

Sept 2013 Newsletter

1) Sound Choice is moving to a new location!



As of November 1st we will be in a new building located at 1749 Dexter Ave N, Seattle, WA 98109. We are so excited, and hope our local supporters will be able to join us in December for an open house to see our new lab and office space.

2) Veterinarians won't use embryonic stem cells. Find out why they won't!

Humans should have already learned their lessons about embryonic stem cells from the veterinarians. Vets now treat all kinds of animals with adult stem cells. They could treat their animal patients with embryonic stem cells without the moral quagmire that human embryonic stem cells present. Yet they don't! Vets would tell you "Embryonic stem cells are outrageously expensive, they form tumors, and they cause immune rejection." When will the human embryonic stem cell proponents figure this out?

3) A courageous WI legislator, Andre Jacque, has introduced a bill to ban aborted fetal research.

If only there were more courageous legislators like Mr. Jacque!

4) Sound Choice is hosting screenings of EGGSPLOITATION and CRESCENDO October 1st and 15th.

Join us to support our efforts to [end human trafficking for biomedical research.](#)

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Dr. Theresa Deisher, President, Sound Choice Pharmaceutical Institute

As of November 1st we will be in our new location at 1749 Dexter Ave N, Seattle, WA, 98109.

We have been very blessed to have gotten a 5 year lease for the first floor of a lab and office building located a ½ mile between two of the biotech hubs in Seattle, WA : South Lake Union and Fremont. We will be consolidating all of our mail to our new site, and closing down our PO Box, so please make a note of our new address. From a tight 900 square feet of lab and office space, we will be moving to 3500 square feet of lab and office and free parking! We have gotten a great price, and an option to extend the lease for another 5 years. With finances always tight we would have stayed in our current location and just rubbed elbows. At times we have had 10 people working closely together in our current small space, particularly when we have interns in for the summer. However, the Life Sciences Building will be partially demolished and remodeled, so we were forced to find another location.

While we are thrilled to have more space, we are also blessed now to have too much space, and we will be sub-leasing two of the offices and some of the lab space. If you know of any companies looking for a good fully furnished Seattle sub-lease, please let them know about the opportunity with Sound Choice. We also have some work to do on the new site : painting, putting up shelving, laying linoleum, installing a back-up

generator and adding a sink and plumbing in the lab area. We will be doing most of the work ourselves, so if you are handy with a screw driver or a paint brush we welcome you to join us anytime in October.

Do you ever wonder why some scientists continue to push for embryonic stem cell research when veterinarians won't use embryonic stem cells?

Why won't veterinarians use animal embryonic stem cells? Because embryonic stem cells are outrageously expensive, they form tumors and they trigger immune rejection. It is that simple. In contrast, adult stem cells are safe, effective and affordable. The same simple logic applies to human embryonic stem cells. These are important talking points that you should share whenever the topic of embryonic stem cells comes up.

In the US, and throughout the rest of the world, veterinarians are treating their animal patients with adult stem cells for a variety of diseases, including arthritis, kidney disease, tendon, ligament and joint injuries, and others. For instance, labradors are very prone to knee and hip dysplasias, often requiring expensive surgical replacements. Now, those dogs can be treated with adult stem cells with the same positive results as the surgical intervention for only a fraction of the cost. Imagine the benefit that human patients could gain if surgical hip

replacements were substituted by less expensive adult stem cell treatment. Many people put off or refuse surgical joint replacement because of the dangers from the anesthesia, the surgery, and the intellectual deficits that so often follow such surgeries. Those people would not have to suffer if we had adult stem cells approved for humans!

Not only have embryonic stem cell proponents taken money away from programs to develop adult stem cell therapies, but they have viciously sought to keep adult stem cells out of the clinic. Shame on them for delaying life saving, affordable adult stem cells for the humans in the US and the rest of the world! The Sherley vs Sebelius lawsuit that I was a plaintiff in has turned the tide in the US. While we ultimately lost the suit at The Supreme Court, the years of financial uncertainty for embryonic stem cells, caused by the lawsuit which temporarily shut down federal funding for embryo destroying research, created a situation where scientists were able to freely advance adult stem cells without fear of being denied funding or having their scientific credibility challenged and attacked. There are now 14 regulatory approved adult stem cell products on the market and hundreds of clinical trials in progress. While we have not yet caught up with the veterinarians, adult stem cell therapies have made too many gains for the embryonic stem cell proponents, who primarily want to delve into human cloning, to keep these life-saving stem cells from patients for much longer. That lawsuit came at a price to me and the other plaintiffs, however. Federal grants have been closed to us, and we rely on our supporters to continue our critical work to stop human trafficking for biomedical research, to develop moral alternatives so that no scientist or doctor is forced to use morally illicit reagents and materials, nor has any excuse to do so, and to discover and develop a prevention and cure for autism. Please support our work as generously as you can!

