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## Material from Bone Marrow Stem Cells Offers Stroke Treatment

Microscopic material found in the bone marrow stem cells offers a “robust” treatment for crippling stroke, according to US researchers. It focused on exosomes, blister-like microscopic “bubbles” that once were thought to carry and get rid of “old” proteins that were no longer needed by the body. But they were recently found to also carry RNA, opening up whole new fields of study.

The research team, at the Henry Ford Neuroscience Institute in Detroit, found that after inducing stroke in lab rats, injecting exosomes containing this genetic material into their blood prompted remodeling of the affected brain, including increased production of new brain cells, blood vessels and neural rewiring. Together, these effects significantly improved neurological function that had been impaired by stroke.

Using bone marrow from the adult rats, the researchers extracted stem cells--specifically mesenchymal cells, or MSCs--that were then employed to generate exosomes.

The rats’ physical agility and neurological responses were tested before stroke and after treatment with the exosomes, and the results were compared. “All rats showed severe functional loss one day after treatment, but gradual and eventually significant improvement during the four-week period that followed,” says Dr Michael Chopp of the Ford Institute. “This discovery provides a novel treatment for stroke, and possibly other neurological diseases.”

Science Daily. August 26. Journal of Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism.

<http://www.nature.com/jcbfm/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/jcbfm2013152a.html>

## It’s Coming; It’s Silent; It’s Deadly

By Brad Mattes, Life Issues Institute

It’s silent. It’s deadly. And it’ll impact you and your family. Obamacare is coming (sooner than you may realize) and as pro-lifers, it’s imperative we be prepared.

The implementation begins as early as October with the funding for insurance plans that include elective abortion coverage. I don’t want you to be caught in the dark, which is why I felt it was necessary to re-visit this topic and provide you with important information relevant to your health insurance decisions.

The way the bill was designed is complex and confusing, making it difficult to understand the implications. I believe it was intentional on the authors’ part in order to keep the pro-abortion agenda hidden from the public. I’ll summarize what these anti-life measures mean and how they affect you.

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The largest issue of contention is the abortion mandate. This is a secondary premium that’ll be on the majority of insurance plans and its sole purpose is to fund abortions. The reason this separate premium exists is because under the Hyde amendment, the government cannot directly provide funding for elective abortion services. This abortion surcharge will be collected by the insurance company, not the government, which is how Obamacare dodges the restrictions of the Hyde amendment. What’s important to realize is the law dictates that the abortion surcharge is not disclosed until the time of enrollment. And even then, it can only be mentioned in the “Summary of Benefits and Coverage.” Essentially, it’s purposely hidden in the fine print. Your employer may not even know that their plan requires the abortion payment.

That leaves you as the employee without options; as you don't have the choice to be exempt from the abortion premium. Research shows that in the current insurance market, most health insurance plans do provide coverage for abortion because it's less costly than paying for prenatal care and delivery. Under Obamacare, insurance plans that participate in state exchanges will be eligible to receive federal subsidies. States exchange programs will be established to only sell those designed by the government. Therefore, insurance plans without the abortion surcharge may prove difficult to find and may not provide the desired level of overall medical coverage. Purchasing health insurance independently is cost prohibitive for most families. And because of the law's requirement to acquire health insurance, those who choose not to carry it will face fines. The federal government will offer at least one state's exchange insurance plan that doesn't include elective abortion. However, pro-lifers will have to intentionally seek it out and it may not include other preferred health plan benefits.

There are 26 states that have "opted out" of abortion coverage for their state. However, this doesn't provide pro-lifers with a complete safeguard. Even if you're covered by a plan that does not include abortion, as a taxpayer, you're still contributing to government subsidies that fund plans with abortion coverage.

In addition, there's concern regarding the HHS "preventive services" mandate requiring full coverage of abortion-causing drugs under the guise of contraception. This applies to almost all employers and insurance plans. For failure to comply, employers would be penalized with outrageous fines—as much as \$15,000 per employer per day and \$2,000 per employee per year. It's been met with pushback by companies such as Hobby Lobby who've filed suit in opposition of this mandate. It's likely this fight will continue to the Supreme Court with the objective of finding the HHS Mandate unconstitutional.

This all sets a precedent that's challenging for pro-life Americans to navigate. Yet, apparently the Obama administration already has a plan in place. When purchasing health insurance via exchanges, individuals will work with so-called "navigators" to help them find the best suited plan. None other than Planned Parenthood has been selected and paid over one-million dollars to hire these individuals. Please check out the link to **find out what highly personal**

**information Planned Parenthood people will have on you.**

There are many more anti-life measures included within Obamacare. We outline them in our fact sheet, *Why You Should Be Concerned About Obamacare*. [http://www.lifeissues.org/pdf/Obamacare\\_Fact\\_Sheet.pdf](http://www.lifeissues.org/pdf/Obamacare_Fact_Sheet.pdf) . (If you don't have access to the Internet, contact this office and we will mail you the grid.) Essentially, this is a large entitlement program crafted to expand abortion coverage and eliminate any "choice" you have in the matter. Once fully implemented, it's estimated that as many as 30-percent of employers are likely to stop offering insurance. Many companies have already begun to take action. The backlash had already begun to take place. UPS announced it will not cover insurance costs for workers' spouses if they can get coverage somewhere else. In this case it's about fifteen thousand people. Mega companies like Papa John's Pizza and Subway are looking at reducing employee hours to under thirty per week so they won't be forced to pay for their insurance, and the list goes on. Obamacare will result in tens of millions more uninsured—those least likely to be able to afford it on their own. This is an issue we must address now, before it's too late.

