

# Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee

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## Emergency "Contraception"

The good news is that the Food & Drug Administration recently decided that Emergency Contraception (EC) would not become available over-the-counter. The bad news is that it is still available with a prescription. As with so many other terms used by the pro-abortion proponents, EC is a misnomer. Dr. John Willke writes extensively about EC in the latest *Life Issues Connector* (May 2004).

First of all, it needs to be understood that the mechanism of EC is basically the same as that of the birth control pill. Dr. Willke traces what he calls the "Semantic Gymnastics" involved in getting the public to accept the birth control pill, which works in one of three ways: 1) it thickens the mucous plug at the cervix, acting as a barrier to sperm; 2) about 80% of the time it blocks ovulation, but in 20% of cases there is break-through ovulation with the possibility of fertilization; 3) it thins and hardens the lining of the womb, so that even if fertilization occurs, the week-old embryo cannot implant, causing a very early abortion. Dr. Willke writes:

In the early 1960s it was determined that this newly available birth control pill would block ovulation and was a "contraceptive." It was correctly judged that the public would accept this. But there was this anti-implantation effect also, which clearly was an abortion. They worried that if the general public found this out, the pill would be rejected. What to do?

There was a meeting of officials of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the US Food and Drug Administration, some drug companies and a prominent doctor, Alan Guttmacher. They solved this "dilemma" by officially, but very quietly, ruling that henceforth the word "conception" would no longer mean union of sperm and egg. Its new meaning was to be implantation one week later.

The word "pregnancy" was also a problem so they changed its definition from beginning at fertilization to beginning at implantation. Their stated reason was that her body was not pregnant until implantation.

Almost nobody was told about this then, nor do even most doctors know about it now, but this enabled the drug companies to call the "pill" and the IUD contraceptives. Today, using their new definitions, they say that the "emergency contraceptive" pill prevents conception and prevents pregnancy.

## The Cheapest Abortion Yet

Have you heard of the \$5 abortion? Life Dynamics April issue of *LifeTalk* featured an item about this. It involves the use of Misoprostol, the second drug used for an RU 486 abortion. The first drug, Mifepristone, makes the uterus hostile to the fetus. Then the Misoprostol, given a day or two later, causes the uterine contractions that expel the baby. This type of abortion is supposed to be heavily regulated, and is not to be used if the mother is more than seven weeks pregnant. However, pro-aborts have become aware that Misoprostol can be used by itself to induce an abortion. There is a website that gives detailed instructions to women on how to use the drug for an early abortion. We have verified that this website exists and that the instructions are available; we will not, however, publish the name of the site.

A researcher from Life Dynamics, Inc., recently went on-line and purchased a bottle of Misoprostol. There simply are no safeguards to keep anyone—a 14-year old pregnant girl, the adult boyfriend who impregnated her—from using the internet to purchase any kind of drug (in fact, magazines such as Rolling Stone feature numerous advertisements for purchasing drugs over the internet, especially those related to sexual enhancement, but narcotics and painkillers as well). All that is needed is a credit card! Misoprostol costs \$69 for 120 pills, although only 8 tablets are needed to effect the abortion. The worst part of this whole scenario is the

significant side effects of misoprostol. Taken without a doctor's prescription or supervision, an unsafe dosage can produce uterine rupture—a death sentence to the mother as well as the baby.

## Ubiquitous Planned Parenthood

Along with Mom and apple pie, what could be more wholesome than Girl Scouts? Maybe not anymore since they have climbed into bed with Planned Parenthood. In previous issues we have documented how Planned Parenthood's influence has so thoroughly permeated our society that it is difficult to find any area they don't reach, including our schools; local, state and national governments; the business community; churches, and *your home* (via the internet)! According to the Concerned Women for America website ([www.cwfa.org](http://www.cwfa.org)):

On March 5, 2004 Cathy Cloninger, CEO for GSA, told NBC News "We have relationships with Planned Parenthood organizations across the country to bring information-based sex education programs to girls."

