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## Abortion-Breast Cancer Link: Time to tell the truth

By Joel Brind, Ph.D.

Evidence supporting the abortion-breast cancer link (ABC link) dates back to 1957, when a Japanese study showed that abortion almost triples a woman's risk of subsequent breast cancer.

By 1996, when my colleagues at the Penn State College of Medicine and I published our worldwide review of the medical literature, 23 out of 28 published, peer-reviewed studies showed the link, averaging about a 30% risk increase for women with any history of abortion.

Importantly, the standard for comparison in such studies is the *non-pregnant* state. It is universally acknowledged that a full-term pregnancy lowers a woman's long-term risk: A woman who is already pregnant *unarguably* increases her long-term risk by choosing to have an abortion, compared to her choosing not to have an abortion. But the evidence also indicates that a woman who has an abortion does not only forgo this protective effect; she also incurs a risk that is *greater* than the risk before she became pregnant.

### BIOLOGICAL EXPLANATION

We now know a lot more about breast biology, and the biology supports the epidemiology completely. The breasts do not develop fully at puberty, but basically just grow. The lactational apparatus (breast lobules) remain in their immature Type 1 and Type 2 states (in which almost all cancers arise) until well into the third trimester (32 weeks) of a normal pregnancy. Mature Type 3 and 4 lobules, which can actually produce milk, are permanently resistant to cancer formation.

Therefore, childbirth reduces a young woman's long-term risk because there is less time for the immature lobules to collect carcinogenic mutations that could later cause cancer. But abortion – especially of the first pregnancy – leaves a woman with two factors which increase her future cancer risk: 1) The type 1 and 2 lobules still predominate in her breasts, and 2) She has more of them due to

the growth spurt caused by the pregnancy hormones until the time of the abortion.

### DENIALS

But legal abortion is supposed to be safe, and that is the party line parroted by medical authorities worldwide. And the abortion culture cuts across party lines. That's why a 2002 letter from 28 pro-life members of Congress to former President Bush's Department of Health and Human Services, asking the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to re-examine its denial of the ABC link, resulted merely in a phony "workshop" in early 2003. Its conclusions reinforced the claim that the lack of an ABC link had been "established."

### FRAUDULENT STUDIES

This false claim was further reinforced by a stream of largely fraudulent epidemiological studies in prestigious medical journals which showed no such link. How could they get away with this, you ask?

The answer lies in the general instruction for ferreting out corruption anywhere: Follow the money. In this case, the money is *our* money; specifically U.S. tax money that funds the NCI. The NCI is recognized worldwide as *the* authority on what causes cancer and what does not. Since most cancer research in the U.S. depends on NCI grants, researchers who deviate from the party line risk losing their grants and, in some cases, putting entire institutions right out of business.

Many good people among the general public do not even know that the NCI is a big federal bureaucracy, let alone a corrupt one. Even so, most believe that cancer researchers in the NCI and elsewhere should have "no axe to grind" over abortion.

### DEFENDING ABORTION

In truth, the NCI is run by a cadre of lifetime-appointed radical feminist ideologues who defend the reputation of legal abortion as "safe" despite all the evidence to the contrary. Their denial is based largely on two false arguments: 1) Induced abortion and spontaneous abortion (miscarriage) are essentially the same, and should have the



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same effect on future breast cancer risk. In fact, they are very different events, with miscarriages usually missing the hormonally generated growth spurt early in the pregnancy. 2) Studies based on women's recall of medical history are unreliable, because healthy women more often deny past abortions while breast cancer patients more often admit them. This so-called "response bias" hypothesis has been repeatedly disproved in the medical literature (which, ironically, continues to accrue evidence for the ABC link from unlikely nations like China and Iran!).

For details regarding the facts and arguments articulated here, the reader is referred to our institute's website: [www.bcpinstitute.org](http://www.bcpinstitute.org). It is this writer's hope that the congressional changes resulting from the recent electoral sea change will soon provide the opportunity to make the case for the ABC link on the record in public hearings.

*Dr. Brind will be the main speaker at People for Life's 33rd Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast. More on page 2.*

# Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast

People for Life's 33rd Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Ambassador Conference Center, 7747 Peach St., Erie. Doors open at 8 a.m. and the program begins at 9 a.m. Come early and browse our displays of educational and pro-life promotional materials.

