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Why Pro-life is More Accurate Than Pro-choice on Abortion

For pundits and activists on both sides of the abortion debate, step one in crafting an argument is choosing the terminology. By deeming one's self “pro-life/choice” and the opposition “pro-abortion/anti-abortion” at the outset, he conveys an immediate sense of who's fighting for a lofty ideal and who's standing with something unsightly. Both sets of labels are emotionally-charged, but which is more accurate?

Pro-choicers (at least, those more PR-savvy than Merle Hoffman) swear they don't particularly like abortions; they just believe it's not their place, or government's, to prevent someone from making the choice. President Barack Obama **puts it his way:**

I am pro-choice, I believe in Roe vs. Wade, and I come to that conclusion not because I'm pro-abortion, but because ultimately I don't think women make these decisions casually. They wrestle with these things in profound ways, in consultation with their pastors or spouses, or their doctors or their family members.

The problem is that “pro-choice” is so vague as to be meaningless.

Everybody's “pro-choice” on some things and “anti-choice” on others. In a sane world, you'd think that “pro-choice” meant favoring greater personal freedom on a whole range of issues. But whatever else may be said of the Obama Administration's policies on **healthcare, incandescent light bulbs, gun rights and environmental regulations**, they leave people with fewer choices not more. Obama, like his fellow liberals, is only “pro” one particular choice: abortion.

And even then, the positions of Obama, Planned Parenthood, NARAL and the National Organization for Women on conscience protection and taxpayer abortion funding force third parties to participate in abortion against their will. If this is “pro-choice”, then why does choice lose out whenever choice and abortion conflict?

“Pro-life”, on the other hand, specifically denotes a concrete principle: the sanctity of all human life, which entitles every human being to equal protection from fertilization onward. If the right to life of those outside the womb were seriously endangered in our society, pro-lifers would be there just as

we are for the unborn. Pro-aborts sometimes try to delegitimize the pro-life label by calling us hypocrites on issues like capital punishment but that fails for two simple reasons: first, not all pro-lifers support the death penalty and those who do believe it preserves life in the long run by deterring violent crime.

It's natural for political activists on both sides of an issue to use loaded language that benefits them and there's no shame in that – as long as it's still accurate. And that's what distinguishes abortion foes from defenders: while “pro-life” illuminates and clarifies the issue, all “pro-choice” does is obscure and deceive.

Calvin Freiburger is a Live Action contributing writer. This column appeared at the Live Action blog 1/11/12.

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For Life

Our Purpose:

...To raise the consciousness of the nursing profession to protect all human life from conception until natural death

...To form an educated core of nurses who can speak for their profession by acting as a community resource for life issues

...To promote public education and awareness about life issues on both ends of the spectrum, from abortion to euthanasia

...To uphold and defend human life in all stages and conditions of development

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Planned Parenthood Clinic Given Green Light to Open

On Tuesday, Jan 10th, Oakland County Judge James Alexander ruled in favor of Planned Parenthood's interpretation of the deed restrictions on the property they own in Auburn Hills. This ruling gives PP the green light to open what they have described as a "full service clinic."

The original owners of the property, Comfort Inn Suites hoped to persuade the judge that the deed restriction on the property included a ban on surgical abortions. When purchasing the property, PP described its use as a "medical office", but did not include mention of surgical abortions. Since abortions were never specifically mentioned, the judge ruled against Comfort Inn Suites in favor of Planned Parenthood.

As Attorney Charles Kleinbrook, an observer of the decision, said, the Judge's decision is likely to be upheld if the case is appealed. The ruling demonstrates the importance of including a specific prohibition of abortions when lawyers deal with contract law.

It is expected that the facility will be an object of continued prayer vigils as pro life organizations endeavor to prevent the death of any babies at the site.

By Diane Trombley, President MNFL

Membership Renewal



Dear Colleagues,

Well, a New Year, with new challenges and, hopefully, new ways to restore protection and respect to human life has begun.

A new year also marks the time to renew your membership in Michigan Nurses for Life. I have had some folks say to me that they are retired from active nursing and don't really see the need to be a member of MNFL. They may be retired, but have you ever noticed that once you complete your education and get that pin (or in the case of some of our older members that treasured white cap) and are recognized as a nurse, from that time on you are never **NOT** a nurse?

Relatives, friends, neighbors, even folks at the grocery store seem to feel very comfortable asking you health related questions. Nurses are much more approachable than doctors (have you ever heard, "I don't want to ask the doctor, he is so busy, but I don't understand.....") and are pretty much expected to have the answers, even if we are "retired". Meaning no disrespect here, but being a nurse is kind of like being a Catholic priest—once a priest, always a priest. Once a nurse always a nurse.

