert.htm](http://www.cogforlife.org/fdaalert.htm) They have a wealth of information including their press release, suggestions and instructions for writing and filing electronically or by US Mail. There are also downloadable bulletin inserts and flyers

To write using US Mail, and also consider sending a copy to the Dept. of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control, the agencies that are responsible for public health and safety.

**Write to the FDA at:  
Division of Dockets Management  
HFA-305  
Food & Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852**

*“...the public should  
have a genuine  
concern that ethical  
versions are used  
instead of aborted  
fetal cell lines...”*

***You MUST include Docket Number 2006D-0383 on your  
US Mail FDA Correspondence.***

### ***Send a copy to the CDC:***

Julie L. Gerberding, Director  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
1600 Clifton Rd  
Atlanta, GA 30333

### ***And a copy to HHS at:***

Secretary Michael O. Leavitt  
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Finally, to track FDA response, copies of all US Mail may also be sent to:

Children of God for Life  
943 Deville Dr E  
Largo, FL 33771

Not sure what to say in your letters or comments?

Those that are written from your heart and your pro-life convictions are always best, but here are a few suggestions:

## YEAR END QUIZ

\* We will promote companies and products that do not use aborted fetal cell lines. We will boycott those that do.

\* It is in the best interests of our country to provide ethical vaccines that all Americans may use in good conscience!

\* There are ethical alternatives to aborted fetal material:

Use them or we'll refuse them!

### **Please note this is open to all countries as well - not just US Citizens!**

We cannot express enough the **URGENCY** for everyone reading this to take a few moments to send letters to the FDA or register at The Children of God for Life website and file your comments with the FDA. You have the ability to change the direction of all future immoral research and development!

### **A MASSIVE PRO-LIFE RESPONSE CANNOT BE IGNORED! TAKE ACTION NOW AND LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD LOUD & CLEAR!**

Have you ever thought...(or are you thinking right now,) "What difference will my letter make?" Consider what Crucell NV had to say to their shareholders in December 2005 on using aborted fetal cell lines:

*"The use of genetic technology and materials derived from human fetal tissue, such as PER.C6\* technology, may raise ethical, legal and social issues that could hinder regulatory approval, patentability or market acceptance of our technologies and products developed using them. ... Advocacy groups have taken issue in the past and may take issue in the future with the use of genetic technology or materials derived from human fetal tissue, which may hinder or adversely affect regulatory approval or market acceptance of our technologies and products developed using them.... We rely on license and other revenues from the licensing of our potential products, PER.C6 and our other technologies. If our licensees or partners do not continue to use our potential products, PER.C6 technology or other technologies, or if they terminate their agreements with us, we will earn less or no revenue from our agreements with them...If we or our licensees do not develop potential products based on our core technologies that are approved for sale and are commercially successful, we may be forced to cease operations."*

A lot of effort goes into producing our newsletter, and each of you takes a good portion of your time reading our (almost) monthly mailings. Then an issue comes up and you might think, "I remember reading something about that," but you can't recall what it was.

So as we come to the "turning of the calendar" we would like to take a few moments to refresh our memories on some key pro-life issues. Realizing how most people like "puzzles," we offer you a sort of "fill in the blanks "Quiz." (Not to worry, the answers follow the questions on page 3.) So let's begin....

1. Someone comes up to you and tells you they have a friend who is pregnant and considering an abortion. They know you are pro-life and want to know if you know of any resources their friend might contact for assistance in this decision. What one phone number would you give them?
2. Pro-lifers are accused of being against stem cell research. Are we? If not, please explain what we are against, and what we favor. How do you know the difference?
3. Approximately how many cures have there been using: Adult Stem Cells? Embryonic Stem Cells?
4. What year was Roe V. Wade passed? How many babies are killed by abortion in the United States each year?
5. A woman has just given birth to a baby, and she doesn't want it. What can she do, or where can she take the baby, no questions asked, "no shame, no blame?"
6. Where would you direct a pregnant friend who is interested in getting more information about donating her baby's umbilical cord blood?
7. Where would you direct a woman hurting from an abortion?
8. California Right to Life does outreach to the general public through our Mall Tables. What happens at a Mall Table? What do you have to do to be part of a Mall Table? Do you need special training?

