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ABORTED FETAL DNA IN VACCINES LINKED TO AUTISM?

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Just when the pharmaceutical industry thought the vaccine-autism controversy had been resolved, the National Vaccine Advisory Committee has recommended further study of vaccine safety. A perceived fear of the safety of the U.S. vaccination schedule has led increasing numbers of parents to opt out of full compliance. The numbers of children who are not fully vaccinated has now reached a point where “herd” immunity may be compromised, compelling the Centers for Disease Control to hold town-hall meetings and convene a Vaccine Safety Working Subgroup. Despite research ruling out mercury (Thimerosal) or the measles portion of one specific vaccine, autism continues to rise to a level of one in every 64 children in the UK.

The NVAC draft report recommends further study of the potential for vaccines to contribute to autism in children who have underlying mitochondrial disease, a worthwhile study given the clinical history of such children developing autism after vaccinations (see <http://www.people.com/people/archive/article/0,,20184625,00.html> case). What the NVAC has overlooked, however, in their recommendations, is that epidemic regressive autism is associated with the switch from using animal cells to produce vaccines to the use of aborted human fetal cells for vaccine production. Now when we vaccinate our children, some vaccines also deliver contaminating aborted human fetal DNA. The safety of this has never been tested.

Autism and autism spectrum disorder are polygenic diseases, meaning that multiple genes have been shown to be associated with these diseases. Studies have also clearly shown that there is an environmental component, a trigger that is required. Vaccines are an obvious potential environmental trigger for autism

because of the almost universal childhood exposure to vaccines in first world countries. The vaccine-autism connection was first hypothesized following the introduction of a new measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine to the U.S. in 1979, with complete U.S. market share by 1983, and to the UK in 1988. Autism rates began to rise in the U.S. after 1979 and rose dramatically after 1983, and likewise rose in the UK after 1988, leading physicians to suspect a link. Initially, the measles component of this vaccine, MMR II, was suspected to be the culprit. Subsequent studies have also focused on the presence of mercury in vaccines, which incidentally, the MMR II vaccine did not contain.

Those studies have largely ruled out the new measles portion of the MMR II or mercury as the environmental trigger for autism. However, the compelling temporal association between this new MMR vaccine and autism cannot be ignored or explained away. What has been ignored is the fact that this new MMR vaccine introduced the use of aborted fetal cells for vaccine production. At one point, as much as 94 percent of children in the U.S. and 98 percent of children in the UK were given this vaccine.

***Today, more than
23 vaccines are
contaminated by
the use of aborted
fetal cells.***

There is no law that requires that consumers be informed that some vaccines are made using aborted fetal cells and contain residual aborted fetal DNA. While newer vaccines produced using aborted fetal cells do inform consumers, in their package inserts, that the vaccines contain contaminating DNA from the cell used to produce the vaccine, they do not identify the cells as being derived from electively aborted human fetuses. (See the Varivax—chicken pox—package insert for the presence of MRC5 residual DNA. http://www.merck.com/product/usa/pi_circulars/v/varivax/varivax_pi.pdf)

In other words, they tell you what is in the vaccine, but they don't fully inform you where it

came from. The earliest aborted fetal cell-produced vaccines such as Meruvax (rubella) and MMR II do not even inform consumers that the vaccines contain contaminating DNA from the cell used to produce them. Furthermore, it is unconscionable that the public-health risk of injecting our children with residual contaminating human aborted fetal DNA has been ignored.

How could the contaminating aborted fetal DNA create problems? It creates the potential for autoimmune responses and/or inappropriate insertion into our own genomes through a process called recombination. There are groups researching the potential link between this DNA and autoimmune diseases such as juvenile (type I) diabetes, multiple sclerosis and lupus. Our organization, Sound Choice Pharmaceutical Institute, is focused on studying the quantity, characteristics and genomic recombination of the aborted fetal DNA found in many vaccines.

Preliminary bioinformatics research conducted at SCPI indicates that “hot spots” for DNA recombination are found in nine autism-associated genes present on the X chromosome. These nine genes are involved in nerve-cell synapse formation, central nervous system development and mitochondrial function.

Could genomic insertion of the aborted fetal DNA, found in some of our childhood vaccines since 1979, be an environmental trigger for autism? Could the fact that genes critical for nerve synapse formation and nervous system development are found on the X chromosome provide some explanation of why autism is predominantly a disease found in boys? Could the “hot spots” identified in these autism-associated genes be sites for insertion of contaminating aborted fetal DNA?

These questions must be answered, and quickly. Recent literature suggests that autism spectrum disorder may now impact one out of every 100 children. The pharmaceutical industry is also currently moving to replace more animal-produced vaccines with aborted-fetal-cell production and also to produce biologic drugs using aborted fetal cells.

The practice of using aborted fetal cells for vaccine and drug production creates wrenching moral dilemmas for parents and consumers, ignores informed consent rights, and exposes our children and

ourselves to contaminants lacking safety evaluations. We cannot ignore this issue in good conscience, and we cannot afford to wait.