So, when folks ask you why you care about a "blob of tissue", a fetus, or an "it", being a member of MNFL keeps you up to date on the best answers. We try to keep you informed about stem cell research, euthanasia, pain control, government health care and so much more so that when your next door neighbor, who knows you're a nurse even if graduation was many years ago, asks "What do you know about—?" you will have the answer.

Please renew your membership with Michigan Nurses for Life. You can use the form adjoining this article. Remember, you are **NEVER** not a nurse.

By Diane Trombley, President MNFL

Renewal Form

Remit coupon with your payment to:

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Field of Nursing: _____

Yearly Membership Fee:

___RN - LPN - \$25

___Student Nurses - \$10

___Retired Nurses, general public and other health care professionals - \$15



Check Number: _____

Date: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$_____

**I agree to affirm life
in all its stages and conditions.**

REMINDER: Primary Election: Tuesday, February 28, 2012

We all know that 2012 is an election year. Actually it is probably one of the most important elections we have had in many years. I won't go into all the reasons why it is so important but I do have to mention one thing.

Lots of people seem to have the idea that the Primary election is not as important as the General election. I hear that they don't like to vote in a primary because here in Michigan, you must declare a party affiliation and you cannot "split your ticket" in a primary.

I understand those concerns, but consider this—the outcome of the primary election determines who you will be able to vote for in the general election.

So, when the primary election comes about in February remember that whoever wins that election is who you will see on the November 2012 ballot.

Where do the Candidates Stand on Life?

National Right to Life Committee published a flyer listing the Presidential Candidates and where each one stands on life issues. Please visit the website and copy and distribute it freely.

Visit: www.nrlc.org

SAVE THE DATE: 2012 MNFL Fall Conference



Dr. Jean Peduzzi Nelson is an Associate Professor at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit. She wrote 2 scientific papers with her collaborators in Portugal who found considerable improvement in people with severe, chronic spinal cord injury who were treated with a person's own nasal tissue that contains adult stem cells. Dr. Peduzzi

Nelson is working to bring to clinical trials the use of a person's own adult stem cells from the nose in the treatment of brain injury, spinal cord injury and radio-and chemotherapy-induced brain damage. The advantage of using one's own stem cells is that human embryos are not killed so this question is closely tied to 'right to life' issues. Adult stem cells are more effective and avoid the problems of rejection, disease transmission and tumor formation.

On the request of Richard Doerflinger (US Conference of Catholic Bishops Assoc. Director of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities), Family Research Council, and Do No Harm, Dr. Peduzzi Nelson has testified on the benefits of adult stem cells and the problems with embryonic stem cells or stem cells from human cloning at the US Senate Subcommittees in 2003, 2004 and 2010. She was invited to speak at Notre Dame Workshop on Adult Stem Cells this year.

Saturday, September 29, 2012
St. Joesph Mercy - Oakland
Pontiac, MI

Speaker:

Dr. Jean Paduzzi-Nelson, PhD
Wayne State University
School of Medicine

Topic:

Adult Stem Cells Research
Advancements

"Born To Be A Lady" Modest Fashion Show!



Featuring: Brooke Burns

Education Director, Arizona Right to Life

Saturday, March 24, 2012, 12 - 3 PM Doors open at 11 AM.

Ss. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church
41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights

Near the Northwest corner of Ryan and 18 Mile Roads

\$20.00 per person

Registration Deadline: March 19, 2012

After deadline fee is \$25.00 per person

Seating is limited to 350 guests.

Please register early!

Support Alternatives

Looking to contribute in support of research using adult stem cells and other alternatives to embryonic stem cells?

The following foundations, addressing spinal cord injury, Parkinson's and diabetes are raising money to support research using adult stem cells and adult cell therapies to treat these diseases. They do not fund embryonic stem cell research.

Spinal Cord Injury

Dr. Jean Peduzzi Nelson of Wayne State University School of Medicine Detroit, MI is researching the use of adult stem cells derived from olfactory tissue for the treatment of spinal cord injury. Published reports from a trial already conducted with human patients in Portugal have shown promising results from this approach. With a group of clinicians, Dr. Peduzzi Nelson is helping to prepare the FDA application to begin clinical trials here in the United States. If you wish to contribute to Dr. Peduzzi Nelson's efforts to treat spinal cord injured patients, please make your check out to "Wayne State University" and specify in a cover letter and on the check that you wish the money to go to the "Peduzzi Spinal Cord Injury Research Fund". These funds will only be used on research to develop and evaluate treatments for spinal cord injury. You can also specify that it only be used in adult stem cell research, as this is Dr. Peduzzi Nelson's main focus. Upon receipt of the check, you will be mailed information so that this donation can be used as a tax donation. Please mail your check to:

Dr. Jean Peduzzi Nelson
Scott Hall School of Medicine
Wayne State University
540 E. Canfield Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201

Further information about Dr. Peduzzi Nelson's research can be found at www.med.wayne.edu/anatomy under research faculty.

