

To Medicare Patients

[A message from the Colorado Medical Society]

"Nothing is more important to doctors than giving our patients the best possible medical care. Our Medicare patients are very important to us.

"The last thing we want to do is tell our Medicare patients that we can no longer care for them. No matter what your opinion of the recently signed health care bill, a glaring problem still exists.

"Congress has failed to come up with a fair and sustainable funding formula for paying physicians who treat seniors, members of the military and the disabled.

"By putting this off for more than a decade, our national lawmakers have jeopardized Medicare and TRICARE patients' ability to have the doctors they need when they're sick.

"You deserve to receive the care you have been promised. A petition drive is underway to tell Congress to fix this unsustainable formula so doctors can stay in the program and continue treating our patients.

"We are sharing this important information about an online petition with you. Please make your voice heard.

"Go to www.ipetitions.com/petition/meltdown/. Tell Congress to continue its work and to fix this problem now."

This situation is important to PPCFL as it affects both seniors and people with disabilities, whose lives we also work to protect. We urge you to be involved in this petition drive if you have e-mail.

Bypassing confirmation by the U.S. Senate during their recent recess, the President installed Dr. Donald Berwick as head of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

A strong proponent of healthcare rationing, Berwick now is in charge of the administration's plan to cut Medicare costs by half a trillion dollars.

He also will influence the drafting of a myriad of regulations in the national health care law to take effect in 2014.

"Obama Bypasses..." Smith, Peter;
LifeSiteNews.com, 9 July 10

New Pill, Same Misinformation

Moving toward final Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approval, the new abortifacient drug, "ella", is claimed to be an upgraded morning-after pill that prevents, rather than interrupts, a pregnancy.

The French pharmaceutical company, HRA Pharma, manufacturer of "ella," claims the pill can prevent pregnancy up to five days after sexual intercourse.

Only by using the misleading and inaccurate definition of pregnancy – that it occurs at implantation, rather than fertilization – can they make such claims.

Planned Parenthood claims there is no evidence that the drug interrupts pregnancy after implantation; however it uses ulipristal acetate, which blocks the progesterone receptors necessary for the early development of the embryo to continue.

Dr. Donna Harrison, president of the American Association of Pro Life Obstetricians & Gynecologists (AAPLOG), blasts the drug not only for its possible safety hazards, but also because of its inaccurate and misleading marketing.

"Many women have ethical qualms about using a drug capable of aborting an early pregnancy." Dr. Harrison supports not only a woman's "right to know" but also her "need" to know.

Excerpts: Steven Mosher & Colin Mason "New Pill,..." Pop.org

Alex & Adult Stem Cells

In 2007, Alex Szeles, a Pennsylvania native, diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a bone marrow cancer, went to the University of Arkansas Myeloma Institute for Research and Therapy where he received adult stem cell transplants.

In an op-ed piece in the Patriot-News newspaper, he shared: "I am fighting for my life with every fiber of my being. I have beaten the odds and am now 36 months past the date of my diagnosis."

Speaking of embryonic stem cells, he wrote: "I am not willing to have another life – tiny though it may be – cut short so that I might have a longer life."

"Saving Alex..." Vitale, Maria, LifeNews.com, 6 July 10

More than \$1 Billion!

A recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) report calculated that more than \$1 billion of federal monies was spent by six pro-abortion groups from 2002 to 2009.

According to the GAO, that figure “may understate the actual amount of federal funds the selected organizations and their affiliates spent.” Their figures did not include state and local funding or money given to one entity and passed on to another.

The six groups reviewed were:

- International PP Federation – \$93.8 million
- PP Federation of America – \$657.1 million
- Population Council of the U.S. – \$284.3 million
- Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS) – \$1.6 million
- Advocates for Youth – \$8.7 million
- Guttmacher Institute – \$12.7 million

In an effort to end the use of federal funds for abortion, 99 U.S. Representatives, including our own Rep. Doug Lamborn, co-sponsored the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act (H.R. 614), which has still to be acted upon.

Excerpts: Life Issues Institute, 18 June 10

Leave a Legacy for Life

If you could, would you provide a financial gift beyond your lifetime that would support the defense of the most innocent and vulnerable members of our human family?

If your answer to that question is “yes,” *let your will be known.* Remember Pikes Peak Citizens for Life. Add us as a beneficiary of your IRA, your retirement, or other portion of your estate.

Ours is an all-volunteer organization. You may be assured that your legacy will go directly toward our work of public education via radio, tv, billboard, newsprint and educational handouts.

Only 50% of those who pass away have a will. Fewer than 8% of all wills settled include a charitable provision. Imagine the positive impact on our country if everyone made a donation to their favorite charities.

We thank you for considering us as one of your beneficiaries.

Thoughts to Consider on Assisted Suicide

Is it more merciful to end hopeless or pain-filled lives than to force people in such straits to go on living? Brian Pollard, retired anesthetist and palliative care physician, has called such termination of life “a form of abandonment.”

Compassion, he notes, derives from Latin and means “to suffer with.” In reference to dying patients, it translates as walking the rest of life’s journey beside them, offering comfort and support at every stage.

To end their lives is...not compassion, but often done because the journey is too difficult on the others. Excerpts: www.ChristianLifeResources.com

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We are most blessed to receive both prayer and financial support for the defense of Life. Both are vitally important and most welcome any time.

