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"I will give no deadly medicine to anyone if asked ... I will not give to a woman an instrument to produce an abortion"

Dear Colleague:

We sincerely hope that all experienced a blessed and Happy Easter, and are thus rejuvenated for the year to come! In this issue, we have good news to report: thanks to generous donations from the 16% of our "rostered" membership responding thus far, we have now received approximately 1/3 of the funds needed as operating expenses for 2008 (based on prior-year expenditures). We are most grateful for this support (some donations were 4 - 5 times the suggested, individual amounts!), and can only hope that we will hear from the rest of our colleagues soon for the support needed for the remaining 2/3 of this year. Also, we are now formally incorporated in Louisiana, effective February 7, 2008 (final papers were filed and all fees paid in Baton Rouge on March 10th), and, additionally, were formally notified by the IRS that our 501(c)(3) application has been received. Within 60 days we should have a definitive ruling regarding a *Resource* income far in excess of our current turnover (for instance, were we to expand our operations several-fold). On the legislative front, the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature convenes March 31st and adjourns June 23rd. As usual, a number of bills addressing Hippocratic Oath-related issues have been pre-filed (others may be pending), including those addressing/mandating health insurance coverage for HPV vaccination, prohibition or state funding of human cloning, insurance coverage of hormonal contraceptives, coverage of fertility treatments, and establishment of an umbilical cord blood-banking program. An evaluation of these bills is attached; the bills themselves can be accessed at <www.legis.state.la.us>. Finally, this issue begins the new editorship of Dr. Rob Chasuk (with the help of his wife, Patti), although we (W.A.K. & F.R.) will continue to provide this lead segment for now. We greatly appreciate their stepping up to the plate for the task! Should you have items of interest for inclusion in the *Roundup*, please pass them on to Rob (contact info. on roster).

For an ever-greater respect for all human life, from fertilization until natural death.

W. "Al" Krotoski, M.D., etc., and Francis Rinaudo, Jr., D.D.S.

From the (New) Editors:

We will seek to gather items informative to the membership. Our focus will be on topics that health care providers will find useful in speaking with patients as well as in communicating with the public

and with representatives. A few selections from *Lifenews.com* and other sources follow. Keep up the good work!

Rob and Patti Chasuk

Roster Change:

(Deleted to ensure promised member privacy)

PTSD and Abortion

Washington, DC February 13, 2008 (LifeNews.com)

A new study published in the journal BMC Psychiatry finds that women who have abortions typically experience high levels of post-traumatic stress disorder. The findings mirror other research reports showing women are more likely to suffer mental health issues following abortions compared with keeping the baby.

The study appeared in the July 2007 issue of the professional psychological publication but is only coming to light now.

The research involved 155 women from South Africa who had abortions and were evaluated one month and three months afterwards.

Approximately 20 percent of the women had post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms just one month later. The results led the authors to note that "high rates of PTSD characterize women who have undergone voluntary pregnancy termination.

Looking at the women three months after the abortion, the number of women experiencing the PTSD symptoms increased 61 percent.

Royal college warns abortions can lead to mental illness.

**Sarah-Kate Templeton, Health Editor,
timesonline.co.uk**

Women may be at risk of mental health breakdowns if they have abortions, a medical royal college has warned. The Royal College of Psychiatrists says women should not be allowed to have an abortion until they are counselled on the possible risk to their mental health. This overturns the consensus that has stood for decades that the risk to mental health of continuing with an unwanted pregnancy outweighs the risks of living with the possible regrets of having an abortion. <http://extras.timesonline.co.uk/abortion.pdf>

Clinical Applications of Blood-Derived and Marrow-Derived Stem Cells for Nonmalignant Diseases

Richard K. Burt, MD; et.al.
JAMA. 2008;299(8):925-936.

Objective To summarize new, nonmalignant, nonhematologic clinical indications for use of blood- and bone marrow-derived stem cells.

Conclusions Stem cells harvested from blood or marrow, whether administered as purified HSCs or mesenchymal stem cells or as an unmanipulated or unpurified product can, under appropriate conditions in select patients, provide disease-ameliorating effects in some autoimmune diseases and cardiovascular disorders. Clinical trials are needed to determine the most appropriate cell type, dose, method, timing of delivery, and adverse effects of adult HSCs for these and other nonmalignant disorders.

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/abstract/299/8/925?maxtoshow=&HITS=10&hits=10&RESULTFORMAT=&fulltext=richard+burt&searchid=1&FIRSTINDEX=0&resourceType=HWCIT>

Scientists, Govt Ignore Abortion-Breast Cancer Link Leading Surgeon Says. Washington, DC (LifeNews.com)

A leading breast cancer surgeon has published an article in a top medical journal accusing scientists and the federal government of ignoring the well-established link between abortion and breast cancer. Dr. Angela Lanfranchi, a New Jersey based breast cancer expert, says politics is corrupting science. She presents her evidence in a new article in the March 2008 issue of the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons

<http://www.jpands.org/vol13no1/lanfranchi.pdf>.