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POPE BENEDICT XVI “GIFTS” PRESIDENT OBAMA

At the conclusion of the recent G-8 Summit in Italy, Pope Benedict XVI had a private meeting with President Obama, and each gifted the other with various items. Among the items the Pope gave the president was a copy of *Dignitas Personae*, the recent Vatican document addressing current issues in Bioethics. Some will question that since President Obama is not a Catholic, the gift of *Dignitas Personae* means little or nothing. That argument, however, is implicitly addressed in the opening of the document:

In presenting principles and moral evaluations regarding biomedical research on human life, the Catholic Church draws upon the light both of reason and of faith and seeks to set forth an integral vision of man and his vocation, capable of incorporating everything that is good in human activity, as well as in various cultural and religious traditions which not infrequently demonstrate a great reverence for life.

The Magisterium also seeks to offer a word of support and encouragement for the perspective on culture which considers science an invaluable service to the integral good of the life and dignity of every human being. The Church therefore views scientific research with hope and desires that many Christians will dedicate themselves to the progress of biomedicine and will bear witness to their faith in this field. She hopes moreover that the results of such research may also be made available in areas of the world that are poor and afflicted by disease, so that those who are most in need will receive

humanitarian assistance. Finally, the Church seeks to draw near to every human being who is suffering, whether in body or in spirit, in order to bring not only comfort, but also light and hope. These give meaning to moments of sickness and to the experience of death, which indeed are part of human life and are present in the story of every person, opening that story to the mystery of the Resurrection. Truly, the gaze of the Church is full of trust because "Life will triumph: this is a sure hope for us. Yes, life will triumph because truth, goodness, joy and true progress are on the side of life. God, who loves life and gives it generously, is on the side of life".

The document centers upon the dignity of the human person from conception to natural end, various techniques for assisting procreation - including "in vitro" fertilization and the inherent problems including "excess embryos" and preimplantation genetic diagnosis, and ending with an analysis of "gene therapy." Also discussed are cloning and hybridization and stem cell research.

It would be hard to find another document that summarizes the bioethics of recent technology in such a succinct manner. Let us pray that President Obama reads and reflects seriously on this document, and shares its contents with those in the administration responsible for guiding our nation in this critical area in the coming days.

To obtain a copy of this document (under 25 pages on the Internet) see <http://www.zenit.org/article-24556?l=english> or if you don't have access to the internet, contact this office for a copy.

AROUND THE OFFICE

MEDIA SPEAKERS Did you happen to catch our Administrative Director on KPIX (CBS TV) in early August, talking on the Federal Health Care Legislation? Next time, perhaps that could be you! We are looking to expand our media spokesperson pool. Most of the interviews are over the phone, although the television news may need someone to go "on camera" to address a recent legislative, judicial, or FDA decision. (They come to you; you don't have to travel to them.) Ideally we would like to develop a team; each person an "expert" on one or more topics: from stem cell research, to the morning after pill and RU-486, to conscience protection and judicial nominees. If you are interested in being a part of this

"Spokespersons for Life" team, contact our office. Training in media interview techniques will be provided. We receive several pro-life news reports via e-mail each day, and will forward any item relating to your chosen topic to you as the news becomes available. It may sound overwhelming; however, several past speakers have found that a few basic facts/talking points are all you need. We are especially looking for people outside the Bay Area willing to do "on camera" interviews.

Mall Table – Calling all youth! We are currently recruiting and training a group of young volunteers to expand our mall table team. Would you like to join the team, or are you interested in starting a table in your area? Experienced volunteers guide you until you feel comfortable being the lead volunteer. There are always at least two people at the table, so you will never be alone. All ages welcome, however we are especially trying to get "peers" for other young people to staff the table. Students need service hours – we can assist. Scouts need to meet merit badge requirements - we are here to help. Contact our office at 925-944-5351 or e-mail callife@calright2life.org for further information. .

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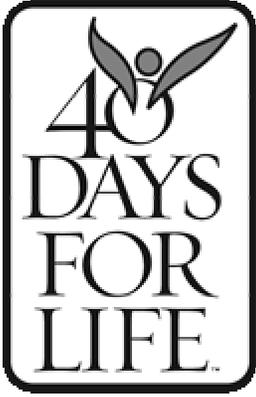
A generous donor recently provided an entire series of "Defending Life" videos, produced by Priests for Life. And we continue to expand our book library, cassettes, videos and more recently DVDS. Contact our office if you are interested in borrowing any of these resources. The library includes everything from the popular movies *Bella*, *Juno* and *Million Dollar Baby* and *Gattica*, to numerous videos on fetal development, stem cell research, and other life issues, to a great selection of material on Pope John Paul II "Theology of the Body" including several Christopher West talks, and his "Naked Without Shame" series.

ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT LIBRARY

One of our members is working on a project to take the paper historical documents we have archived over the years in numerous file cabinets: newspaper clippings, magazine articles, pamphlets etc., and scan them onto a website. This is a project you can do in your spare time at home. Be part of the future by archiving the

history of pro-life from the comfort of your home. This would be an especially good project for someone who is homebound or has limited transportation... we will even deliver the materials to you. Contact our office and we will put you in touch with the coordinator of this important project.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Fall 40-Days-for Life – begins September 23 – November 1, 2009. Is there going to be 40-Days-for-Life in your area? (See www.40daysforlife.org and click on the locations tab.) Browse the website to see what 40-Days-for-Life is all about, and begin contacting friends about the possibility of having a fall campaign in your area.

Often events are announced after the newsletter goes to print. For the latest updates and information on events in your area, visit www.calendarforlife.org.

WHO IS CALIFORNIA RIGHT TO LIFE?

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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.