

Dear Friend for Life,

Not surprisingly, President Obama has now issued an executive order making America's tax-payers complicit in the killing of helpless human embryos. This act is especially outrageous, since embryonic stem-cell research (ESCR) has been proven dangerous, ineffective and UNNECESSARY.

When President Bush limited tax-funded ESCR to existing (but self-perpetuating and growing) cell lines and, at the same time, allocated millions of dollars for research into alternatives – he gave scientists a wonderful incentive to find better answers... and they did!

**NIH lists 2358 current or completed human clinical trials of ADULT stem cells. These cells have already helped hundreds of thousands of patients suffering from more than 70 diseases and disorders, including Parkinson's, type-1 diabetes, spinal-cord injury, and MS. (For more information on the encouraging peer-reviewed studies, visit the Do No Harm website at [www.stemcellresearch.org](http://www.stemcellresearch.org))**

Even more exciting, scientists just reported that they can now safely re-program adult cells into induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells which have all the advantages of embryonic cells and none of the problems.

Stem-cell researcher Robert Lanza, who is not pro-life, says the latest advance with iPS cells mean we're "only a hair's breadth away from the biggest prize in regenerative medicine." Former NIH Director Bernadine Healy says the new discovery makes embryonic stem cells "obsolete."

(Since the new process no longer requires the expertise or special labs necessary for working with viruses, the iPS cells will now be available to many more scientists. Other benefits over ESCR are: significantly lower cost, ease of production and genetic identity with the patient.)

***In contrast to all that good news, embryonic stem cells have not – despite more than a decade of research – helped a single person!***

Because they come from another human being, embryonic stem cells require that the patient take toxic anti-rejection drugs. The cells are essentially uncontrollable, proliferating in a disorganized way and tending to form ghastly tumors... like the disabling if not deadly ones reported two weeks ago in the brain and spine of an Israeli boy.

The President's order for tax-funding of unethical, unsafe, and unworkable ESCR would be bad enough. But, he also **removed funding** from alternative research which is helping so many, ***right now***.

Even worse, he's opened the door to 'therapeutic' cloning...giving the green-light to amoral scientists eager to start mass producing millions of little human beings whom they will then dissect and destroy.

**Please write the President ([www.whitehouse.gov/contact](http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact)),** telling him you're appalled that a supposed uniter is making us accomplices in the lethal practices of ESCR and fetus farms.

Also write to **Senator Udall ([www.markudall.senate.gov/contact/contact.cfm](http://www.markudall.senate.gov/contact/contact.cfm))** and **Senator Bennet, ([www.bennet.senate.gov/public/?p=TransitionalSiteEmailSenatorBennet](http://www.bennet.senate.gov/public/?p=TransitionalSiteEmailSenatorBennet))** **who will have an opportunity to vote on these same matters.**

Connie Pratt, President  
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### **DONATE TO SAVE LIVES!**

A new donation box on the 2008 Form 104 Colorado Individual Tax return, marked "Adult Stem Cell Cure Fund," will definitely help save lives.

The fund provides added resources to encourage and enable new mothers, in Colorado, to donate their babies' umbilical cord blood following birth.

Cord blood contains adult stem cells that can be used to treat patients with life-threatening diseases, such as leukemia, diabetes, sickle cell anemia and much more.

Donating cord blood is medically safe and free public cord blood banks cover the cost of processing and storing all donated cord blood.

Currently, the University of Colorado Cord Blood Bank collects cord blood at Poudre Valley Hospital in Ft. Collins, Denver Health and Exempla St. Joseph in Denver.

See [www.coloradocord.org](http://www.coloradocord.org)

### **The April Anniversary**

April 25<sup>th</sup> marks the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the infamous Colorado legalization of abortion.

Introduced by then newly-elected Rep. Dick Lamm; signed into law by Gov. John Love, this made Colorado the first state to legalize abortion.

The struggle to protect and defend the most innocent, defenseless and vulnerable of our human family continues.

PPCFL continues to work to educate the public about the reality and value of human life from fertilization till natural death.

Princeton's professor, Peter Singer, who is pro-abortion for all but the perfect and the wanted, predicts that we will give up the struggle to legally protect the babies, the elderly, the ill and people of all ages who have a disability.

Singer predicts that by 2040, "only a rump of the hard-core, know-nothing religious fundamentalists will defend the view that every human life, from conception to death, is sacrosanct."

May he be proven wrong by renewed commitment and vigor in the prolife movement.

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*"The respect for human life in all its stages is the foundation of a civilized society."*

Archbishop of Canterbury

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### **Special Notice**

The annual election of PPCFL officers will be held at our regular May meeting.

Nominations will be final at our meeting on Monday, April 20, for the first five positions listed in the box above.

Call 630-1999 for more information regarding these specific positions.

If interested in becoming more deeply involved in the work of the PPCFL board, (including "activist" positions) you are most welcome to join us for our monthly meetings.

Also call us to place a name in nomination or for directions to the office if you've not visited us before.

