



Christian Voices for Life

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Abortion Advised Even for Treatable Pre-natal Diagnoses



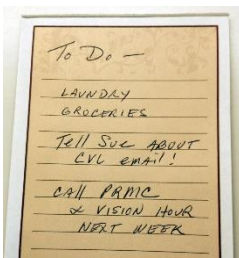
Education: Prenatal testing can be very helpful. If all is well, fears are calmed. When there is a problem, sometimes something can be done to advance the best possible outcome. Even if nothing can be done, the parents can learn about their baby's condition and find resources to be able to give him the best care they can. But sometimes the ob-gyn is not very educated on the condition himself, and some doctors will simply recommend abortion for any adverse diagnosis. For example, when Holly Hodgson was 12 weeks pregnant when an ultrasound showed that her son's intestines were protruding through a hole in the abdominal wall. Her doctor immediately advised her to abort. Instead, she did her own research and discovered that 95% of such babies survive to be born, and can be treated after birth. Another doctor simply told her she would need to be closely monitored throughout the pregnancy. When the baby was born, the protruding intestines were wrapped in cling wrap, and then a silo bag until at two weeks he could have surgery to place the intestines inside his body. He went home at 8 weeks, and is now thriving.(1)

The diagnosis of Down's syndrome is another instance of lack of good information being given to families. One in four are pressured to abort, and many others are simply told that the few Down's syndrome individuals seen in public and rare high-functioning examples rather than typical people who bear that particular handicap. Individuals with Downs are still capable of learning, just at slower pace.

1. <http://liveactionnews.org/doctors-told-mom-abortion-even-though-95-babies-survive-babys-condition/>
2. <http://liveactionnews.org/the-down-syndrome-disconnect-an-open-letter-to-medical-professionals-and-expectant-parents/>



Prayer: Dear Father God, please have mercy on all parents who experience an adverse pre-natal diagnosis. Help them to find doctors and medical staff who appreciate the value of every child of God, regardless of handicap. Help them to trust in your plan for their family and to find the resources and support they need to help their child to reach their full potential. Help all doctors and medical personnel to learn the truth about the potential for every individual to have a full and meaningful life, rather than judging anyone's life to be not worth living, or seeing abortion as a tool to weed out any baby who is less than perfect.



Action: If you hear someone discussing prenatal testing or the possibility of an adverse diagnosis, express your concern over the parents who are pressured to abort children who have the potential to be a blessing for their families, and to enjoy full and meaningful lives. Tell them about Nick Vujicic, who was born with no arms and no legs, but he has made a career of motivational speaking and has authored two books. He says "my life is now filled with joy and purpose." (3)

3. See www.attitudeisaltitude.com