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Saturday, September 29, 2012
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Jean Peduzzi-Nelson, PhD

“Understanding Stem Cells and
the Future of Adult Stem Cells”

As Associate Professor at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, Jean focuses her research on the potential of adult stem cells in the treatment of brain and spinal cord injuries. As an expert on adult stem cells, she has testified at US Senate Committees on three occasions.



**Ann Bellar,
RN, GNP, PhD**

“Understanding and
Treating Peripheral
Diabetic Neuropathy

With over ten years teaching experience and author of numerous publications, Ann currently serves as a consultant for Select Medical Specialty Hospitals and volunteers at Cabrini Medical Clinic in Detroit.

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Recipient**

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From the President



Dear Colleagues,

The Supreme Court decision on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was clearly a disappointment to all of us. There are a variety of theories about this legislation but what we, as pro-life nurses, must keep in the forefront is the fact that it represents a major use of tax payer dollars for abortion and provides no conscience protection for health care workers. We can

agree or disagree on the politics of this law, but my last sentence requires that we work diligently to assure that we can practice our profession without having to leave our moral positions at the door of our facilities. Be prepared for a long, hard struggle.

One further note, please don't confuse this individual mandate of Obamacare with the so called "birth control" mandate to Obamacare from the department of Health and Human Services. I say so called "birth control" mandate because this requirement that all religious institutions offer birth control, sterilizations and abortion causing drugs to their employees via their health care benefits has less to do with birth control and everything to do with the blatant violation of our Constitutionally protected right to freely exercise our faith belief. Forcing religious hospitals, colleges, and other institutions to comply with this mandate literally voids the First Amendment to the Constitution. If left in place, we can only wonder what liberty will fall next. If you are unfamiliar with this issue, please call the office so we can discuss it and send information your way.

It is a troublesome time to be a health care professional. Abortion is being called "preventative health care", the notion of "death with dignity" is being expanded to encompass refusal to care and organ retrieval for donation is bordering on removal before death has occurred.

Life is sacred, to be protected and respected, until natural death occurs.

Love Life!

Diane Trombley, President

To read more on this topic, see:

http://www.lifeissues.org/pdf/Obamacare_Fact_Sheet.pdf

Auburn Hills Planned Parenthood Update

Looking for A Building?
Planned Parenthood
of Auburn Hills
won't be using this one
after all!

Statement: National Association of Pro-life Nurses



The National Association of Pro-life Nurses joins with countless other pro-life organizations in expressing deep disappointment at the decision of the United States Supreme Court to uphold The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) as constitutional.

Having no expertise in the area of law, we make no pronouncements on the constitutionality of the law, but we are deeply distressed that it stands because of its implications for assaults on vulnerable human life. While there may be other areas of both agreement and disagreement with what the bill says and will do, it is these provisions to which we object heartily.

Provisions for abortion are especially distressing. As pointed out by Ryan T. Anderson of the Heritage Foundation, the bill is woefully deficient on abortion and conscience protection. 1) The Hyde Amendment prohibiting federal funds from being used to fund abortion does not apply to the act. 2) The Executive Order issued by President Obama is legally ineffective at extending it to any Hyde-like protections. 3) Community health centers funded by ACA may even be *required* to perform abortions. 4) The health-care exchanges established by the act will fund plans that cover abortion and thus force citizens to either fund abortion directly or possibly forgo the best plan for them. Lastly, the bill allows the government to discriminate against pro-life doctors and health providers.

The ACA gives federal bureaucrats the power to impose "quality" measures on all health care providers, under which treatment needed to save a patient's life but do not meet the imposed standards will be

denied, even if the patient is willing and able to pay for it. An 18 member panel has been set up which will inform the federal DHHS how to use those imposed standards to limit what private citizens are permitted to spend on their own families' health care.

The ACA violates so many rights and is so convoluted that we still do not know the extent of the transgressions of this draconian law. The Galen Institute which was formed to study and alert people to the provisions continues to come out with more revelations on an almost daily basis. For those among us who realize that the health care industry needs serious reform to rein in its out-of-control costs, this is not at all what was hoped for in any area addressed by the bill.