### **Looking Ahead**

An early "heads-up" for all booth workers and you who are interested in helping out...

The El Paso County Fair is in July. The Colorado State Fair is in August.

Your help is greatly needed! Find a friend to join you. Let us know! Call us at 630-1999.

## Stem Cells & Tumors

A boy treated with fetal stem cells for a rare genetic disease developed benign tumors.

He was given three courses of stem cell injections to the brain and his spinal fluid at a Moscow hospital. Four years later, Israeli doctors investigating recurrent headaches found a tumor at each injection site.

The tumor on the boy's spine was removed; the brain tumor continues to grow slowly.

According to Josephine Quintavalle, Comment on Reproductive Ethics – a public interest group:

“The risks of tumor formation in association with embryonic stem cells are widely acknowledged and one reason why **there are very serious concerns** about the proposed use of such cells in treating spinal cord injury in the United States.”

BBC News, 2/18/09

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As we reported in our March newsletter, Geron Corporation was given permission by the FDA to do human experiments with embryonic stem cells.

Geron was to recruit ten recently spinal-cord-injured patients on whom to test such stem cells.

Compared to the tremendous success in the use of adult cells, including umbilical cord blood cells, the use of embryonic stem cells – which has not been successful thus far – would seem most impractical, if not dangerous.

### **“Leftovers” – Why Not “Use” Them?**

Why not experiment on human embryos whose parents no longer want them? After all, he or she is going to die anyway. Why not use them for the greater good of possibly eradicating terrible diseases?

This was the argument used by Dr. Mengele, the Nazi doctor who did such horrific experiments on Jews and others who were imprisoned and about to go to the gas chambers.

In his book, *The Abortion Holocaust*, Professor William Brennan writes about Dr. August Hirt, who performed experiments on Jewish holocaust prisoners. Dr. Hirt rationalized his behavior:

“These condemned men will at least make themselves useful. Wouldn't it be ridiculous to execute them and send their bodies to the crematory ovens without giving them an opportunity to contribute to the progress of the society?”

[...and we thought we were above such atrocities! ed.]

## Stem Cell Successes

Uterine stem cells can be triggered to grow into new brain cells in mice, reported researchers from Yale School of Medicine. Science Daily, 4/1/08

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An Australian trial involved nine people who had suffered the worst type of compound fractures in serious road accidents.

Bone marrow stems cells from each patient were cultivated in a laboratory until they divided to create 15 billion cells over six weeks. Those cells were applied directly to the fracture.

One patient was walking the next day. Eight of the patients experienced full bone regrowth.

“Adult Stem Cells...” LifeSiteNews, 8/8/08

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Scientists at Italy's University of Padua prepared a windpipe transplant, while University of Bristol (UK) doctors took stem cells from Claudia Castillo's bone marrow from her hip, using them to create cartilage and tissue that could cover the windpipe.

As the first patient to receive a whole organ transplant using her own cells, Castillo has shown no signs of rejecting the transplant and does not require any immune-suppressing drugs that can have significant side effects.

“Adult Stem Cell...” LifeNews, 11/19/08

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At Bristol University, UK, scientists developed a living “bandage” from cartilage-producing stem cells taken from 23 patients with knee injuries, coaxing the cells to grow and coat a sponge-like scaffold.

This cellular “bandage” was applied to the inside of tears in knee cartilage in the lab. The two halves of the tear grow back together.

Professor of Rheumatology and Tissue Engineering, Anthony Holland, at Bristol University, said, “We found the cartilage matures well even in patients with early osteoarthritis.”

“Adult Stem Cells...”, LifeSiteNews, 11/19/08

### **Regeneration of Cells ~ Growing Body Parts**

We highly recommend that you view the following video, which was recorded on ‘youtube’ of a ‘CBS Cutting Edge’ show. It is incredible!

Type the following into your search engine:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxhi4Q8EDTU>

## **The (HHS) Federal Refusal Rule – a.k.a. – The Federal Conscience Clause**

On March 10, the Obama Administration officially began the process of **overturning** the Health and Human Services (HHS) regulations **written specifically to protect the right of health care providers to not be forced to perform or refer for abortion.**

Without the conscience protection regulation, providers opposed to participating in abortion remain susceptible to intolerance and coercion from employers with conflicting beliefs, and to possible lawsuits from outside organization.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) announced they are reviewing a proposal to repeal the current protective rule. **The American people have until April 9 to voice their opinions on the matter.**

**Please take action!** Submit comments to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). In your comments, refer to “**Rescission Proposal.**” In the Search Documents textbox, enter **HHS\_FRDOC\_0001-0050** and click **Go**. The search should return a document entitled: “**Rescission of the Regulation...**”

Click **Send a Comment or Submission** and follow directions

Or go to [www.freedom2care.org](http://www.freedom2care.org) – a centralized website which includes the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, who is urging all **prolife health-care professionals AND patients** to add their voices to the opposition of the proposed repeal (rescission).