

NAPN POLICY STATEMENT ON HUMAN EMBRYOS

WHEREAS once a human life has been created, by whatever means, that individual member of the human family has a right to life and deserves protection from the beginning of life until the time of natural death,

AND WHEREAS a human embryo is a human being, not an item of property,

AND WHEREAS with respect to living human embryos *inside* a woman's body, the general policies of the National Association of Pro-life nurses in opposition to abortion and abortifacients apply,

AND WHEREFORE a living human embryo who is *outside* a woman's body is particularly vulnerable and requires special protection,

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Pro-life Nurses opposes the destruction of any living human embryo who is outside a woman's body and any use of the embryo that is not intended to help preserve the life or health of that particular embryo. Destruction or harmful research and experimentation on a living human embryo cannot be justified on the basis that it will help another human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every living human embryo who is outside a woman's body shall be given the optimum chance to survive and continue to develop by being transferred to the uterus of a woman who is willing and able to carry the pregnancy to term. The National Association of Pro-life Nurses supports programs which facilitate the adoption of any living human embryo.

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