LifeNews.com did a summary of initial reactions by pro-life groups on June 28. Most of them have political action committees which allow for them to endorse candidates. Because this is now where the battle lies, they are pulling out all stops. NAPN does not have a PAC and cannot endorse, but we do know what we must do as individuals to resort to our only hope to repeal this transgression of our freedom.

National organizations who have expressed dismay at the Supreme Court decision on the ACA:

National Right to Life Committee
Americans United for Life
Susan B. Anthony List
Family Council
American Life League
Alliance Defense Fund
Concerned Women of America
National Catholic Bioethics Center
The Southern Baptist Convention

The "Birth Control Mandate" and the ACA

Regardless of one's faith belief a recent edition of ***Ethics and Medicus, A Commentary of the National Catholic Bioethics Center on Health Care and Life Sciences***, offers some interesting key points that provide possible actions for those impacted by the mandate.

The mandate contains a narrowly crafted exemption for a religious employer from purchasing coverage for its employees, if it:

- 1) Has the inculcation of religious values as its purpose
- 2) Employs persons who share its religious tenets
- 3) Primarily serves persons who share its religious tenets
- 4) Is a non-profit organization

Clearly, these narrowly defined "faith-based" exemptions cited above would apply to few organizations under the above criteria.

The non-faith based employer of conscience is left with the following options:

- 1) Willingly assent
- 2) Provide morally-non objectionable insurance.
- 3) Drop all coverage
- 4) Temporarily comply under protest

The analysis of each of these choices presented in the article is really quite interesting.

This issue is not about offering or not offering birth control, sterilizations and abortion causing drugs. What it is really about is our First Amendment freedoms to exercise one's religious beliefs without government intrusion.

This article in its entirety, can be found at:
www.ncbcenter.org/document.doc?id=450&erid=0

Adult Stem Cells vs Embryonic Stem Cells

(From Peer-Reviewed Studies)

Benefits of Adult Stem Cells to Human Patients

Benefits of Embryonic Stem Cells

Cancers:

1. Brain Cancer
2. Retinoblastoma
3. Ovarian Cancer
4. Skin Cancer: Merkel Cell Carcinoma
5. Testicular Cancer
6. Tumors Abdominal Organs Lymphoma
7. Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
8. Hodgkin's Lymphoma
9. Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia
10. Acute Myelogenous Leukemia
11. Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia
12. Juvenile Myelomonocytic Leukemia
13. Chronic Myelomonocytic Leukemia
14. Cancer of the lymph nodes: Angioimmunoblastic Lymphadenopathy
15. Multiple Myeloma
16. Myelodysplasia
17. Breast Cancer
18. Neuroblastoma
19. Renal Cell Carcinoma
20. Soft Tissue Sarcoma
21. Various Solid Tumors
22. Ewing's Sarcoma
23. Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia
24. Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis
25. POEMS syndrome
26. Myelofibrosis

Auto-Immune Diseases:

27. Diabetes Type I (Juvenile)
28. Systemic Lupus
29. Sjogren's Syndrome
30. Myasthenia
31. Autoimmune Cytopenia
32. Scleromyxedema
33. Scleroderma
34. Crohn's Disease
35. Behcet's Disease
36. Rheumatoid Arthritis
37. Juvenile Arthritis
38. Multiple Sclerosis
39. Polychondritis
40. Systemic Vasculitis
41. Alopecia Universalis
42. Buerger's Disease

Cardiovascular:

43. Acute Heart Damage
44. Chronic Coronary Artery Disease

Ocular:

45. Corneal Regeneration

Immunodeficiencies:

46. Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Syndrome
47. X-linked Lymphoproliferative Syndrome
48. X-linked Hyper Immunoglobulin M Syndrome

Neural Degenerative Diseases and Injuries:

49. Parkinson's Disease
50. Spinal Cord Injury
51. Stroke Damage

Anemias and Other Blood Conditions:

52. Sickle Cell Anemia
53. Sideroblastic Anemia
54. Aplastic Anemia
55. Red Cell Aplasia
56. Amegakaryocytic Thrombocytopenia
57. Thalassemia
58. Primary Amyloidosis
59. Diamond Blackfan Anemia
60. Fanconi's Anemia
61. Chronic Epstein-Barr Infection

