## Less Abortions = Less Premature Births & Less Crippled Kids

The World Health Organization published an Executive Summary, called, "**Born Too Soon**" whereas they point out the breaking news that 15 million children globally are born pre-maturely every year. One million of them will die, and multitudes will suffer lifelong infirmities.

Yet there is a black out on the mountain of published studies linking Abortion to Pre-Term births in subsequent "wanted" pregnancies. Legally, Induced Abortions (IA's) often cause cervical and uterine damage which can raise the risk of children being born pre-term in subsequent "wanted" pregnancies. Children born too soon can end up with many disabilities including blindness, deafness, respiratory distress, Autism and Cerebral Palsy. This crisis is costing billions of dollars in healthcare!

In 1967 prominent abortion advocate Dr. Malcolm Potts admitted that induced abortions endanger women under the age of 17: "There is little doubt that there is a true relationship between the high incidence of therapeutic abortion and prematurity. The interruption of pregnancy in the young (under seventeen) is more dangerous than in other cases." [1, Potts] The journal with Potts' concession was in the Eugenics Review, a publication that favoured eugenics, abortion and birth control.

In 2007 the [U.S.] Institute of Medicine also identified "Prior first trimester induced abortion" as an "Immutable Medical Risk Factor Associated with Pre-term Birth". [2, Behrman]

It is now "settled science" that abortion may cause Pre-Mature Births in subsequent pregnancies: **Four (4) SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS with META-ANALYSIS** (SRMAs-two in 2009, one in 2015, one 2016). [3-6] The most recently published statistically significant study found that <u>one induced abortion</u> <u>increases the risk of a subsequent pre-mature birth by 52%.[3,7]</u>

The 'abortion-preemie' risk is an established medical fact. Yet, it is disturbing that pregnant women are not being informed about this mountain of evidence and huge risk factor linking abortion to preterm births in the aftermath. Women have a right to know about all of the risks of abortion.

## The Saccone study found that one prior Abortion multiplies the risk of having a future Preterm Birth by up to 52%, Shah found that two or more abortions multiply the Preterm Birth Risk by 93%! [6,7]

In 2001, researcher Brent Rooney was the first to demonstrate in the European Medical Journal that pre-mature newborn babies have a raised risk of Cerebral Palsy (CP) due to their mothers' prior IAs (Induced Abortions). It has been known for over 50 years that the more pre-mature a baby is born, the higher his/her CP risk is. Those born under 32 weeks' gestation have 55 times the Cerebral Palsy risk as do full-term newborns. [8]

One year after the 2001 Rooney revelation, Swedish researchers, led by Dr. Bo Jacobsson, reported that if a mother of a 'preemie' had any prior Induced Abortions, her pre-mature baby has a 60% higher Cerebral Palsy risk than a 'preemie' of a Swedish mother with no prior IA's. [9, Jacobsson] In 2014 Egyptian researchers reported that Egyptian women with any prior abortions have 2.45 times the risk of delivering newborn babies with CP as Egyptian women with zero prior abortions. [10, EI-Talawy]

Induced abortions do cause cervical and uterine damage, initiating premature births in subsequent pregnancies, resulting in a substantial increase in children born with blindness, deafness, respiratory problems, death and Cerebral Palsy...

## Why aren't all pregnant women informed of this great risk factor when considering an abortion?

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