

BUILT ON LIES, THE PILL KILLS TRUTH

From its earliest days, the development, research, and promotion of the pill were built on lies. The lies continue today.

Researchers lied about the purpose of the initial studies and gave the pill to mental patients without direct consent.

When human trials of the pill began in 1954, researchers lied and claimed that the study was about infertility. In addition to volunteers, the pill was given to 12 female and 16 male psychiatric patients without their direct consent.¹

Researchers ignored the truth about side effects and didn't investigate the cause of women's deaths.

To gain FDA approval, large-scale human clinical trials of the pill began among Puerto Rico's poor, uneducated women in 1956. Even though the local doctor in charge told researchers that the pill causes "too many side reactions to be generally acceptable," the warning was ignored. Three women died during those trials. The cause of their deaths was never investigated.

The pill was approved as a contraceptive with no warning about dangerous side effects.

Even though the FDA had initially questioned the pill's long-term safety, those concerns were buried. In 1960, the FDA approved the sale of the pill as a contraceptive with no warning about the side effects. It became the first FDA-approved drug to be given to healthy patients for long-term use and for social purposes.

ACOG changed the scientific, long-held definition of pregnancy to sidestep the reality of pre-implantation abortions.

In 1965, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists arbitrarily changed the definition of pregnancy to sidestep the reality of contraceptives causing pre-implantation abortions. It is a basic fact of biology that, in sexual reproduction, a unique human being is created at the moment that sperm penetrates an ovum. ACOG changed the definition of pregnancy from fertilization to the time of implantation in its very first terminology bulletin in September 1965 to accommodate pre-implantation abortions caused by contraceptives. That enables proponents of the pill to falsely claim that it does not cause abortions.²

Pill manufacturer GD Searle denied pill deaths were caused by blood clots.

By the 1960s, serious side effects from the pill—such as blood clots and heart attacks—began receiving publicity. The pill manufacturer, GD Searle, received reports of 132 blood clots, 11 of which were fatal.³ The manufacturer denied these deaths were caused by the pill, though there is well-documented evidence that the pill greatly increases the risk of blood clots and resultant strokes, heart attacks, pulmonary embolism, and deep vein thrombosis. A study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* shows that women with no conventional risk factors who use the pill have twice the risk of heart attack. Adding risk factors makes the risk of

heart attacks soar, giving some women up to 23 times greater risk of heart attack than women who do not take the pill.⁴

Lower dose pills increase likelihood of pre-implantation abortions. Women are not warned.

After the 1988 removal of the high-dose pill from the market because of its dangerous side effects, the amount of artificial estrogen was lowered in the new generation pills. This increased the chance of breakthrough ovulation and the likelihood of early abortions due to endometrial thinning.

The pill also results in biochemical changes such as in the levels of interleukins, which are molecules necessary for implantation.^{5,6}

Women are told that the pill is necessary to ensure their productivity, success, and happiness.

But a growing body of peer-reviewed research indicates that the pill sets women up for relationship disasters. The physical, psychological, and emotional damage that women suffer because of the pill has devastated the institution of marriage, leading to soaring divorce rates. That means fatherless homes—the greatest predictor of poverty of America.⁷

Women are told contraception prevents abortions. This is untrue.

Alfred Kinsey, the serial child molester who is credited with being the father of the sexual revolution, said, “I

would remind the group that we have found the highest frequency of induced abortion in the group which, in general, most frequently uses contraceptives.”

Dr. Malcolm Potts, former medical director of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, predicted in 1973 that as “people turn to contraception, there will be a rise, not a fall, in the abortion rate.”

Indeed, the number of abortions in the U.S. doubled between 1973 and 1981.

Women are told the pill prevents some cancers and, overall, is a negligible factor in cancer.

But the research shows dramatic increases in cancer for pill users. The estrogen found in birth control pills is listed as a carcinogen by the World Health Organization and the National Toxicology Advisory Council.^{8,9}

Women and girls are told the pill is an integral part of “safe sex,” but are not warned that they are much more likely to develop lethal infections while using the pill.

Yet studies show that pill use increases their risk of getting HIV by 60 percent. It doubles the likelihood of transmitting HIV to a partner and of becoming infected with HPV.^{10,11}

For more details, see ThePillKills.org.

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