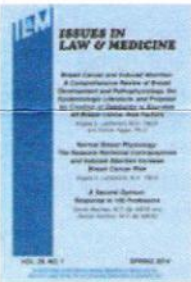


## South Asian Meta-analysis of ABC Link Studies Accepted for Publication

By Angela Lanfranchi MD



The BCPI Board of Directors is pleased to report that our recent meta-analysis of South Asian studies, predominantly Indian, has been accepted for publication in the spring edition of *Issues of Law and Medicine*. Last April 2016 at our annual board meeting we asked Dr. Brind to lead a team to do this compilation of studies. Just as was predicted, Asian breast cancer rates have increased especially for young women. Published in the *Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention*, the research paper, "Trends in Incidence of Breast Cancer among Women under 40 in Asia," attributed the increase to "western lifestyle" and noted that the increase was very high between 1980-1990. Available on our website under publications, "Breast Cancer and Induced Abortion: A comprehensive review of breast development and pathophysiology, the epidemiologic literature, and proposal for creation of databanks to elucidate all breast cancer risk factors," showed (in Appendix E) that breast cancers following induced abortions are to be found 10-14 years later. Abortion was legalized in India in 1971 and it is young women who get abortions. This is exactly the time period when breast cancer incidence skyrocketed in Asian women. Perhaps after publication of our study, those researchers will be able to discern those "lifestyle" factors contributing to breast cancer incidence in Asia. We want to thank all our BCPI supporters that made it possible to finance and successfully publish this latest meta-analysis to the medical literature.



## American Academy of Pediatrics Policy Statement Encourages Cancer Producing Hormones

By Angela Lanfranchi MD

Published online in 2014, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) issued a Policy Statement, "Contraception is a pillar in reducing adolescent pregnancy rates." The policy statement links to a Guttmacher Institute web address concerning "State Minor Consent Laws." The Guttmacher Institute is the scientific arm of Planned Parenthood. Parents of minors are legally not told by pediatricians of dangerous drugs that their children are given. This is very dangerous as parents may not be aware that the signs and symptoms that they are observing in their children could be caused by drugs that they are not aware their children are taking. For instance, the latest lawyer searches for litigants with TV ads are for those who have symptoms of pseudotumor cerebri or idiopathic cerebral hypertension and are using or have used the Mirena IUD or Depo-Provera, both progestin drugs. Depo-Provera, an injection given every 3 months, doubles breast cancer risk but is thought to be a good drug by the AAP for adolescents who may forget a daily oral contraceptive.

Mirena IUDs are thought by the AAP to be even better because they are so long lasting. The fact that there are also many lawsuits involving Mirena usage is not addressed. There is increased risk for infections that can lead to sterility and perforation of the uterus. These complications are in addition to the effects of the progestin used. The symptoms caused regarding pseudotumor cerebri are headaches, loss of vision, double vision, tinnitus and pain going down the arms. Parents should be warned of these symptoms in their child BY THEIR PEDIATRICIAN. Children suffering from these symptoms may not be aware of their gravity nor able to inform their parents. Their parents are hindered by not knowing what drugs may be affecting their children. Laws need to be changed so that parents are always aware of the drugs their children are taking so that they can protect them. A minor is not capable of informed consent regarding risks taken by using these dangerous devices and drugs. I would recommend that all visits to the pediatrician should be done in the presence of a parent so that they can be protected.



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# New England Journal of Medicine Wrongly Rips Trump Appointees

By Angela Lanfranchi MD

In its July 2017 issue, the *New England Journal of Medicine* (NEJM) published a Perspective, "Alternative Science and Reproduction" written by a lawyer, R. Alta Charo. She laments in her opening sentence, "Human reproduction has become the victim of alternative science, rife with alternative definitions of well-understood medical conditions and characterized by rejection of the scientific method as the standard for generating and evaluating evidence."

