



STEM CELL UPDATE

PLEASE Decline to Sign Petition to Change Michigan's Constitution

Petitions are being circulated to change Michigan's Constitution. The proposed change would allow the killing of human embryos for stem cell research in Michigan.

Paid petition circulators have been seen at college campuses, Detroit Tigers games, libraries, post offices, farmers' markets, court houses and malls trying to collect signatures. They are promising cures if Michigan's Constitution is changed: cures for cancer, cures for people with spinal cord injuries, cures for diabetes.

Will cures come from human embryonic stem cells if we allow our constitution to be changed in Michigan? The answer is "No."

To date, not one human being has been treated with human embryonic stem cells. Those who are suffering with a debilitating ailment cannot even participate in a trial with human embryonic stem cells. There are too many dangers, and the risks outweigh the unknown and questionable benefits.

Stem cell research using adult stem cells is taking place in Michigan with positive treatment results. Research which kills human embryos is not needed in Michigan.

The constitution in Michigan should not be changed to allow for the killing of human embryos for research.

Please decline to sign the petition being circulated, and pass this information on to your friends and family members.

Adult Cells Function Identically to Embryonic Stem Cells

Scientists at UCLA have successfully reprogrammed human skin cells back to an embryonic-like state, confirming work previously done in Wisconsin and Japan.

This research sidesteps ethical roadblocks, since there is no need to destroy human embryos or obtain large quantities of human eggs. "Our reprogrammed human skin cells were virtually indistinguishable from human embryonic stem cells," said Kathrin Plath who headed up the study.

The implications could be enormous since by reprogramming the cells, a limitless source of pluripotent, immune-compatible cells would be available for tissue engineering and transplantation. The reprogrammed cells could be coaxed into becoming beta islet cells to treat diabetes, hematopoietic cells to treat leukemia, or motor neuron cells to treat Parkinson's, for example.

This technique also solves one of the problems with embryonic stem cells. Embryonic stem cells, which are taken from embryos, do not have the same genetic make-up as a patient and therefore would likely face the possibility of being rejected by the patient's immune system. The cells used in this new research, however, come from a patient's own body before being manipulated into becoming pluripotent and would be less likely to be rejected by the patient's body.

Michigan Medical Organization Changes Position on Embryonic Stem Cell Research

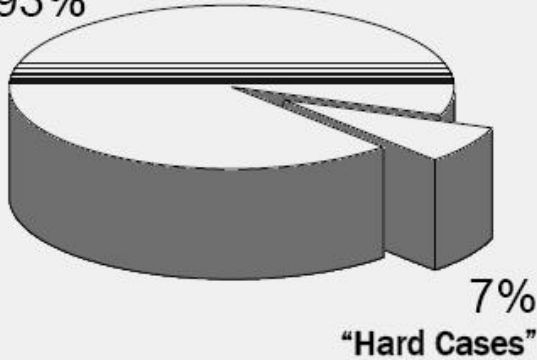
Thanks to the work of prolife physicians and prolife legislators with the help of Right to Life of Michigan, the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) has changed their position on embryonic stem cell research.

Since 2003, the MSMS, which represents more than 14,000 physicians in Michigan, had an official position which favored embryonic stem cell research. During a gathering this month, the MSMS decided to adopt a neutral position on the issue and to provide its membership with more information on the issue over the next year.

Why do women have abortions?

Social Reasons

93%



Data from Lawrence Finer, et al, "Reasons U.S. Women Have Abortions: Quantitative and Qualitative Perspectives," *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, Vol. 37, No. 3 (Sept., 2005), p. 110.

Social Reasons

given as primary reason

- Feels unready for child/responsibility 25%
- Feels she can't afford baby 23%
- Has all children she wants/
other family responsibilities 19%
- Relationship problem/single motherhood 8%
- Feels she isn't mature enough 7%
- Interference with education/career plans 4%
- Parents/partner wants abortion >1%
- Other reasons >6.5%

TOTAL approx 93%

"Hard Cases"

given as primary reason

- Mother's health 4%
- Baby may have health problem 3%
- Rape >0.5%

TOTAL approx 7%

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"PRESIDENT'S PLACE"

National Right to Life has reported the wonderfully encouraging news that the number of abortions are at the lowest since 1976.