STOPP Planned Parenthood has documented the following links between the two organizations:

- In Waco, Texas, the Bluebonnet Council places the national Girl Scout logo on posters for Planned Parenthood of Central Texas annual summer sex-education seminar for *fifth to ninth graders*.
- That Council also gave a woman of distinction award last year to the executive director of Planned Parenthood of Central Texas
- Nevada's Frontier Council Web site advertised a March 20 feminist conference featuring Planned Parenthood President Gloria Feldt and a workshop on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered issues.
- In 2003 the Girl Scouts of Connecticut honored a Planned Parenthood official for her

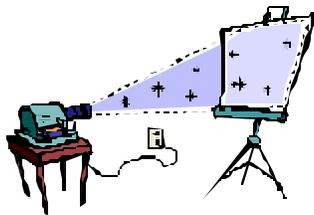
outstanding work in promoting healthy practices in local troops.

- The Girl Scout leadership manual gives visits to health clinics like Planned Parenthood as an acceptable option for Brownie troops. **Brownies are for girls six to eight years old.**

## Good News

**Abstinence Clearinghouse Press Release Feb 20, 2004**—In 2002, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the biannual Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey. The survey, completed by adolescents across the country, showed a dramatic increase in the percentage of teens who are abstaining from sexual activity. **The percentage of teens reporting an abstinent life rose from 45.9 percent in 1991 to 54.4 percent in 2001.** There was also a healthy increase in the percentage of teens who were once sexually active, but now abstain. . .

In 2003 the scientific, peer-reviewed journal, **Adolescent and Family Health**, published a report demonstrating that **the majority of the decline in the teen pregnancy rate is due to abstinence.**



**Apparently a lot of teens have learned to just say "NO."**

**Life Update, February 2004: School Board Rejects Liberal Activists, Sides with Parents.** (Roseville CA)— Recently the Roseville Unified School Board sided with parents when it decided to continue requiring parental consent before a student can leave campus for medical reasons. Several board members and teachers desired to modify the school district policy to allow minors to leave campus for medical treatment, including abortions, without the knowledge or consent of their parents. **Thank you St. Isidore Parish**

Over the past several years, when we had a guest speaker or were invited to give a presentation, we had to rent (at significant expense) a digital projector. We decided it would be more cost effective in the long run to purchase our own equipment but lacked funds to do this. We appealed to the ministries and parishioners at St. Isidore and were able to raise enough to make the purchase. We are deeply grateful to St. Isidore.

Now that we have our equipment we also want all of you to know that we are available to speak to your group—church, school, whatever. Our topic is "**What every parent needs to know about Planned Parenthood.**"

## Another teen abortion death

Another teen is dead as a result of a "safe and legal" abortion. In January, Tamia Russell (15) of Detroit, who was six months pregnant with her 24-year-old boyfriend's child, was driven to the WomanCare of Southfield abortion facility by her boyfriend's sister to obtain an abortion. **None** of the safeguards to protect a child her age were observed. In Michigan it is illegal to perform an abortion on a minor without parental consent or judicial waiver, neither of which was obtained. According to [LifeSiteNews.com](http://LifeSiteNews.com), "News of the death has not been published anywhere except a minor mention on a local Fox station. Dr. Leigh Hlavaty performed an autopsy. . . Dr. Hlavaty told a local registered nurse and pro-life activist who contacted LifeSiteNews.com that the girl's death was caused by 'uterine infarction with sepsis due to status second trimester abortion.' She ruled the death as 'normal.' The doctor explained, 'I ruled it normal because these complications are expected with this type of abortion.'" [Ed. Note: **Tamia had a second-trimester, dilation and evacuation abortion**]

## Press Release from the AAAP

**Dateline Washington DC, April 24, 2004:** Although several hundred thousand abortion rights supporters marched in support of abortion this day, a spokesman for a major special interest group said its members could not attend the rally. The **American Association of Aborted People (AAAP)**, a political inaction committee, said none of its 41 million members could participate in the protest march.

"Since the landmark Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision in 1973, our ranks have swelled by about 1.4 million per year," said the unnamed AAAP spokesman.

"So we should be at the center of any debate about abortion. Unfortunately none of our members could tear themselves away to attend the rally. But we were there in spirit, if not in body."

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