

# The Church Should be Appalled - The use of aborted fetuses in the making of vaccines

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I realize that the following information may shock many Christians. Honestly, I hope it does; I hope the reader that discovers this information for the very first time is mortified. I hope they conclude, as I did, that they will never receive another vaccine developed on fetal cell lines, nor would they support such a wicked practice no matter what the cost. I certainly hope that no professing believer already knew about these facts and ignored them. Let's let the data speak.

Though it's been happening for decades, recently released under-cover videos exposed that Planned Parenthood has been selling aborted fetal body parts to the highest bidder. Their retail of human commodities has outraged many yet the buyers, largely University laboratories, strongly defend their research, saying tissue that would otherwise be thrown out can play a vital role in "lifesaving medical advances". From 2011 through 2014 alone, 97 research institutions — mostly universities and hospitals — received a total of \$280 million in federal grants for fetal tissue research from the National Institutes of Health.[12]

Vaccines have been the primary end-use of fetal tissue research. Vaccines for hepatitis A, German measles, chickenpox and rabies, for example, were developed using cell lines grown from tissue from two elective abortions, one in England and one in Sweden, that were performed in the 1960s and human cells have been intentionally harvested from the tissue of aborted fetuses since then.

The most widely used fetal cells are WI-38 and MRC-5. The WI-38 cells were derived by Leonard Hayflick in 1962 from the lung of a 3-month female fetus [1]. The initials WI refer to the Wistar Institute, a body of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and number 38 to the fetus from which the cells were obtained which signifies that 37 previous fetuses were used and discarded when those didn't serve their purposes.

The MRC-5 cells were obtained in 1966 from the lungs of a 14-week male fetus [2]. The initials MRC indicate Medical Research Council, a body from London. Other cells derived from surgically-aborted foetuses are: WI-1, WI-3, WI-11, WI-16, WI-18, WI-19, WI-23, WI-24, WI-25, WI-26, WI-27, WI-44, MRC-9, IMR-90, and R-17 (obtained from lung); WI-2, WI-12 and WI-20, (skin and muscle); WI-5 (muscle); WI-8 and WI-14, and WS1 (skin); WI-4, WI-9, WI-10, WI-13 and WI-15 (kidney); WI-6, WI-21 and WI-22

(heart); WI-7 (thymus and thyroids), WI-17 (liver); FHs74Int (small intestine); and PER.C6 (retina).

Currently, Moderna, a vaccine manufacturer, is creating a COVID-19 vaccine derived from an aborted fetal cell line. They are already in trials for their Mrna-1273 vaccine to fight the disease, which uses cells of aborted babies. They are using the Spike protein produced using HEK 293 aborted fetal cells.[3]

Actually, cells culled from deliberately aborted babies are being used in the production of at least five leading coronavirus vaccine candidates, including front-runners by Moderna Therapeutics, Johnson & Johnson and Oxford University.[4]

“Unfortunately, there has been a history in creating vaccines — in some cases anyway — using cell lines from aborted fetuses,” Archbishop Naumann explained to *EWTN Pro-Life Weekly*. “Some of the vaccines that are commonly used today have this ethical problem. We as a Church obviously see this as a moral issue, that we don’t want to do anything that in some way gives support for the idea of abortion.”[4]

Currently they are used in 11 vaccines, some of the most common include:

- Measles, mumps and rubella. Vaccines against rubella initially used virus strains not cultured in human cells, notably the HPV77DE5 and Cendehill vaccines, cultured in animal cells. However, the virus is currently cultured in WI-38 or MRC-5 cells. Furthermore, the RA 27/3 strain of the virus is used, which was obtained from the kidney of an aborted fetus whose mother had contracted the disease. Thus, both the virus and the cells in which they are cultured come from surgically-aborted human fetuses. Vaccines for measles and mumps have also been created using human fetal cells. Combined vaccines against measles-mumps-rubella (MMR, triple vaccine) can have all three components cultured in human fetal cells.
- Rabies. An example of an anti-rabies vaccine cultured in MRC-5 cells is Imovax Rabies. Another anti-rabies vaccine, Merieux, is cultured in WI-38 cells.
- Chickenpox and herpes zoster. The vaccines Variliz and Varivax against chickenpox, ProQuad, a combined vaccine against chickenpox, rubella, measles and mumps, and Zostavax against herpes zoster, are also produced in various cells obtained from aborted human fetuses.
- Hepatitis A. The vaccines Vaqta, Havrix, Avaxim and Epaxal are cultured in MRC-5 cells. In the vaccine Twinrix, against hepatitis A and B, the hepatitis A

component is also cultured in these cells, as with Vivaxim, a combined vaccine against hepatitis A and typhoid fever.[5]

In fact, the use of fetal tissue from elective abortions is commonplace in the pharmaceutical industry and in medical research. Despite the recent attention paid to Planned Parenthood’s reimbursement practices for providing aborted fetal tissue to research laboratories [8], the commercialization of fetal tissue is not a new practice.[6]

Unfortunately, it is NOT only vaccinations that we need to discuss. The human embryonic kidney (HEK) 293 cell line, derived from an elective abortion in the 1970s, is routinely used for production of proteins and cultivation of viruses for use in various pharmaceuticals as well as research due to the ease of transfection with gene constructs that are efficiently translated into appropriately folded proteins.[7] A PubMed search with the term “HEK,” lists more than thirty thousand citations, testifying to the extensive use of this cell line!

Note: PubMed comprises more than 30 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books and is used by researchers, physicians and lay people as a free full-text archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature through the U.S. National Institutes of Health's National Library.

Two recent articles were published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* that characterized fetuses of elective abortions, one being thirty-two weeks old, from mothers who contracted Zika virus in the first trimester of pregnancy. [9] The pregnant women who were exposed to the virus were asked to terminate their pregnancy for their fetus to be used in experimental research.

Current list of all US vaccines using fetal cell lines:

<b>Disease</b>	<b>Vaccine Name</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Cell line</b>
Adenovirus		Barr Labs., Inc	WI-38
Chickenpox	Varivax	Merck & Co.	MRC-5 & WI-38
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, HIB	Pentacel	Sanofi Pasteur	MRC-5
Hepatitis A	Havrix	GlaxoSmithKline	MRC-5

Hepatitis A	Vaqta	Merck & Co.	MRC-5
Hepatitis A-B	Twinrix	GlaxoSmithKline	MRC-5
Measles, Mumps, Rubella	MMR II	Merck & Co.	WI-38
Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Chickenpox	ProQuad	Merck & Co.	MRC-5 & WI-38
Rabies	Imovax	Sanofi Pasteur	MRC-5
Shingles	Zostavax	Merck & Co.	MRC-5

The above list is comprehensive and obtained from the package inserts (see below to read them all) of FDA-approved vaccines. There are currently NO U.S. approved alternatives for Adenovirus, Chickenpox, Hepatitis A, Measles, Mumps, or Rubella that do NOT contain aborted fetal tissue. The new version of the Adenovirus vaccine is currently only approved for use in military personnel.

Below is a partial list of babies killed for experimental and vaccination research:

- PER.C6 - Cell line from retinal tissue of a 18 week old fetus aborted in 1985, further developed and prepared as a cell line in 1995. There was nothing special in the family history or the pregnancy for it was completely normal up to the 18 weeks; the tissue was taken from a socially aborted fetus.
- HEK293 - These cells were generated in 1973 by transfection of cultures of normal human embryonic kidney cells with sheared adenovirus in Alex van der Eb's laboratory in Leiden, the Netherlands. The cells were obtained from a single, apparently healthy, legally aborted fetus under Dutch law; the identity of the parent and the reason for the abortion are unknown.
- RA 27/3 - This is the virus strain used in the MMR vaccine rubella-component; it is also harvested from aborted fetal tissue. This strain, known as RA 27/3, was obtained from a fetus whose mother had rubella during pregnancy and performed an abortion because of risk of fetal damage. RA 27/3 is also grown in cell line WI-38.
- To develop diploid human cell strains, Hayflick and Moorhead began cultivating cells from 25 different tissues retrieved from aborted fetuses. Those cells became 25 different human cell strains, named numerically WI-1 through WI-25. The WI stood for Wistar Institute, where the cell strains were developed. Hayflick and Moorhead used fetal tissues because, more than adult cells, fetal cells more

readily developed into fibroblast cells, which are specialized cells that provide structural support to most body tissues. The following were all the cells taken from murdered babies WI-1 through WI-27 until their experiment on murdered unborn baby WI-38 was a “success”.

- WI-1 aborted baby’s lung cells
- WI-2 aborted baby’s skin and muscle cells
- WI-3 aborted baby’s lung cells
- WI-4 aborted baby’s kidney cells
- WI-5 aborted baby’s muscle cells
- WI-6 aborted baby’s kidney cells
- WI-7 aborted baby’s thymus and thyroid cells
- WI-8 aborted baby’s skin, muscle, kidney
- WI-9 aborted baby’s skin cells
- WI-10 aborted baby’s kidney cells
- WI-11 aborted baby’s lung cells
- WI-12 aborted baby’s skin and muscle cells
- WI-13 aborted baby’s kidney cells
- WI-14 aborted baby’s skin cells
- WI-15 aborted baby’s kidney cells
- WI-16 aborted baby’s lung cells
- WI-17 aborted baby’s liver cells
- WI-18 aborted baby’s lung tissue
- WI-19 aborted baby’s lung tissue
- WI-20 aborted baby’s skin and muscle
- WI-21 aborted baby’s heart cells
- WI-22 aborted baby’s heart cells
- WI-23 aborted baby’s lung cells
- WI-24 aborted baby’s lung cells
- WI-25 aborted baby’s lung cells
- WI-26, WI-26 VA4: An SV40 transformed derivative of WI-26, a human diploid cell line derived from embryonic lung tissue of a 3 month gestational aged male Caucasian
- WI-27 when this aborted baby’s cells failed, cells were then obtained from WI-38 which was “successful”.
- WI-38 - This cell was obtained from a woman who was three months pregnant, but she didn't want another child. In 1962, at a hospital in Sweden, she had a legal abortion. The fetus, female, 20 centimetres long and wrapped in a sterile green cloth was delivered to the Karolinska Institute in northwest Stockholm. There, the lungs were dissected, packed

on ice and dispatched to the airport, where they were loaded onto a transatlantic flight.

- IMR-90, was derived by W.W. Nichols and associates from the lungs of a 16-week female fetus. Used as an alternate for
- WI-44, aborted lungs cells from a 3 gestational month old female fetus used in an experiment along with the cells of deceased adults.
- MCR-5, derived from lung tissue of a 14 week old male fetus who was aborted for “psychiatric reasons” from a 27 year old physically healthy woman. Vaccines cultivated on these lines are rubella (German measles), varicella (chickenpox), hepatitis A and rabies.

The human diploid fibroblast strains:

- MRC-9 - The cells were derived from the lungs of a female fetus in 1974, whose gestational age was about fifteen weeks. The fetus was of normal development and was delivered of a fourteen-year-old mother whose pregnancy was terminated by therapeutic abortion because she was unmarried. The medical history of the mother and her family indicated nothing abnormal according to information given by the gynecologist who performed the operation. The lungs were dissected from the fetus immediately following the abortion.
- FHs74Int - The small intestine obtained 3-4 month gestational age female.
- IMR-90 - This was established from a sixteen-week-old human fetus on July 7, 1975, from a therapeutic abortion performed on a thirty-eight-year-old white mother of six.
- Walvax-2 - This was derived from the lung tissue of a 3-month-old fetus in China in 2015. It is currently being studied for future use for many of the upcoming vaccinations.