Wounds and Injuries:

62. Limb Gangrene
63. Surface Wound Healing
64. Jawbone Replacement
65. Skull Bone Repair

Other Metabolic Disorders:

66. Hurler's Syndrome
67. Osteogenesis Imperfecta
68. Krabbe Leukodystrophy
69. Osteopetrosis
70. Cerebral X-Linked Adrenoleukodystrophy

Liver Disease:

71. Chronic Liver Failure
72. Liver Cirrhosis

Bladder Disease:

73. End-Stage Bladder Disease

NONE

To date,
there have been
absolutely NO
treatments or cures
from the use of
embryonic stem cells!

For references see:
<http://www.stemcellresearch.org/facts/asc-ref.pdf>
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Stem Cell Banks and Research Facilities

When the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) was created in November of 2004, by way of a publicly voted 3 million dollar bond issue, it was touted as being the premiere agency for funding grants and loans to researchers in the areas of stem cell research, primarily embryonic stem cells. CIRM's current strategic plan of moving projects as quickly as possible to the clinical trial phase and a pattern of awarding more and more grants to ADULT STEM CELL research, seems to indicate that Embryonic Stem Cell Research (ESCR) is not developing therapies fast enough to meet that goal.

A similar problem seems to be affecting the University of Massachusetts Stem Cell Bank.

Originally the bank was supposed to serve as a repository for embryonic stem cell lines that were being created but were not eligible for federal funding under President George W. Bush's restrictions. Founded in 2008, the bank was considered "state of the art". The state of Massachusetts provided just under 8 million dollars to establish the bank.

According to a June 28th article in the Boston Globe, the bank will run out of money by the end of the year and will close. Again, the problem seems to be lack of embryonic stem cell lines to store.

There does not seem to be any way to prove these failures are caused by an understanding that embryonic stem cells do not "get the job done" but there does seem to be a growing trend here.

Lejeune Foundation Awards Grants

On August 2, 2012, The Jerome Lejeune Foundation USA announced the first grants awarded by the US Foundation to three researchers working in the area of genetic intellectual disability. The Jerome Lejeune Foundation was established in Paris, France, in 1996 to continue the legacy of Dr. Jerome Lejeune, the geneticist who discovered the genetic cause of Down Syndrome. The U.S. branch of the Foundation was established in late 2011. The Jerome Lejeune Foundation is entirely funded by private donations. Its goal and focus is to find a treatment for Trisomy 21 (Down Syndrome) through ethical scientific research.



The Foundation is committed to research, care and advocacy for those with Down Syndrome and other genetic intellectual disabilities. The three recipients of the awards will focus on ways to improve cognitive function, find better diagnostic and therapeutic models, and use MRI images to develop ways to improve cognitive function.

The Foundation does not make awards to those engaged in embryonic stem cell research. It also operates the Lejeune Institute in Paris, a medical clinic, which provides specialized health care services and support to over 5,000 patients.

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Michigan Legislative Updates

The Michigan State House approved a package of pro-life bills intended to protect women and unborn children and further drive down the number of abortions in the state.

However, lawmakers removed a measure from the package that would ban abortions after 20 weeks based on the notion that unborn babies feel pain. They said they wanted more time to study whether or not the legislation would be likely to be upheld in court.

According to the Detroit News:

"We decided not to take that up right now so we can discuss the legislation further," said Ari Adler, spokesman for House Speaker Jase Bolger, R-Marshall.

"Even taking emotion out of the equation, this package (of bills) is good policy," said Rep. Bruce Rendon, R-Lake City, the sponsor of omnibus legislation, House Bill 5711.

The House approved the omnibus abortion regulations bill 70-39 on mostly partisan lines with six pro-life Democrats crossing over to vote with the GOP majority.

Democratic representatives voting for the bill were Charles Brunner of Bay City, Paul Clemente of Lincoln Park, Bob Constan of Dearborn Heights, George Darany of Dearborn, Richard LeBlanc of Westland and Lisa Liss of Warren. Rep. Harvey Santana, D-Detroit, was absent from the vote.