Parkinson's Disease

The Thomas Hartman Foundation for Parkinson's Research was founded by Father Tom Hartman. Many will know Fr. Hartman as co-host, along with Rabbi Marc Gellman, of radio and TV's popular "God Squad".

Fr. Hartman was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's which led him to establish The Hartman Foundation. The foundation excludes any funding for human embryonic stem cell research and supports research using adult stem cells to treat Parkinson's.

The Thomas Hartman Foundation
for Parkinson's Research
www.hartmanfoundation.org

Type 1 (Juvenile) Diabetes

The Iacocca Foundation, through its "Join Lee" Campaign, is raising money to support the research of Harvard's Dr. Denise Faustman. Dr. Faustman and her team at Massachusetts General Hospital have received FDA approval to begin human trials of an adult cell therapy that reverses Type 1 (Juvenile) diabetes in animals.

Although the researchers are ready to test this very promising approach in patients, millions of dollars are needed for human trials – and some major foundations are devoting much of their funding to research that relies on destroying human embryos instead.

The Iacocca Foundation has contributed \$1 million for human trials using the Faustman approach, and is asking one million Americans to help by donating \$10 each.

The Iacocca Foundation and the "Join Lee" Campaign
www.iacoccafoundation.org

Auto-Immune Disorders

Dr. Richard Burt, M.D., of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, is using adult stem cells primarily to treat patients with auto-immune disorders, including diabetes, multiple sclerosis, lupus, scleroderma, Crohns disease, myasthenia gravis, chronic retinitis and optic neuritis, pemphigus and other immune-mediated disorders.

If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution to Dr. Burt's research in treating patients with adult stem cells, you may contact his division manager, Kate Quigley, at k-quigley@northwestern.edu for further information and assistance.

Source:

www.stemcellresearch.org/alternatives/index.html

Raising Concerns

State of Washington Proposes
Changing Cause of Death...

Washington May Not Put Assisted Suicide on Death Certificates

Assisted suicide proposals are almost always profoundly disingenuous, as I have been illustrating for years.

For example, in Washington, doctors who assist suicides are currently *legally required to lie on death certificates*. Rather than list the actual cause of death—assisted suicide—they are instead required to list the underlying disease—even though it didn't factually. This is a profound corruption of civic processes.

Legislation in WA, SB 5278, would make the salutary change of requiring public documents to be accurate and truthful in this regard. As quoted from the legislation Section 2:

The (attending) physician (may) who signs the patient's death certificate (which) shall list (the underlying terminal disease as) the cause of death as assisted suicide.

And the problem with honesty is...?

Assisted suicide advocates always claim they want a transparent process. Not true. They want opaque darkness. I predict it won't pass because the last thing death culture promoters want is truth in advertising—even if it corrupts public record keeping and interferes with open accountability, which come to think about it, they don't want at all.

Wesley J. Smith, J.D., is a special consultant to the Center for Bioethics and Culture. This originally appeared at his blog, Secondhand Smoke.com

Palliative Sedation

Thank you for your recent article "Is Palliative Sedation Right for Your Patient?" (August 2011) The authors did a good job of explaining the rule of double effect. But as a pro-life nurse, it will always be "terminal sedation" to me. Comfort care used to mean maintaining a patient's comfort at the end of life...keeping them clean and dry, changing their position, giving mouth care etc. and also addressing their psychological and spiritual needs as death approached. I do believe that terminal sedation is indicated in rare cases of intractable pain which cannot otherwise be treated.

I witnessed a situation recently where an 80 year old otherwise healthy woman suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage. She was given terminal sedation for 5 days in ICU. Shortly before she died, the nurse came in three times and gave her IV push medication at 10 minute intervals. Outside the room, I asked the nurse what she was doing; she told me the medication was Dilaudid and said, "It won't be long now."

With the economic uncertainty in our health care system, health care providers need to be aware of the potential of the slippery slope related to end of life care.

