

\$\$\$ 2009 Abortion Safety Contest \$\$\$

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To give all women and especially minority women (including Aboriginal women) maximum confidence in the safety of the most common abortion procedure, "suction" (aka vacuum aspiration) abortion, it would help to demonstrate that there are at least published animal studies to validate safety. The absence of such animal studies would violate rule 3 of the 1947 Nuremberg Code, the 'gold standard' for medical experimentation; URL: <http://www.jpands.org/vol13no4/rooney.pdf> .

\$2009 Reward:

The first person to cite a published non-human primate study (in English) that reports the risk of premature birth for non-human primates with one or more prior "suction" (aka vacuum aspiration) abortions; the study must show no increase in premature birth risk for non-human primates with prior "suction" abortions compared to non-human primates with zero prior induced abortions. The study must have been published between 22 January 1967 and 22 January 2009 and the medical journal in which the study appears must be a peer-reviewed medical journal that is still publishing articles as of 22 March 2009). Monkeys, baboons, chimpanzees, and gorillas are examples of non-human primates.

Second reward: \$509 Reward:

The first person to cite a published [non-human] animal study (in English) that reports the risk of premature birth or mammary tumors in [non-human] animals with one or more prior "suction" (aka vacuum aspiration) abortions; the study must show no increase in premature birth risk of no increase in mammary tumor risk to animals with prior "suction" abortions compared to animals with zero prior induced abortions. (The study must have been published between 22 January 1967 and 22 January 2009 and the medical journal must be a peer-reviewed medical journal that is still publishing as of 22 March 2009.) Unlike the \$2009 contest, any non-human animal can be the subject of the published study and thus, one is not limited to non-human primates.

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How To Submit You Claimed Citation

Send a HARD COPY of your claimed study (must be in English) before 22 January 2011 to:
Reduce Preterm Risk Coalition
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Your letter MUST supply your mailing address and at least one email address.

1. Every letter that we receive that claims to have supplied a copy of a qualifying study will be notified by EMAIL that their claim has been received. Unless you get a confirmation that you have won, then you have not yet won. Only the first one to CORRECTLY cite a study meeting the criteria above will win. [Clever people will note that if the first of the two prizes above won is the \$2009 prize, that person also wins the other (\$509) prize; the director of this contest thinks that the odds are so extremely low that such a study exists to win the first prize of \$2009, that two prizes are offered. As a note of interest, non-human primates (e.g.s. monkeys, chimpanzees, baboons) have the most relevance to human reproduction of all non-human animals.]

2. We have to consider the possibility that someone will submit a counterfeit document that was never actually published. Thus, we will:

a. First see if any of the following search engines can find the claimed study:

<http://www.scholar.google.com>

<http://www.scirus.com>

Pubmed (The U.S. Government medical search engine)

If at not one of these search engines can find the claimed study, we discard the claim, but we will note in a log book why the claim was discarded.

b. If the claimed study was found by one of the 3 search engines mentioned above, we will make all attempts to get a hard copy, since the actual text of the study may or may not be the same as that in the submission sent to us.

c. Assuming that one of the search engines above have found the article and that we can obtain a hard copy from a reliable source, then if the text of the 'reliable source' shows that the winning criteria have been met, we will contact the winner and send him or her a certified check for the prize.

3. All decisions by those judging this contest are final.