The state legislature has now adjourned for its summer recess and the package of bills will then head to the state Senate for consideration.

On June 7, the Michigan House Health Policy Committee voted 13-5 to pass the Prolife Bus bill, which represents the largest collection of prolife legislation ever addressed at one time in the Michigan legislature. House Bill 5711 is an omnibus bill combining several prolife bills into a 45 page bill.

Omnibus bills of this nature have become common in

Lansing and are referred to by the shortened moniker of a "bus." The bill package includes:

Coercive abortion prevention – screening women seeking abortions for possible coercion to abort, require an anti-coercion sign posted in abortion clinics. (HB 5134 & 5182) The two additional new bills attached to the Bus, HB 5712-13, complete the Coercive Abortion Prevention package by defining coercion to abort as a crime and providing penalties. (HB 4798-99)

Humane disposition of aborted babies – require bodies of aborted children to be buried or cremated. (SB 25 & 54 or HB 4119-4120)

Prohibit "webcam" abortions – prohibits prescribing abortion pill by remote consulting over the Internet. (HB 4688/SB 420)

Abortion clinic licensing – require any abortion clinic or private physician office advertising outpatient abortion services to be licensed as a Freestanding Outpatient Surgical Facility. (HB 5522)

Abortionist malpractice insurance – require abortionists to carry \$1 million in malpractice insurance or carry an equivalent bonded surety. (SB 876)

Obviously these measures provide a level of protection for women seeking abortion which has long been absent in Michigan. It does not prohibit or restrict access to abortion, but instead assures women who are making this life and death decision, that the person doing the procedure is accountable to someone. It also assures women that places where abortions are done meet the standards required by any other surgical clinic, and that there is some level of protection from an abusive or coercive situation. It is hard to understand why there would be opposition to these measures, but there are those who do object.

WHERE DO THE CANDIDATES STAND ON LIFE?

MITT ROMNEY

BARACK OBAMA

TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTIONS

The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act would codify The Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funding of abortion. Over one million Americans are alive today because of the Hyde Amendment.

"I support The Hyde Amendment, which broadly bans the use of federal funds for abortions."

The White House issued a statement attacking the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R.3): "If the President is presented with H.R.3, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill."

ROE V. WADE & ABORTION

The 1973 Roe v. Wade and its companion Doe v. Bolton decisions together essentially legalized abortion on demand through the United States, resulting in more than 54 million abortions since then.

"I support the reversal of Roe v. Wade because it is a bad law and bad medicine. Roe was a misguided ruling that was a result of a small group of activist federal judges legislating from the bench."

"I am pro-choice. I believe in Roe v. Wade."

"With one more vacancy on the court, we could be looking at a majority hostile to a woman's right to choose for the first time since Roe v. Wade, and that is what is at stake in this election." (01/22/2008)

FUNDING FOR ABORTION PROVIDERS

Each year, hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are given to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, reporting 332,278 abortions in 2009.

"I will support efforts to prohibit federal funding for any organization like Planned Parenthood, which primarily performs abortions or offers abortion-related services."

On his third day in office, President Obama nullified the pro-life "Mexico City Policy," making organizations that perform and promote abortion as a method of family planning overseas eligible for U.S. foreign aid funds.

OBAMACARE HEALTH CARE LAW

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) will provide funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand, and will lead to the rationing of lifesaving medical treatments.

Obamacare will violate that crucial first principle of medicine: 'do no harm.'

Mitt Romney believes that ObamaCare must be repealed. (Statement on Mitt Romney's website)

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RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE

The Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (S. 1467, H.R. 1179), would exempt institutions or individuals from providing health coverage for services that violate their religious or moral convictions.

"...on day one I will eliminate Obama Administration rule that compels religious institutions to violate the tenets of their own faith. Such rules don't belong in the America that I believe in."

The Obama Administration issued a "final rule" mandating that groups, including religious schools and hospitals, provide health insurance plans that cover certain drugs or procedures, even if it violates the groups' religious and moral convictions.

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