

Community Affairs Committee  
Responses to the Lockhart Review  
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To Whom it May Concern,

As you consider the recommendations of the Lockhart Review, please consider carefully the ethical issues surrounding the recommendations. These issues need to be answered and not shelved just because science wants to dictate what it should be allowed to do with the knowledge it uncovers. How information acquired by science is used is for the whole of society or representatives of society to decide upon.

In the case of therapeutic cloning, science wants to manufacture life. However, this is not done for any good purpose but rather to abuse life. Creating embryos for the purpose of destroying them; creating the beginnings of a human life to use for experimenting on is wrong, and also repugnant. Human life, even in its earliest stages should not be created and destroyed for another's benefit.

I hope that you will give the ethical issues  
serious thought as you decide your position.

Yours sincerely,

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