

New Turkish ABC link study leaks through mainstream wall of denial

By Joel Brind, Ph.D.

A new Turkish study has found a statistically significant increased risk of breast cancer with induced abortion of 66%. The study's lead author, Dr. Vahit Ozmen, stated this result was consistent with the majority of studies concerning abortion as a risk for breast cancer.

In recent years we have reported on many instances of mainstream medical journal studies allegedly proving the non-

existence of the abortion-breast cancer link (ABC link). In fact the denial of the ABC link from high places has lately been more the object of my scientific study than the ABC link itself. Thus have those familiar with BCPI been informed of the sleight of hand used in essentially fraudulent studies from the most prestigious institutions such as Oxford and Harvard, published in the most prestigious journals such as the *Lancet* and the *New England Journal of Medicine*.
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The Way We Were



BCPI's 1st Exhibit in 2000

Dr. Joel Brind and Dr. Angela Lanfranchi at the Medical Society of New Jersey annual meeting in 2000. BCPI was an exhibitor at this meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey.



New President and Treasurer, Angela Lanfranchi, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Joining her in the new leadership of BCPI is Dr. Mary Davenport, an Ob/Gyn practicing in El Sobrante, California. An expert in natural family planning, she is on the Advisory Board of the California Association of Natural Family Planning. A fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and in active clinical practice for over 20 years, she has brought a wealth of experience and knowledge as a board member of BCPI for nearly ten years.

One other major change is BCPI's address. The institute has closed its Poughkeepsie office and will be headquartered in New Jersey.

As We Are Now

Dr. Lanfranchi is a New Jersey breast cancer surgeon in private practice for over 25 years. A fellow of the American College of Surgeons, she has a special interest in breast physiology and breast cancer prevention. She was a co-founder of BCPI in 1999 and in the last seven years, she has taken a more active role in the organization. In 2009 she was recognized as a "Top Doc" by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd.



New Secretary, Mary Davenport, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.

"Changing of the Guard" at BCPI

After serving 10 years as BCPI's President, co-founder Dr. Joel Brind decided not to seek re-election at the Board of Directors' Annual Meeting in April. BCPI Vice-President Dr. Angela Lanfranchi was elected to replace him as President, and Brind will remain on the Board of Directors. Dr. Mary Davenport was elected secretary.

Said Brind of his decision: "After 10 years of administration, I decided I needed to free up more time for research. Moreover, Dr. Lanfranchi has been the driving force for our major projects in recent years, including the ABC link video and the booklet: 'Breast Cancer Risks and Prevention.' Thus the Institute will remain in eminently capable hands."



New Project

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But just as the internet has provided an avenue for inconvenient political truths to leak out to the public, so have new “open access” medical journals taken advantage of the internet to allow politically inconvenient medical truths to get out to the general public.

On April 8 of this year, the open access online medical journal *World Journal of Surgical Oncology* accepted, and published online, a new study on risk factors for breast cancer identified among hospital patients in Istanbul, Turkey.

Dr. Vahit Ozmen and colleagues at the Istanbul Medical Faculty and the Magee-Womens Hospital (also in Istanbul) interviewed 1492 patients with breast cancer and 2167 women with unrelated diseases

and no significant chronic disease (controls) during the years 2000-2006.

The results of the Ozmen study are not the sort that can be found in recent “mainstream” medical journals. Most significantly, induced abortion emerged as the strongest risk factor—in fact, the only statistically significant risk factor other than age (over 50)—with patients who’d had any induced abortions found to be 66% more likely to get breast cancer.

Interestingly, Dr. Ozmen et al. do not find any reason to explain their finding of a significant ABC link among the women of Istanbul. In reviewing the literature (independently of BCPI Director Dr. Joel Brind’s own work in reviewing the literature on the ABC link, which is not even cited in the Ozmen study), they simply

conclude: “Therefore, similar to our findings, the majority of the studies reported that induced abortion was associated with increased breast cancer risk.”

I guess they didn’t get the “memo” from the US National Cancer Institute, which declared back in 2003 that the non-existence of the ABC link had been “established”!

The fact that the internet provides the opportunities for honest research to leak out through the wall of denial erected by our increasingly nonsensical and bizarre political institutions, does indeed inspire hope that the truth ultimately will out, to the benefit of women and children everywhere.

A Note from the President

Google “breast cancer prevention” and listed on the first page will be the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute’s entry page to our website. Despite being a small 501(c)(3) organization with very limited resources, we have made a large impact. Our website is viewed all over the world. In the last seven years, I have traveled to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, Europe, and last year to India lecturing at medical schools, cancer organizations, and before national governmental groups about breast cancer risks and prevention. This October in Breast Cancer Awareness Month, women will be told that they have a one in seven chance of developing breast cancer. The truth is that number is statistically derived, the “cumulative life time risk of breast cancer,” and that if a woman has **no** risk factors for breast cancer, her real risk is 3.3%. Unfortunately, there are very few women in this country with no risk factors.

Despite being told by large cancer organizations that “70% of breast cancer patients have no identifiable risk factors,” and that we

need to raise money for a cure, the truth is we really know those factors which cause the vast majority of breast cancer. How many women know that oral contraceptives are considered group 1 carcinogens by an agency of the World Health Organization? They are in the same group as tobacco for lung cancer, and asbestos for mesothelioma. Seventy-five percent of women in this country have used these known carcinogens for birth control, despite safer, more natural methods that are readily available to them. When women become aware of this information, they will most likely act in the same way as they did in 2002, when they learned hormone replacement therapy increased breast cancer risk. That year 15 mil-

lion women abruptly stopped taking hormone replacement therapy. By 2007, reports were published that breast cancer incidence had decreased 11% in post-menopausal women with estrogen receptor breast cancers. Imagine what will happen when those millions of young women learn that oral contraceptives increase their breast cancer risk. Think of how many cases of breast cancer will have been prevented and how breast cancer incidence will plummet just as it did when older women stopped their hormone replacement therapy.

Breast cancer prevention is an achievable goal only if women are given the scientific medical facts that are already well known to breast cancer researchers. I am hoping that over the next few years, with your help and support of the Breast Cancer Prevention

Institute, women will become armed with the knowledge that they need to reduce their risk of breast cancer. To that end, we are trying to increase awareness of prevention with initiatives such as

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our new project, a ribbon for breast cancer prevention.

In this economy our efforts have already been stifled by fewer contributions which we need to be able to print and supply our booklet, brochures, DVD, etc., and to maintain our website and toll-free number. We are hoping to use the new initiative of a ribbon for breast cancer prevention to raise awareness and provide needed funds to keep the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute as one of the very few organizations concerned with preventing breast cancer.



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