Please make your check payable to PPCFL Education Fund if you itemize your donations on your income tax return,

Otherwise, please make your check payable to PPCFL.

Pro-Life Students?

We received an appeal from Claire Rice for Justice for All (JFA), a pro-life group which works on college campuses.

“[JFL is working] to establish a strong, effective pro-life presence at your Colorado Universities!

“We want to [help] start, maintain and build strong pro-life clubs at Metro State University (Auraria campus), CSU, UNC and CU.

“Do you know of any students at these Universities who care about the pro-life issue and might want to help impact their campus?”

Contact Claire at 303-827-6879 or Claire@jfaweb.org. Check out JFA at jfaweb.org.

Assisted Suicide – Life and Death Cases

In June, Germany’s highest court ruled it was legally acceptable for Elke Kloor to cut off her mother’s feeding and hydration tubes herself. Kloor claimed her mother told Kloor that she did not want to live that way.

There was nothing in writing; no one really knows what her mother wanted done. Why did the German court accept hearsay testimony which would ordinarily be inadmissible?

Excerpts: “Germany & Assisted Suicide...” St. Clair, Jane; 26 June 10

According to Nancy Valko, Nurses for Life: “The reason courts accept such dubious word-of-mouth recollections in these life and death cases *while insisting on carefully written estate wills* is discrimination. If you are perceived to be a burden to society or family, you can be legally and medically executed.

“Now we even have Belgium and Holland openly practicing active euthanasia with or without request. And it all started with the “right to die” movement and “living wills.”

[The U.S. has its own history: Nancy Cruzan, Karen Ann Quinlan, Christine Busalacchi, and Terri Schiavo.]

Candidate Questionnaire - 2010 – Responses below

1. Do you consider yourself pro-life?
2. Based on the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution do you agree that:
 - A. The primary duty of government is to protect the inalienable right to life given by the Creator.
 - B. Government does not have the authority to declare any part of the human family to be **non-persons**.
3. Does your stand on the sanctity of human life take precedence over loyalty to your political party?
4. At what stage of development did we become persons? Single Cell (**S**), Birth (**B**), Other (**O**)
5. Is the sanctity of human life a foundational principle, or is it one among many issues of equal importance?
6. Do you want *Roe v Wade* and *Doe v Bolton* to be overturned?
7. Will you take a leading role for a pro-life constitutional amendment, state and/or federal, upholding the sanctity of life from single cell stage of development* to natural death?
8. As a candidate or office holder:
 - A. Would you ever endorse or support the campaign (campaign or walk with, hand out literature for, etc.) of a pro-abortion candidate?
 - B. Would you ever appoint or vote to confirm the appointment of someone who is pro-abortion to any position in government?
9. Will you support federal and/or state efforts to:
 - A. Require anyone considering abortion to see an ultrasound of the baby?
 - B. Ban embryonic stem cell research?

Answer code: (Y)=Yes, (N)=No, (O)=Other, (U)=undecided; (?)=comments unclear.

For clarification, call our office – 630-1999.

Primary Candidates – 2010

See www.ppcitizensforlife.org for additional information.

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U.S. Sen	Michael Bennet – D													Did not respond – Strongly supports the President’s policies
U.S. Sen	Andrew Romanoff – D													Did not respond
U.S. Sen	Ken Buck – R	Y	Y	Y	Y	S	P	Y	Y	N	N	NR	NR	
U.S. Sen	Jane Norton – R													Did not respond – See candidate’s website
Governor	Dan Maes – R	Y	Y	Y	Y	O*	P	U	N	N	NR	Y	Y	**“at conception”
Governor	Scott McInnis – R													Did not respond
St. Treas	J. J. Ament – R	Y	Y	Y	U	O	P	Y	U	Y	U	?*	Y	* “life is life regardless”
St. Treas	Walker Stapleton – R													Did not respond
Sheriff	Terry Maketa – R													Did not respond
Sheriff	Jacob Shirk – R	Y	Y	Y	Y	S	P	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	

Big Changes for Colorado Springs

On July 1, the Colorado Springs Independent published a story by Lea Shores, announcing a major change in our city. Planned Parenthood Westside will have closed their doors at 1330 W. Colorado Ave by the end of the month.

In an e-mail notice to pro-lifers, Stephanie Kemp wrote: "...after being in that location for over three decades, our prayers and the prayers of many others during that time have been answered...Old Colorado City residents will finally have their neighborhood back."

That doesn't mean that Planned Parenthood is no longer doing abortions; it simply means that PP has changed from a rented location to a much larger building which they now own on 3480 Centennial Blvd, just north of Fillmore Street.

Interestingly, Ms. Shores reported that, according to the spokesperson for Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, Monica McCafferty, "...more than 93% of what this office does is provide preventative care for women..." with the implication that "preventative" care does not include abortions. Hmmm.

Planned Parenthood's change of address presents a challenge not only to the pro-life counselors and pray-ers who worked so hard to reach out with love and help to the abortion-minded girls and women going into the Old Colorado City address, but also, to all of us who work and pray for the protection of the lives of the most innocent, vulnerable and tiniest members of our human family.

How can we best reach out to those women who are being forced by boyfriend, husband or parents to abort their babies? What about the fathers who don't want their babies aborted? What can be done both now and later? Please contact Stephanie Kemp, 481-4355, if you have questions, ideas, concerns and wish to assist in any "street" activity to reach out and save babies – **and** their mothers.