



Christian Voices for Life

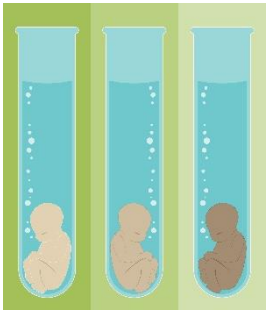
Weekly Pro-Life

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What's Wrong with IVF?



Education: It is very painful to have a powerful desire to welcome a child into your home, but month after month discover that you are still not pregnant. In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) offers couples hope of achieving their goal. But at what cost does it happen? The basic problem with IVF is that a child is treated as a product to be manufactured rather than a gift from God. Every child deserves to know that he or she was created out of an act of love between her parents. But in today's world some children are learning that they were made in a test tube with donor eggs and donor sperm from anonymous donors, and perhaps even carried in the womb of a surrogate

mother. They may even have been conceived years before their legal parents were born (and kept in frozen storage before being adopted). IVF is all about providing a couple (including homosexual couples) or a single person with a child. The rights of the child are forgotten.

The fact is that children created with IVF are not treated with the respect that every human person deserves. They are created in a process that knowingly results in the creation of many more embryos that will ever be born. Some will die in the test tube or be discarded because they don't look healthy, some will be transferred to a uterus but not survive to implant, others will be frozen and stored indefinitely. It is estimated that there are over a million embryos currently in storage in the United States. While it has been recognized that children who have been adopted have the right to information about their birth parents, no such rights exist for IVF children in regard to identity of sperm or egg donors, or their medical history. (1)

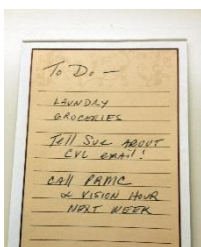
An alternative solution to infertility is NaProTechnology, which works with the natural reproductive system. NaProTechnology is safer and less expensive than IVF. A short video is available (2) to explain how it works.

1. <https://www.liveaction.org/the-big-problem-with-ivf-w-jennifer-lahl/>

2. NaProTechnology: New Hope in Infertility, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIaZGW028y8&t=25s>



Prayer: Dear Lord, please have mercy on married couples who seek the gift of a child. Bless them with that gift, if it is your will. Help them to find doctors who will work with them to correct the problem rather than selling them a plan for IVF. If they are not able to conceive, help them to accept your plan and consider adoption as a way to accept children into their family. Help them to trust in You to give them the children You want them to have. Help everyone to understand the harm of treating children as commodities to be manufactured, and introducing third parties into the process of creating a child.



Action: If you know couples who are infertile, let them know that you are praying for them. Ask them if they have heard of NaPro Technology and encourage them to find a doctor who uses it, from www.fertilitycare.org. If they are considering IVF, give them [information about it](#), and encourage them to prayerfully seek to know God's will for their family. Ask them if they have considered adoption and encourage them to investigate the possibility.