This brief document is to inform and educate, not to shame. However, ignorance cannot be tolerated in a world bursting with information for those who are willing to search. Christians, more than anyone else, should strive to inform, protect, teach, and lead their families, other church members and their communities. The foolish belief that “our government will protect us”, or “they wouldn’t do that” ignores the foundational cornerstone of our theology - total depravity.

Though there may be little evidence to suggest first century believers did much to influence Roman government, there is rich history of early Christians willfully disobeying both Caesar’s and their Jewish leader’s orders, hiding in catacombs, succumbing to torture, beatings, and wishing to be martyred rather than dishonor God. No one would

suggest they ever “followed the law to be good, obedient citizens” if it meant disobeying their Heavenly Father.

I purpose to you that willfully using, administering, or receiving a vaccination that utilized aborted fetal tissue is an abomination and it is a Christian’s duty and responsibility to deny and expose this hideous side of “science”. Christians need to be legitimately concerned that vaccination would require them to disobey the command to take no part in evil deeds of darkness but instead expose them (Eph 5:11) or participate in a system predicated on the past or future continued slaughter of the unborn.[11]

The current state of affairs over the COVID-19 crisis is no exception. Rather, it will be a proverbial “fork in the road” for Christ-followers. What will we do if and when a vaccine is required that was derived from aborted fetal tissue? Will we, like so many before, accept a cognitive dissonance to avoid the inevitable persecution that will follow or will we take a stand, like the first century believers as well as countless others, who would rather die than disgrace their belief?

We can no longer be ignorant and passivity is not a Christian virtue. We must take a stand and decide on where our loyalty lies. Doing nothing, saying nothing, and defending sin in any way is not acceptable. Again, the purpose of this brief paper is to inform and then demand that professing believers stand steadfast in the faith even in the midst of persecutions and afflictions that we may need to endure (2 Thessalonians 1:4).

Highly suggested reading/viewing:

- A. Video testimony of Dr. Stanley Plotkin -  
[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fr\\_o\\_XXoJ3M&feature=youtu.be](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fr_o_XXoJ3M&feature=youtu.be)
- B. The Gospel Coalition: Vaccines & Aborted Babies: Should Christians be Concerned? - New City Times -  
<https://newcitytimes.com/news/story/vaccines-aborted-babies-should-christians-be-concerned?fbclid=IwAR1AIJD9oJQ9I9mJ6KdY8OTWjAWjdfOYuXe1ujWJ2CwMV6vbHUuMIcTI4Wc>
- C. Pro-Life? You Can’t be Pro-Vaccine - VaxTruth.org -  
[http://vaxtruth.org/2017/06/pro-life-you-cant-be-pro-vaccine/?fbclid=IwAR2MEp6VInYJI9TR93mg\\_fq7VLTTHCVQ3PKQsggMXTf4u7XY7r97tuE7rUo](http://vaxtruth.org/2017/06/pro-life-you-cant-be-pro-vaccine/?fbclid=IwAR2MEp6VInYJI9TR93mg_fq7VLTTHCVQ3PKQsggMXTf4u7XY7r97tuE7rUo)
- D. One can read ALL the vaccine package inserts proving the truth of all the above here:





[http://www.vaccinesafety.edu/package\\_inserts.htm?fbclid=IwAR0Yuudn4\\_q-NWBSnzdr3ub4p-FzfSTpS\\_tcSFMpf0WtfHU5UxJ7WjG\\_Q4](http://www.vaccinesafety.edu/package_inserts.htm?fbclid=IwAR0Yuudn4_q-NWBSnzdr3ub4p-FzfSTpS_tcSFMpf0WtfHU5UxJ7WjG_Q4)

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