The main speaker will be Joel Brind, Ph.D., Cofounder of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute and a leading expert on the science that indicates a link between abortion with breast cancer.

Dr. Brind will present the basic scientific evidence for the abortion-breast cancer (ABC) link. He will also show that abortion politics and radical feminist ideology have produced a culture within the medical research establishment that rejects or simply ignores the mountains of evidence for the ABC link. And he will describe how scientists who refuse to conform to this culture jeopardize their research funding and even their careers.

Several religious leaders will participate in the program: Rev. Ben DiStefano, Associate Pastor of First Alliance Church in Erie; Rev. Ed Huntley, Pastor of the Federated Church in East Springfield; and

Rev. William O'Brien, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Girard. Bishop Donald Trautman of the Erie Catholic Diocese is also planning to attend.

Music will be provided by the St. Joseph / Bread of Life Contemporary Music Group.

Reservations are \$12.50 a person, \$6.50 for ages 3-12, and free for younger children. Tickets should be purchased by Jan. 10.

Free childcare with entertaining activities for children of all ages will be available during the speaking portion of the program. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of this service so they can devote their full attention to the speakers while their kids are also enjoying themselves.

## Business Sponsors

People for Life is offering listings in the 2011 Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast program for professionals, businesses, and organizations that would like to be sponsors of this year's event. The one-line listings can include an address, telephone number, and/or website, as space permits. The sponsorship levels are: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$75, and \$100 or more (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond). All sponsors have the option of a year-long listing on our website. Sponsorship

funds are used to help offset the cost of the pro-life awareness efforts and educational outreach that are undertaken in conjunction with the Breakfast and People for Life's other January Pro-Life Activities. Request sponsor forms from People for Life or download from [www.peopleforlife.org](http://www.peopleforlife.org). Please share them with everyone who might be interested.

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## Joel Brind, Ph.D.

Dr. Joel Brind is a biochemist who has specialized in reproductive steroid hormones and their links to human diseases since 1972. A 1971 graduate of Yale College, he earned his doctorate in basic medical science from New York University in 1981.

Since 1986, Dr. Brind has been a Professor of Human Biology and Endocrinology at Baruch College of the City University of New York. He is currently the Deputy Chairman for Biology at Baruch.

Since coming across the link between abortion and breast cancer in 1992, Dr. Brind has devoted most of his research efforts to studying and promoting awareness of what has come to be known as the "ABC link." In 1996, along with colleagues from the Penn State University College of Medicine, Dr. Brind published a "comprehensive review and meta-analysis" on the ABC link in the British Medical Association's epidemiology journal. In 1999, along with three physician-colleagues, Dr. Brind founded the nonprofit Breast Cancer Prevention Institute (BCPI),

which is now headquartered in Bound Brook, New Jersey. He currently serves on BCPI's Board of Directors.

From 2003-2006, Dr. Brind served as a member of the federal advisory committee of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on the early detection and control of breast and cervical cancer.

Dr. Brind's most recent review of ABC link research, dealing with studies published during the previous decade, appears in the winter 2005 issue of the *Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons*.

## March for Life Bus Trip

Would you like to go to the March for Life in Washington, DC this January? People for Life makes getting there and back easy and worry-free. If you are able to get the day-off from work, school, or whatever your routine, do it. We will take care of the transportation, parking, and all the planning. You won't have to pay for a hotel, and the cost of meals can be kept to a minimum. The entire experience is compressed into just a little more than 24 hours. Best of all, you will share the experience with many great people from right here in the Erie area. The March is always moving, inspiring, and memorable.

The Bus Trip still costs only \$40 per seat. You will need \$4.80 for a roundtrip ride on the DC Metro (subway) and some money for meals. Bring your own snacks to economize.

The demand for transportation to the March for Life is increasing every year. The

bus companies are already booked solid, so we can only provide a limited number of seats. Make your reservations right away.

The March for Life has grown steadily since 1974, when about 20,000 people marched for the first time. Last January the attendance was estimated between 300,000 and 400,000. The growth rate has been accelerating in the last few years, and now the marchers assemble each January eagerly *expecting* to shatter all previous records.