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

**Make sure they get the facts first!**

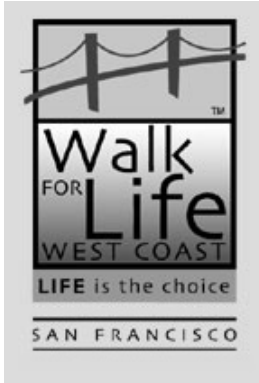
**A LIFE depends on it...**

**1-800-395-HELP (4357)**

## YEAR END QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Does the above box look familiar? Every newsletter includes this message box. **1-800-395-HELP (4357)** is the all-purpose phone number for all pregnancy related issues, from pre-natal through post-abortive issues. The line is answered 24/7, the caller is counseled and referred to the closest Pregnancy Center in her area. If you would like a wallet-size card or bookmark with this information (so you always have the number with you), or a bumper sticker, contact this office. In a past newsletter we recounted a gal who was “praying for a sign” if she should have an abortion. She saw a car with the 1-800-395-HELP bumper sticker, and a life was saved.
  2. There are two main types of stem cells: “embryonic” and “adult” stem cells. “Embryonic” stem cells are obtained by killing a baby in the first stages of life. Adult stem cells are obtained with no physical harm or loss of life of the donor. Bone marrow transplants are one of the oldest and most well known forms of adult stem cell sources, and another is the umbilical cord, commonly referred to as “cord blood.” We FAVOR adult (including “cord blood”) stem cells, as no lives are sacrificed. We OPPOSE embryonic stem cell research because it requires the death of a pre-born human being.
  3. Our September 2006 newsletter “scoreboard” had 72 successful stem cell research treatments using ADULT stem cells and zero, nada, zilch cures using embryonic stem cells. We have reported on advances in treatment of liver, kidney, heart, bladder, lupus, strokes, and even an amputation avoided through the use of ADULT stem cells.
  4. That was sort of a trick question... Roe V. Wade was never “passed” as legislation. Rather it was a Supreme Court Decision of January 22, 1973. It is estimated that there have been more than 46,000,000 surgical abortions in the U.S. An average of 1,300,000 babies are killed annually through surgical abortion.
  5. **Safely Surrendered Baby Campaign /I Safe Haven for Newborns...**In California, the Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows an individual to give up an infant without fear of arrest or prosecution for abandonment. The law does not require that names be given when the baby is surrendered. Parents are permitted to bring a baby within 72 hours (3 days) of birth to any hospital emergency room or other designated safe haven in California. For further information, contact this office or see <http://www.babysafe.ca.gov>.
  6. Following the birth of a baby, the umbilical cord is usually discarded. However it has been proven that blood retrieved from the umbilical cord is a rich source of stem cells. Stem cells from umbilical cord blood are unspecialized blood cells that produce other cells, including blood-clotting platelets and red and white blood cells. Like donated bone marrow, umbilical cord blood can be used to treat various genetic disorders that affect the blood and immune system including leukemia and various disorders of body chemistry. To date, more than 45 disorders can be treated with stem cells from umbilical cord blood. For further information see: [www.marlow.org/DONOR/cord\\_blood\\_faqs.html](http://www.marlow.org/DONOR/cord_blood_faqs.html)
  7. For hurting post abortive women we recommend:
    - 1-800-395-HELP (Yes that universal number)
    - Rachel's Vineyard  
[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)
    - Project Rachel  
[www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org)
    - Ramah International  
[www.ramahinternational.org](http://www.ramahinternational.org)
    - Silent No More Awareness Campaign  
[www.silentnomoreawareness.org](http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org)
  8. No prior training or special skills are required to assist at a mall table; in fact, you will acquire a lot of knowledge and experience through volunteering at a mall table. In the first hour you will learn such interesting facts as:
    - 24 days after fertilization the heart begins to beat
    - 42 days – the skeleton is formed
    - 43 days – brain waves can now be detected
    - 8 weeks – the child is a well proportioned baby, weighing in at a gram (1/30<sup>th</sup> of an ounce) and measuring 3cm (1-1/8”) EVERY organ is present, The heart beats sturdily, the stomach produces digestive juices, the liver makes blood cells, the kidneys function, even taste buds are forming.
- How did you do on the “quiz?” All of our past newsletters are available on our website at [www.calright2life.org](http://www.calright2life.org)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Walk for Life West Coast  
Saturday January 20, 2007  
Justin Herman Plaza / Embarcadero,  
San Francisco**



If you have joined us in the past you know what a heart-warming and inspirational experience this annual event is. If you have never been on a Walk for Life, mark your calendar now for the 2007 West Coast Walk for Life and plan to join us for the biggest pro-life event on the West Coast!

Over 15,000 people came to support the cause of life at last year's walk! We expect an even bigger crowd this year. Meet at Justin Herman Plaza at the Embarcadero, dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes, and bring a bag lunch. For further info, please visit [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com).

**WHO IS CALIFORNIA RIGHT TO LIFE?**

This is the newsletter of California Right to Life **Education Fund**, a 501-c-3 organization established to educate the public about pro-life issues. Donations to the EDUCATION FUND are **tax-deductible** and can be sent to P.O. Box 4343, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-0343.

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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.