Mary Lou Temple, RN, MSN
Michigan Nurses for Life

This article was printed in Nursing 2011 December issue

MARY'S CHILDREN FAMILY CENTER

495 East Fourteen Mile Rd., Clawson, MI 48017



Help Wanted:

LPN or RN for Day Program
Hours: Mon - Fri 9:15 AM - 3:30 PM
Position open 2 to 3 days a week
Fax resume to:
Christine at 248.307.0242
or email her at M.Ctr@att.net

Mary's Children Family Center is currently accepting applications for a nurse team leader who is dedicated to providing outstanding care to fill a part-time position. The nurse is responsible for direct care as well as supervision of their program assistants. Applicant must be honest, caring and passionate about caring for others dealing with their individual obstacles.

Mary's Children works with people who have suffered a brain injury. It strives to enhance their lives through social interaction and cognitive learning.

2011 MNFL Fall Conference: Consequences of Choice

Saturday, September 24th, 70 nurses and lay people attended our conference at Madonna University to hear speakers address the physical, emotional and spiritual after effects of abortion.

Dr. Elizabeth Shadigian, a local OB/GYN, discussed the short term physical consequences of induced abortion, including bleeding, infection, perforated uterus and damage to internal organs; there is a 3 times greater chance of dying after abortion and a 15 times higher maternal mortality rate in abortions over 16 weeks. Long term consequences include preterm births with next delivery, higher rate of placenta previa, increased breast cancer risk and a higher suicide rate. She said there is no mandatory reporting of abortion complications or maternal deaths at abortion clinics, since many patients are seen at an ER for follow-up care. She encouraged the group to check the prolife OB/GYN website -www.aaplog.org- for more information on research articles.

Laura Farrugia, RN, Executive Director of CareNet in Berkley, MI, shared her brief work experience in an abortion clinic before she became prolife. She addressed the conflicting information and research related to post abortion psychological concerns. Symptoms post-abortive women experience include: anxiety, depression, sadness, substance abuse, alcohol and drug use, anger, suicide attempts and eating disorders. There may be relationship problems, difficulty bonding with future children and decreased coping skills. Spiritual concerns post-abortive women can have are, "Can God forgive me?" and feeling like they have committed the "unforgivable sin". Christian nurses can share God's love and forgiveness with them. She encouraged nurses to

promote a culture of life, treat women with respect, encourage post-abortive women to seek help and advocate for life in all its stages.

Madelyn Carpenter, Regional Mentor of Healing Hearts Inter'l, shared a short DVD about their post-abortive healing ministry. Madelyn spoke of her own experience and said God turned a "mess" into a "message" into a "ministry" in her own life. Healing Hearts leaders are all post-abortive themselves and can truly relate to the injured woman. The ministry has 3 different Bible studies that they use to share God's forgiveness; they meet 1:1, in small groups and at an interactive website - www.healinghearts.org.

Some comments from those in attendance were:

"Excellent, fantastic, great (wasn't going to come... SO glad I did)"

"So enjoyed conference. So proud to be a prolife nurse"

"Wonderful conference as usual, nicely put together"

"Wonderful presenters with great experience to back up their presentations"

Attendees left the conference filled with information and heartened that there are ministries available to help hurting women.

*Submitted by Mary Lou Temple, RN, MSN
MNFL Board Member and Co-Founder*



2011 MNFL Fall Conference Speakers: Elizabeth Shadigian, Laura Farrugia and Madelyn Carpenter.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MICHIGAN NURSING STUDENTS ASSOCIATION 61st ANNUAL CONVENTION

February, 3-4, 2012

Four Points Sheraton
Ann Arbor, MI

For information: www.mnsa.org

HOCKEY SUNDAY

Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 2 PM

Compuware Arena
14900 Beck Rd., Plymouth, MI

Featuring the Plymouth Whalers vs the Saginaw Spirit

Sponsored by RTL-LIFESPAN

Call: 248.478.8878

2012 Primary Election

Tuesday February 28, 2011

REMEMBER TO VOTE!!!

RTL-LIFESPAN ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

For information, call: 248.816.1546

MODEST TEEN FASHION SHOW

Saturday, March 24, 2012 - 12-3 PM

Ss. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church
Sterling Heights, MI

Speaker: Brooke Burns

Brooke is a dynamic young speaker who has spoken to over 1200 young people on the topics of modesty, Self-worth, dating and prolife issues. She is currently Education Director for Arizona Right to Life.

Fee: \$20 (if you register after the deadline fee \$25)

Registration Deadline: March 19

Sponsored by: Educational Center for Life and Lifespan Educational Fund

Questions: Call Marilyn at 248.816.8489

To download a registration form

visit: www.edcenterforlife.org

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2012 MNFL FALL CONFERENCE

Saturday, September 29, 2012

St. Joseph Mercy - Oakland, Pontiac, MI

Speaker: Dr. Jean Paduzzi-Nelson, PhD

Wayne State University School of Medicine

Topic: Adult Stem Cells Research Advancements