**For the latest information about all of our upcoming January Pro-Life Activities, please monitor...**

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People for Life's Bus Trip has also been growing. Our numbers exceeded 200 in 2009, for the first time, and again last January. This growth has helped us continue attracting local media coverage for the pro-life cause. The beginning of our trip always coincides with the local late-evening news broadcasts, so it is not unusual to have live TV coverage of our departure.

We will depart from St. George Church, 5145 Peach St., Erie on Sunday evening, January 23 at 11 p.m. The buses will stop briefly to pick up marchers at the Edinboro Exit of I-79.

We will arrive in Washington at approximately 7:30 a.m. Monday morning. A few hours will be available for sightseeing on your own or as part of a group. Some marchers choose to visit such points of pro-life

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# Erie March for Life

Be a light in your own community and march for Life in downtown Erie on Saturday, Jan. 8. Give an hour of your time because entire lifetimes are being lost to abortion by the thousands every day.

The Erie March will mark the January 22 anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, which has resulted in the loss of over 53 million American lives since 1973.

The March will be begin at 11 a.m., so please arrive at the Gazebo in Perry Square by 10:45. From Perry Square, we will proceed west on W. 6th St., then south on Sassafras, east on W. 10th St., and north on State St. back to Perry Square. A brief interfaith Memorial Service will conclude the March by 12:30 p.m. at the very latest.

Signs with positive pro-life messages will be available to carry – or you may bring your own.

Fr. Shane Matthew, a teacher at Cathedral Prep who also ministers at St. George Church in Erie, and Rev. John Yungwirth, Pastor of Grace Bible Church in Erie, will assist with the Memorial Service. All those who have suffered harm because of *Roe v. Wade* will be

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remembered, including the millions of aborted babies, the mothers, the fathers, and those involved in the business of abortion.

For those who are unable to walk but still want to participate, a motorcade will follow the marchers. It will form on the south side of Perry Square along the north side of South Park Row. Beginning at 10:30 a.m., parade marshals will direct the vehicles into

position and attach red ribbons. Four-way flashers should be turned on upon arrival at Perry Square so the parade marshals can tell which vehicles will be in the motorcade.

Your participation in the Erie March for Life will be greatly appreciated.

**CAUTION: WINTER WEATHER**

Come prepared for winter weather conditions with warm clothing and warm, non-slip boots. The City of Erie does a great job clearing the streets and sidewalks for us, but slippery surfaces are to be expected.

**A Pro-Life Democrat**

Of 21 self-described “pro-life democrats” who initially voted for the Stupak amendment to remove abortion funding from the health care bill, 20 later caved and voted for the bill with abortion funding included. Sixteen of these, including one-term Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper, got the boot in the last election. One of the 21, Dan Lipinski, did not cave. He was reelected with 69.9% of the vote.

“In my reading and the reading of most of the people opposed to abortion, this bill does include federal funding for abortion,” – Dan Lipinski (D-Michigan) Go Dan!

## Memorials

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People for Life is a volunteer-based, non-profit, non-sectarian, citizen's organization committed to affirming the intrinsic value of human life. We are dedicated to advancing true justice by working for the protection of all innocent human lives, whatever the age, race, sex, physical condition, economic status, or place of residence (including the womb). We encourage local involvement through

education and by fostering political awareness. We advocate loving alternatives to the primitive and violent “solutions” of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Working together, we are determined to achieve a society in which all human lives are considered sacred. *The Erie Echo* is published in Erie, PA by People for Life, Inc., Tim Broderick, editor.

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## **FROM PAGE 2** **March for Life Bus Trip**

interest as the March for Life Convention headquarters, National Right to Life headquarters, the U.S. Holocaust Museum, and the Basilica of the National Shrine (the largest Roman Catholic church in North America and a favorite destination for thousands of Catholic marchers). Other popular, admission-free destinations include the Capitol Building, the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, the World War II Memorial, and the Smithsonian Museums.

You will need to dress for cold weather. (The good news is that the weather in Washington seldom gets as wintry as it does here in the Erie area.)

The March for Life program officially begins at noon with a huge rally on the National Mall at 4th St., midway between the U.S. Capitol and the Washington Monument. The March itself gets underway at approximately 1:30 p.m.

A sea of marchers will pour into Constitution Avenue for several hours: thousands and thousands of peaceful, joyful people thankful to be alive and determined to defend the gift of life. It will be after 4 p.m. before all of them reach their destination: the Supreme Court Building, where abortion at any point during pregnancy was legalized on January 22, 1973.