Why has it taken so long for adult stem cells to be developed to treat human patients? We can thank the news media for poor reporting and investigation, we can thank the embryonic stem cell proponents for their lies and false promises, and we can thank our federal institutions who put cloning and speculative science above the interests of our loved ones. We can also thank ourselves, to some extent. Too many people have been scared into not speaking up because opponents of embryo destroying research and other human trafficking for biomedical research have been called backwards, regressive; even thermonuclear stupid! Since when is exploiting poor and vulnerable women to steal their eggs progressive? Since when is cannibalizing the remains of aborted fetuses progressive? Since when is collaborating in the execution of prisoners for organ harvest progressive? Those things are not progressive, and if opposing such atrocities gets me called

backwards, regressive and thermonuclear stupid, then I will take those labels as a compliment. Please share our talking points with your friends and neighbors so that they can find the confidence to speak up! Thank you for speaking up!

Public awareness and moral alternatives are not enough. We need more legislative efforts like the bill being put forward in Wisconsin to ban the use of aborted fetuses for biomedical research.

As representative Jacque, the main sponsor of the Wisconsin bill (<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2013/proposals/ab224>) that has been re-introduced two years after a first defeat, explains, aborted fetuses cannot give their consent and "it is important to set high standards" (http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/bill-floated-to-ban-use-of-aborted-fetal-tissue-in/article_5ba4f816-a175-11e2-88a1-0019bb2963f4.html).

Scientists who use aborted fetuses for research claim that "The ban would send a message to the world that Wisconsin is not interested in supporting groundbreaking therapeutic research". That is another way of claiming that opponents of the use of aborted fetuses for biomedical research are backwards and regressive. Since when is cannibalizing the remains of an aborted fetus progressive? That is not progressive, it is atrocious.

Even the prestigious, secular and embryonic stem cell promoting journal NATURE recognizes some ethical issues with using the remains of aborted fetuses for biomedical research (<http://www.nature.com/news/medical-research-cell-division-1.13273>). Unfortunately, but not surprisingly, NATURE seems to be most concerned with the fact that the parents of the aborted child are not paid for the materials nor given royalties from developed products. For the most part, we long ago moved away from cultures where parents would sell their children for profit. Since when is aborting and selling a child for research progressive?

The arguments given by proponents of using aborted fetuses for research material remind me of the arguments of the embryonic stem cell proponents. Scientists who use the material and supporters of the practice claim there are no alternatives, like the embryonic stem cell proponents who once claimed there were no alternatives and that adult stem cells did not even exist. Their claims were not only wrong, but in many cases were outright lies to get their way. Public and legal opposition to embryo destroying research led to the ground breaking work with adult induced pluripotent stem cells, which are indeed alternatives to embryonic stem cells for every application, and to the advancements in adult stem cell research, stem cells which do indeed exist. In fact, did you know that your fat tissue is an excellent source of very potent and effective stem cells? That might make some of us

think twice before we work so hard to lose all our fat.

Not only are their claims about the lack of alternatives proven to be false because of the discoveries of adult induced pluripotent stem cells and the success of scientists to use adult stem cells to generate entire organs for research and transplantation, but their claims about the usefulness of using the aborted tissue for medical discoveries must also be questioned. Just think about the fetal environment : the baby does not breathe air, it does not transfer oxygen like it will after birth, it does not generate blood cells in the same organ it will after birth, and it does a whole host of other things differently than it will after birth. The UW-Madison and WI biotech officials claim the ban would hamper research into cancer, influenza and diabetes. It is difficult to accept their argument since there are plenty of cancer cells and cell lines available for study, since pre-natal babies lack a fully developed immune system needed to study influenza, and since the pre-natal pancreas makes insulin producing beta-cells through replication (somatic cell division), a process that does not occur after birth.

Regardless of the questionable utility of using aborted fetuses to discover medical therapies, and regardless of the availability of superior alternatives for this tissue, there is not a 'good' to gain by subverting moral action to utilitarian action. As Mother Teresa said at the 1994 National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC., "Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching the people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want." It is time to stop cannibalizing the remains of these aborted fetuses. We need more courageous legislators like Andre Jacque from WI. Contact your legislator and ask them to introduce a bill in your state to ban the use of aborted fetuses for biomedical research.

Most people are aware of the scourge of human trafficking for slave labor and prostitution, but many do not know how human trafficking fuels the scientific research field.

During Respect Life Month (October) Sound Choice will be screening the documentary "EGGSPLOITATION" along with a "Ted Talk" on harvesting of organs from executed prisoners to make people aware of how widespread these horrific practices are. We will end each event on an upbeat and hopeful note with a screening of the touching mini-movie "CRESCENDO". Currently, we have two screenings scheduled. Those of you who live in Washington State should have received an invitation to our October 1 screening at Seattle Pacific University at 8pm. The screening will be held in Demaray Hall 150, 509 West Berton, Seattle, WA 98119 (<https://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&source=embed&saddr=&daddr=47.650241,-122.364494&hl=en&geocode=&mra=mi&mrsp=0&sz=18&sl=47.649402,-122.362853&sspn=0.002555,0.005997&ie=UTF8&t=h&ll=47.649402,-122.363652&spn=0.001446,0.003755&z=17>)

Our second screening will be held in Pigott Auditorium in the Pigott Building at Seattle University 901 12th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122 on October 15th at 6pm (<http://www.seattleu.edu/maps/>). Both screenings are free and open to the public. We are grateful to the Student for Life groups at SPU and SU for helping us make these screenings possible. Proceeds from free will donations will be used to support Sound Choice, 4US (an ultrasound procurement foundation), and a local crisis pregnancy center chosen by the Students for Life groups at each university. We hope you can join us.

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