As a former board director for the Guttmacher Institute, the scientific arm of Planned Parenthood, Ms. Charo gave an expected bias take on several Trump political appointees to the Federal government. She was critical of the appointees' pro-life affiliations, as if to say if someone does not promote abortion, they must be disqualified for government appointments. She was especially critical of one appointee's stance on the abortion breast cancer link. She stated that the appointee at HHS "...continues to cite long-discredited studies that used retrospective reporting to assert abortion causes breast cancer ..." Yet, in 1997 the NEJM itself published the Melbye study that showed a statistically significant link between abortion in the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester and breast cancer, although it found no association with 1<sup>st</sup> trimester abortions. The Melbye Danish study was met with rave reviews by the National Cancer Institute's leaders as *the* study that would end the abortion breast cancer controversy. It was a study done using computer registries of the entire country. In an editorial in the NEJM where it was published, Patricia Hartge, Sc.D., stated "In short, a woman need not worry about the risk of breast cancer when facing the difficult decision of whether to terminate a pregnancy." This was despite major methodological flaws in the study design.

Sixty thousand women were misclassified as never having had an abortion despite Danish Vital Statistic records kept since abortion was legalized in 1939. These showed abortion records before 1973, the year the researchers started accounting for abortion and during which legalization had been liberalized. They included breast cancer cases that occurred six years **before** they included abortion cases instead of starting from the same year for both cancer and abortion registries. However, since the average cancer cell takes 10 years to become a 1 cm tumor mass which can be detected, biologically cancer cases should not have been included for at least 10 years after a woman had an abortion. In fact 25% of the patients were 25 years old or younger at the end of the study. Those women would have to be followed for at least ten years after they would have been exposed to abortion, so only women who had abortions in their teenage years would have had enough time to develop breast cancer.

Ms. Charo also decries that the appointee cites a meta-analysis published in the *British Journal of Psychiatry*, "Abortion and mental health: quantitative synthesis and analysis of research published 1995-2009." This reviewed 22 published studies and concluded: "This review offers the largest quantitative estimate of mental health risks associated with abortion available in the world literature. Calling into question the conclusions from traditional reviews, the results revealed a moderate to highly increased risk of mental health problems after abortion. Consistent with the tenets of evidence-based medicine, this information should inform the delivery of abortion services."

The NEJM has shown itself to be a political, pro-abortion journal which continues to mislead not only physicians that need accurate information, but the public as well. Ms Charo and the NEJM are the ones flagrantly rejecting the scientific evidence that abounds showing induced abortion increase both breast cancer and mental disease.

## Report on 2017 BCPI Golf Outing

By Robert Gerling

This years' outing was a bitter-sweet event. We were, once again, blessed with another beautiful day for our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual BCPI Golf outing. Colleen Suozzo and her staff at Cranbury Golf Club were, as usual, so very accommodating. The dinner was awesome, the golf course was in exceptional shape, and the company was great. It was our most successful outing to date. This was the sweet ...

But, someone was missing this year; our very dear friend Sam Singer. Sam and his beloved wife, Nancy, have been generous benefactors of BCPI from the beginning. Sam brought a foursome every year from his associates at Bio Reference Labs. This year his firm honored his life by sending ten golfers and so generously supporting BCPI as our Grand tournament sponsor. We are grateful to Bio Reference Labs for their generous support and for honoring our friend, Sam.

The BCPI tournament champs for 2017 was the team of Ed and Arianne Mount who won a squeaker from the foursome from Bio Reference Labs. Actually their scores were tied. We had to revert to USGA rules in order to crown the champion ... The scores were exactly the same all the way through the 12<sup>th</sup> hole. But on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole, Bio Reference scored a par and the Mount team had a birdie to win.

There are always so many people to thank for an event such as this. Of course we are very grateful for everyone who participated

in the outing, as well as everyone who made donations for our ad book and for the prizes for the silent auction. But, none of it is possible without the help of those who work behind the scenes; thank you Helen and Linda. And, thank you JoAnn and our dear lady friends who work so hard months before and the day of the outing.

To all, thank you ... Please join us again next year, and bring some friends for our 8<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.



Rest in eternal peace, Sam. We love you.

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