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We invite you to forward this E-Newsflash to anyone who might be interested in these news items

More Stop the Cover-Up Ads Coming Up

LifeCanada is pleased to announce that three more billboard advertisements with the message *Stop the Cover-Up* and www.abortionbreastcancer.ca will be posted in the following cities: Moncton and Saint John in New Brunswick and Tillsonburg, Ontario. Watch for these billboard advertisements in January and February 2006.

How Safe is Abortifacient Drug RU486?

A January 2006 study published in *The Annals of Pharmacotherapy* should make Health Canada feel good about not approving RU486 for use in Canada. Two female obstetricians/gynecologists systematically analyzed the American Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) adverse event reports related to the use of RU486 from September 2000 to September 2004 and have just published their findings. They are now asking the FDA to withdraw their approval of RU486.

The reports draw attention to 637 adverse events (including 8 deaths) experienced by women who took RU486 to terminate an early pregnancy. The most frequent serious and life-threatening events were hemorrhage (42 were considered life-threatening and 168 serious), infection (46 were serious or life-threatening) and missed diagnosis of ectopic pregnancies (including 1 death). A total of 235 emergency surgeries were required.

For more information see

«<http://www.theannals.com/cgi/reprint/aph.1G481v1>»

Therapeutic Cloning Dealt a Major Blow

Canadian researchers have expressed concern that the scandal over the false claims and ethical violations of South Korean cloning pioneer, Dr. Hwang Woo-Suk may have an impact on the entire field of stem cell research.

The world was shocked to learn that reports of Dr. Hwang's widely celebrated claim of having cloned the world's first human embryo and the development of 11 stem cell lines from these embryos was

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false. Furthermore, Dr. Hwang's team deliberately violated ethical guidelines by using eggs which were bought or donated by researchers on his team. Dr. Hwang had previously revealed that he had used 242 human eggs to create just one stem cell line. It is not surprising that they had to resort to unethical practices to obtain the required number of eggs for their research.

Pro-life people have consistently opposed research using embryonic stem cells because it destroys a human life. This is just one more reason to oppose it.

Many medical breakthroughs have been recorded in recent years in the field of stem cell research – all of them using adult stem cells or those originating from umbilical cord blood. Focusing on this ethical alternative which is already effectively being used to treat many diseases would be a better investment.

Another study links abortion and mental health problems

A study by Dr. David Fergusson of New Zealand, published in the January 2006 Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry, found that women who had abortions were at higher risk for suicide, major depression, anxiety disorder and drug dependence. The study included more than 500 girls from birth to age 25.

Reminder

January 28, 1988

Historical day of significance

January 28, 2006 will mark 18 years since the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the law on abortion. Canada has been without any law since that time. This means that abortions can be performed at any time and for any reason. The result has been record number of abortions – 1,517,323 between 1988 and 2002; over 100,000 per year, and a repeat rate which has soared from 20% in 1985 to 35% in 2002. Almost all of these abortions are tax funded even though abortion has never been deemed a medically necessary procedure.

These statistics represent the loss of over 100,000 innocent human lives every year. Please set aside some time to remember the lost little ones on January 28, 2006.

Can You Help Us Get Together?

The board of LifeCanada meets once a month by phone conference call and once a year we hold a longer meeting at the national conference. This year's face-to-face meeting was disrupted by the cancellation of the venue in Montreal. This was a particularly

crucial meeting for us since our MasterCard funding will end this summer and the future of LifeCanada really depends on replacing that money. We desperately need a focused and lengthy meeting to find alternate sources of funding and to brainstorm to set goals and strategies for the coming years. It will cost us about \$5000 to fly our directors in from each province and we hope to find inexpensive accommodation for the two-day meeting.

If you are in a position to fund this meeting or even a portion of it, please let us know. You can email us at info@lifecanada.org or call us at 613-722-1552. Your gift will be greatly appreciated.

Cleaning Up Your Office?

If anyone in the Ottawa area has a four drawer filing cabinet to give away, please contact the LifeCanada office. You can email us at info@lifecanada.org or phone us at 613-722-1522. It is much needed in our office.

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan

LifeCanada is now able to accept pre-authorized monthly donations. This is a tremendous option for LifeCanada because it allows us to schedule our educational pro-life activities since we know in advance how much support is coming in each month. It is also easy for our supporters since they just complete a form, send in one cheque and then the pre-authorized amount is automatically deducted from their bank account. Donors maintain control of their donations by simply contacting us by phone, email or letter to let us know if they wish to make changes or cancel the plan.

If you would like to donate ten, twenty, fifty dollars or any other amount to LifeCanada each month, please contact us and we will send you the necessary form to complete.

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