

Dark Deeds Uncovered in Pittsburgh

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“Hidden History” describes past events covered up by those with an interest in keeping the public from discovering their deeds. Such is the case with the University of Pittsburgh, UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital, and Planned Parenthood of Western PA. The unveiling of their dark deeds is long overdue.

History and Habit

Leading the way in the abortion industry since before 1973's Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision, Pittsburgh continues training abortionists, aborting babies, and using those babies for research and experimentation. Pennsylvania law allows abortions - for any reason - up to 24 weeks gestation. Today, five venues for abortion exist in the city. Two freestanding abortion facilities - Planned Parenthood of Western Pennsylvania (PPWPA) and Allegheny Reproductive - commit first and second-trimester abortions; the former up to 18 weeks and the latter up to 23 weeks and six days. Three local hospitals, including UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital, commit abortions late into the second trimester as well.¹

Magee commits 400-500 abortions per year, for any reason, up to 23 weeks and six days. One day later, at 24 weeks, 60-70% of babies can survive outside the womb.

Magee and the University of Pittsburgh have a history of partnership in abortion and experimentation on discarded babies dating back to the 1930s.²

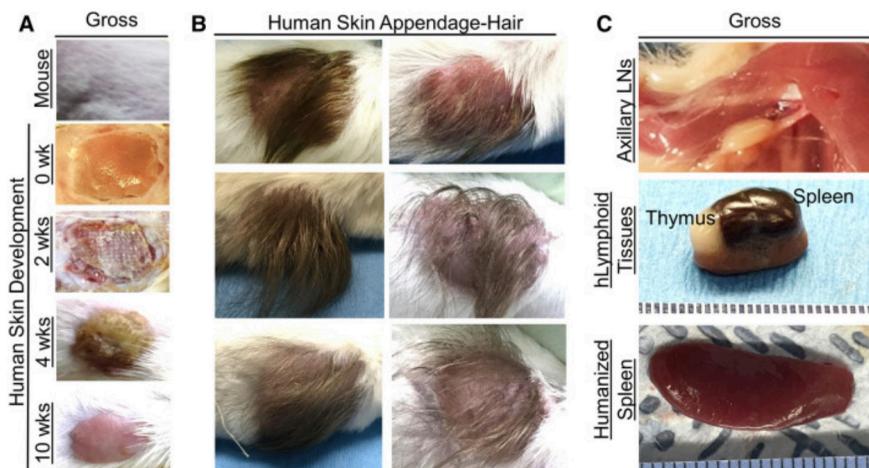
Today Pitt provides training in abortion procedures to medical students through their Ryan Residency program, which partners with Magee and PPWPA to provide hands-on experience.³

While these facts alone might surprise the average person, recent revelations of the collection of body parts from babies aborted at Magee turned stomachs and stirred up calls for greater scrutiny.

"Humanizing" Rodents

In September of 2020, Scientific Reports published a taxpayer-funded study that described the removal of the scalps of newly aborted human infants, and the grafting of those scalps to the backs of rodents. By transplanting the lymphoid tissues from the aborted baby to the animal, they create a so-called "humanized" rodent.⁴

(It's worth noting that this is not the only study of its kind by Pitt researchers.)⁵



Photos included in the article show baby-fine hair growing on the backs of rodents, and the tiny thymuses and spleens of babies being utilized as well.

¹ The State Library of Pennsylvania collects reports from abortion providers that are available upon request

² WILSON, EMILY K. "Ex Utero: Live Human Fetal Research and the Films of Davenport Hooker." *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, vol. 88, no. 1, 2014, pp. 132-60, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/26308894>. Accessed 21 Apr. 2022.

³ <https://www.obgyn.pitt.edu/block/ryan-residency-program>

⁴ Agarwal, Y., Beatty, C., Ho, S. et al. Development of humanized mouse and rat models with full-thickness human skin and autologous immune cells. *Sci Rep* 10, 14598 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-020-71548-z>

⁵ "Modeling Staphylococcus aureus infection and pathogenesis in humanized mice" is another.