If you finish the March early enough, there will be some time to visit the House and Senate office buildings, where our new pro-life Congressman, Mike Kelly, and new pro-life Senator, Pat Toomey, are expected to hold receptions.

Our return trip will begin at 5 p.m. There will be a dinner stop at the Prime Outlets Food Court in Hagerstown, Maryland. You can expect to be back in Erie by approximately 1:30 a.m., early Tuesday morning.

If you have never been to the March for Life, you really ought to join us. Anyone who has been there will tell you it is an experience you will never forget.

### **Be a Bus Trip Sponsor**

Please consider being a March for Life Bus Trip sponsor. Your donation could help a college student on a tight budget or a mom and dad with kids who will be making a sacrifice just to cover the cost of meals.

Forty dollars will completely cover the cost of one seat or allow two people to travel for half-price. In some cases even a partial sponsorship of \$10 or \$15 could make the difference between someone marching in DC or having to stay home.

### **Essay Contest**

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation is sponsoring a pro-life essay contest for students in grades 7-12. The word limit is 500 for grades 7-9 and 750 for grades 10-12. Students may write on the topic of abortion, euthanasia, or embryonic stem cell research. The entry deadline is March 1. Essays can be e-mailed to [lifelines@paprolife.org](mailto:lifelines@paprolife.org) or mailed to the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation; 4800 Jonestown Rd., Suite 102; Harrisburg, PA 17109. The student's name, address, phone number, name of school, and grade should be included with his or her entry. For more information visit [www.paprolife.org](http://www.paprolife.org) or contact People for Life.

### **Comments from last January... March for Life Impressions**

"Thank you so much for including Vickie in the March for Life.... I am impressed and delighted in how well things went for her. She said the trip was "awesome" and the best thing she has ever done, and she can't wait to go again next year. I have never seen her this excited about anything. She is so animated when she talks about it."

*Parent of an 8th grade student*

"My girls and I got way more out of this experience than I could have ever imagined.... Please pass our thanks on to all who donated. Their generosity was a pleasant surprise.

I enjoyed the time I was able to spend with the students and adults but most of all it gave me lasting memories with my girls. Hopefully, they too will keep this cause close to their hearts as they grow."

*Parent of 7th and 8th grade students*

### **High School Oratory Contest**

People for Life will hold a regional pro-life oratory contest on April 2, 2011, for high school students in Crawford, Erie, Mercer, and Venango Counties. Each contestant will deliver an original 6-8-minute, pro-life speech on abortion, euthanasia or embryonic stem cell research. There will be separate

divisions for grades 9-10 and grades 11-12. The first-place winners in each division will receive \$100, and the second-place winners will receive \$50. The first and second place winners in the 11-12 grade competition will also have an opportunity to compete at the state level. Contact People for Life for the contest rules and registration forms.

Please note that the contest date was initially advertised as April 16, 2011. The date was changed, and the correct date is April 2.

## **2011 PRO-LIFE DATE BOOK 2011**

<b>Jan. 3</b>	The 112th Congress of the United States convenes
<b>Jan. 8</b>	Erie March for Life - 11 a.m., begins at Perry Square
<b>Jan. 15</b>	33rd Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast - 9:00 a.m.
<b>Jan. 23</b>	People for Life buses leave for Washington, DC - 11 p.m.
<b>Jan. 24</b>	March for Life, Washington, DC
<b>Feb. 21</b>	Membership Meeting - 6:45 p.m., Main Office, 1625 W. 26th St.
<b>Mar. 1</b>	Entry deadline, PA Pro-Life Federation Student Essay Contest
<b>Mar. 12</b>	Outreach Table - WCTL Women's Conference, Edinboro
<b>April 2</b>	N.W. PA Regional High School Oratory Contest - Erie
<b>April 10</b>	PA Pro-Life Federation High School Oratory Contest - Harrisburg
<b>April 18</b>	Last day to register for the Primary Election
<b>April 18</b>	Membership Meeting - 6:45 p.m., Main Office, 1625 W. 26th St.
<b>May 11</b>	Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot
<b>May 15</b>	Annual Business Meeting - 6:45 p.m., Main Office, 1625 W. 26th St.
<b>May 17</b>	Primary Election