Abortions dropped a stunning 8% between 2000 and 2005, according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI). AGI reports that there were 1,206,200 abortions performed in the U.S. in 2005, the lowest annual figure in nearly thirty years, and down nearly 25% from their high of 1.6 million in 1990.

During the period of this extended decline in abortions, more than half of the states put substantial parental involvement statutes in place. Dozens of states have passed women's "right to know" laws, ensuring that women understand abortion's risks, the development of their unborn child, and governmental and private assistance that is available for them if they choose to bear their child.

Falling abortion rates are a sure sign that, given truthful information about abortion, about its impact on their lives, about the child growing inside them, given even the slightest help and encouragement, many women will choose life.

The successful campaign to educate the public about the hideous partial-birth abortion technique resulting in the Federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban gives us hope. If we could just make people realize how hideous all abortions are, we could stop the killing of our defenseless babies, our future.

God Bless you for all you do to support life!

Pat Vendal
President, Muskegon County Right to Life

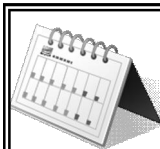
Dr. Alveda King Speaks in Muskegon



Muskegon County Clerk Karen Buie, Muskegon County Right to Life, The Black Women's Political Caucus and WUVS 103.7 "The Beat" Radio Station presented "Lunch with Dr. Alveda King". Dr. King, the daughter of the late slain civil rights activist Rev. A. D. King and the niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke in Muskegon on May 14th, 2008, to area leaders.

Dr. King joins the voices of thousands of post-abortive women across America who are SILENT NO MORE and speak out to help others avoid the pain caused by abortion.

Dr. King currently serves as Director of African American Outreach for Gospel of Life Ministries. Dr. King is also an author, a Senior Fellow of the Alexis de Tocqueville Institute, a board member of the Silent No More post-abortion awareness campaign, a former college professor and a former member of Georgia's state legislature.



SAVE THE DATE!

Please put the Muskegon County Right to Life Annual Dinner on your calendar. It will be on Thursday, October 16, 2008. More details to come!



In Loving Memory Of...

Betty Eder by Marguerite Fitzsimmons

Edward Funk by Marguerite Fitzsimmons

Janice Goode by Paul Goode

Dick Kuhn by Johanna Kuhn

Marie Luttrull by Mr. and Mrs. Anderson

Thomas Paquin by Marguerite Fitzsimmons

John Piotrowski by Mr. and Mrs. Don Kendra
and Frank Piotrowski

Jean Tackx by L. Miller

Roy Winters by Mr. and Mrs. Steven Peterson
and Marguerite Fitzsimmons

Donations:

*Berean Church of Muskegon
Mr. and Mrs. Donald DeLong
First Christian Reformed Church


*Johanna Kuhn
Marie Schmitt
Marilyn McCoy

Perhaps you'd like to make a donation in loving memory of someone, or to remember a loved one's birthday, or the birth of a child or a grandchild.

Donations made to Michigan Right to Life Education Fund are tax deductible. This fund is used to produce and run the pro-life commercials that you see on TV.

Donations made to our local affiliate are not tax deductible, but are needed to keep our office running.

*Denotes monthly contributions



***The Power
of Prayer***

**Please join us in praying daily that the
Muskegon Abortion Clinic will close and
add this intention to your prayer networks.**

**The power of prayer is with us.
Together we can close the Muskegon Abortion Clinic.**

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In Loving Memory or Honor of...

Enclosed is my gift of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 |
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Donation Made in Memory of:

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Our name is: _____

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423 West Norton, Suite 111
Muskegon, MI 49444**

This contribution is not tax deductible.



***Muskegon Catholic Central
Prolife Club***

***Please Come to Show
Your Support***

Muskegon Catholic Central Prolife Club would like to invite you to the Muskegon Catholic Central Auditorium for a MEMORIAL MASS for all the aborted children in the Muskegon area on Saturday, June 14th, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

The Mass will be followed by a walk outside to the MCC Memorial for the Unborn. Please bring signs to hold while marching outside to make people aware of the reality of abortion here in Muskegon.

For more information please contact Mike Tober at 231 755-2201 ext. 368, or e-mail mtober@gmcs.org

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Bronze | |
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As a member, you will receive the Muskegon County and the State *Right to Life* newsletters, and you are invited to use the educational materials at the Muskegon County Right to Life office. Please make your checks payable to:

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