Shocking Grant Applications

In August of 2021, Judicial Watch obtained NIH documents through a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request. This included grant applications to the NIH from researchers at Pitt. In the applications, Pitt calls itself a “Tissue Hub” for fetal organ distribution in the US.⁶ They told the NIH they were planning a “pipeline” method of obtaining fetal organs for experiments. Pitt touted taking 300 “fresh” parts from 77 babies, and Pitt argued that if they were granted money by the NIH, they could “ramp up” to collecting organs from 725 babies ages six to 42 weeks old. (A full-term pregnancy is 40 weeks.)

Visit pafamily.org/pittexposed to view a video on Pitt’s experimentation using aborted babies. There, you can sign an open letter to **Chancellor Patrick Gallagher**, demanding a halt to fetal experimentation. On the same page, you can write to your representatives, urging them to investigate possible illegal activities at Pitt.

Racistly Ambitious Goals

Also haunting is Pitt researchers’ promise in the application to implement racial quotas. They aim to collect 50 percent of aborted baby samples from white women, with the other half from minority women, specifically, a quarter of the samples from African Americans. It is important to note that African American women make up less than 11 percent of Pittsburgh’s population,⁷ yet represent 44% of the abortions in Pennsylvania.⁸ As if it isn’t bad enough that abortion disproportionately affects the Black community, Pitt researchers added insult to injury, robbing more Black babies of dignity in death.

Where is the moral outrage this deserves?

Were Their Hearts Still Beating?

In their application to the NIH, Pitt described making sure baby organs are fresh by limiting ischemia time.

The National Institutes of Health defines ischemia time as “the time a tissue, organ or body part remains at body temperature after its blood supply has been reduced or cut off but before it is cooled or reconnected to a blood supply.”⁹

Pitt stated in their application, “We record the warm ischemic time on our samples and take steps to keep it at a minimum to ensure the highest quality biological specimens.”¹⁰

⁶ <https://www.centerformedicalprogress.org/2021/08/aborted-infants-continued-blood-flow-advertised-in-racist-university-of-pittsburgh-grant-application-to-nih/>

⁷ World Population Review, “Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Population 2022 (Demographics, Maps, Graphs).”

⁸ https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/HealthStatistics/VitalStatistics/Documents/Pennsylvania_Annual_Abortion_Report_2019.pdf

⁹ NIH National Cancer Institute. “definition of warm ischemia time.” NIH, <https://www.cancer.gov/publications/dictionaries/cancer-terms/def/warm-ischemia-time>.

¹⁰ <https://www.judicialwatch.org/documents/hhs-cmp-responsive-records-july-2021-pg-170/>

When Pitt was asked about this, spokesman David Seldin described ischemia time as “refer[ring] to the time after the tissue collection procedure and before cooling for storage and transport.”¹¹

This answer raised logical concerns. In response, The Center for Medical Progress suggested that “If the fetus’ heartbeat and blood circulation continue in a labor induction abortion for harvesting organs, it means the fetus is being delivered while still alive and the cause of death is the removal of the organs.”¹²

Are unborn babies’ organs removed while blood still flows through their hearts, purely in the interest of specimen quality?

To learn more about the hidden horrors of this industry visit: paprolifecoalition.org

Ostrich or Esther?

What will you do with this information? Don’t allow your silence to be mistaken for approval. Those responsible for decision making at Pitt and Magee need to hear from you!

Let Chairman Pietragallo and the Board of Directors of **UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital** know that you don’t approve of abortions being committed at a place that should be dedicated to improving and saving lives. Let them know that you disapprove of the collecting of aborted baby parts at Magee for research and experimentation. Ask them to stop and ask for a reply.



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Let Chancellor and CEO Patrick D. Gallagher and the **Board of Trustees of the University of Pittsburgh** know that you don’t approve of experiments and research using aborted babies. Ask them to stop and ask for a reply.

The Office of the Secretary coordinates all communication between trustees and the University community. Please contact their office at **412-624-6623** or at osec@pitt.edu.

If you are a Pitt alum, this puts you in an especially effective position. Please contact the **Pitt Alumni Association** at **412-624-8229**.

Ask Leslie C. Davis, President & CEO of UPMC to take responsibility for ending unethical research conducted with the cooperation of UPMC entities.



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¹¹ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/pittsburgh-fetal-tissue-project>

¹² <https://www.foal-tissue-projectxnews.com/politics/pittsburgh-fet>