

29th September, 2006.

Community Affairs Committee,
Responses to the Lockhart Review,
Department of the Senate,
P.O. Box 6100,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2600.

Federal parliament is considering legislation allowing human cloning and embryos production solely for laboratory research, we write to point out the very damaging effect acquiring the large numbers of eggs that will be needed to be supplied by women for this research.

Dr. Suzanne Parisian, the former U.S. Chief Medical Officer has drawn attention to the serious safety concerns yet to be resolved for women undergoing multiple egg extraction procedures for any purpose. Dr. Parisian has also noted that ovarian stimulation in rare cases can lead to stroke and "arterial occlusion with loss of a limb and death.

We understand also that the drugs used to "hyperstimulate" the ovaries after ovarian suppression have negative effects, and most notably Ovarian Hyperstimulation Syndrome (OHSS), which causes the ovaries to continue to enlarge even after the eggs have been collected. Serious cases of this syndrome involve the development of many cysts and enlargement of the ovaries, along with massive build-up in the body.

As noted in another article about OHSS, "the reported prevalence of the severe form of OHSS is small, ranging from .5 to 5%. Nevertheless, as this is an iatrogenic complication of a non-vital treatment with a potentially fatal outcome, the syndrome remains a serious problem for specialists dealing with infertility". (Delvigne, Annick and Rozenberg, Serge. "Epidemiology and prevention of ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome (OHSS): a review" Uman Reproduction Update, vol.8 no.6, 2002, pp 559-577.)

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Please vote to oppose legalised cloning and defend true respect for women's health.

Yours sincerely,



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