*Bradley Mattes is Executive Director of Life Issues Institute. Life Issues Institute is dedicated to changing hearts and minds of millions of people through education. For over 22 years, organizations and individuals around the world have depended upon Life Issues Institute to provide the latest information and effective tools to protect innocent human life from womb to tomb.*

## **Around the Office**

When I delivered the September newsletter at the post office, there was a bouncy gal from one of the local churches also doing a bulk mailing project. We got to talking, and like so many notes many of you send along with your donations, she was so affirming of our efforts.

It is easy to become "deflated" when we look at the abortion statistics and other manifestations of the "Culture of Death," and yet I am so often reminded of the words of Fr. Frank Pavone, of Priests for Life: "It's Friday, but (Easter) Sunday's coming." It may indeed look dismal at times, and yet We Will Overcome... in fact we HAVE overcome.

## Library Corner

A more encouraging statistic is that 10% of all abortion clinics have closed since 2011. There have now been 43 closures of clinics where the “40-Days-for-Life” project has held vigil; three of them had been planned sites for this current vigil season!

- Faithful volunteers in Midland, Texas were ready to start their FIFTH 40 Days for Life vigil outside that facility ... but their prayers have been answered. **The abortion center CLOSED!**
- Plans were also in the works for a SEVENTH campaign in Toledo, Ohio. But there, too, God responded to the prayers of His faithful. **The abortion center CLOSED!**
- And, as you probably know, volunteers in Bryan/College Station, Texas — the place where 40 Days for Life started — were getting ready for an unprecedented FOURTEENTH 40 Days for Life vigil outside the local Planned Parenthood facility. But God answered years of consistent prayer. **The abortion center CLOSED!**

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We are also seeing progress in the legislative side. This year, 48 states have considered approximately 360 measures related to abortion, most of which sought to protect women and their unborn children from a predatory abortion industry which, as the Kermit Gosnell case aptly demonstrates, places concerns for profit over women’s health and safety. Of those, 69 provisions were enacted. This continued a trend begun in 2011 when 70 life-affirming measures were enacted, and 2012, when 38 such measures were passed — a large number for an election year.

### Open Embrace: A Protestant Couple Rethinks Contraception

by Sam & Bethany Torode

#### *Pregnancy is not a disease; Why vaccinate against it?*

In this bold critique of modern ideas about sex, marriage, and contraception, Sam and Bethany Torode set forth a vision that is fresh for our times, yet rooted in centuries of Christian tradition. Weaving together a sound theology of spousal love with honest information and personal insight, *Open Embrace* offers a compelling alternative to the unquestioned use of contraception. The Torodes challenge modern lifestyles and popular wisdom about how soon to have children, how many are desirable, and how to prevent them, while still recognizing that the number of children each family can best support will vary. They argue that a culture that worships sex without procreation will sacrifice its children through abortion, claiming that America's increasing permissiveness about legalizing contraception in the 1960s led inexorably to *Roe v. Wade* in the 1970s.

*Open Embrace* is far more than a case against contraception -- it is a positive affirmation of fertility, childbearing, and prudent self-control. Couples who practice Natural Family Planning, as advocated in this book, cooperate with God's design for their bodies, making wise decisions about family size without losing respect for the mystery and meaning of sex. *Open Embrace* is a rewarding read for all engaged and married couples seeking to sharpen their moral discernment.

### Calendar of Events

For the latest updates of events see

[www.calendarforlife.org](http://www.calendarforlife.org)



**Fall 40 Days for Life** – began September 26th and will continue until November 4th, 2013. For more info, including a list of locations near you, visit the website <http://www.40daysforlife.com/>

**National Life-Chain Sunday in cities across America! Sunday, October 6th, from 2:00 to 3:30**  
See [www.lifechain.net](http://www.lifechain.net) for more info and locations.

**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)**

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

**Saturday November 9th. "Love Made Medicine: Christian Answers to Health Care Questions."**

Annual Respect Life Conference at San Francisco's St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, November 9th. "Love Made Medicine: Christian Answers to Health Care Questions." CME credits are available for nurses and possibly for doctors as well. Contact Vicki Evans: [vevans1438@att.net](mailto:vevans1438@att.net) or 415-614-5533

**Saturday November 16th. San Francisco Medical Guild - Annual St. Luke's Mass and Banquet**

Speaker: Dr. Paul Byrne. contact Dr. George Maloof, M.D. 415-305-2408 [gemaloof2003@yahoo.com](mailto:gemaloof2003@yahoo.com)

**Combined Federal Campaign and other "Give at Work" Payroll Charity Drives** are beginning or are now in progress. Please remember California Right to Life Educational Fund when the payroll pledge card comes around this fall. If you need any assistance, contact us: [callife@calright2life.org](mailto:callife@calright2life.org) or 925-944-5351. (For federal employees, our CFC number is 49743.)

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