



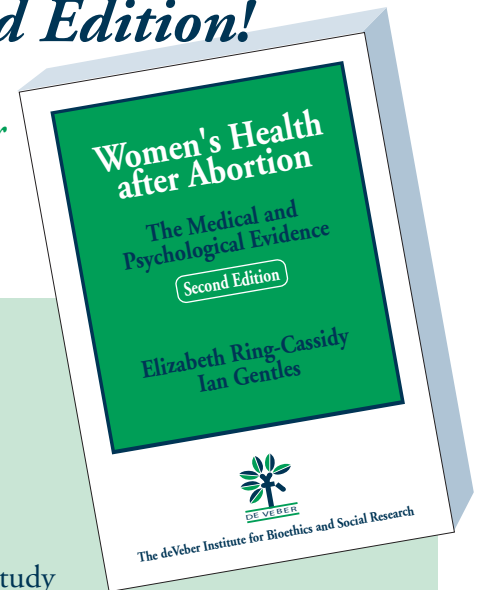
# Perspectives 2003

THE DE VEBER INSTITUTE FOR BIOETHICS AND SOCIAL RESEARCH

*Research and Scholarship for an Informed Social Response to Human Life Questions*

## ***Women's Health after Abortion, Second Edition!***

*The revised second edition of Women's Health after Abortion is now available! First released in April 2002, Women's Health after Abortion sold out in just over a year. Producing the new edition provided the opportunity to update material, include new references, and enlarge the bibliography.*



### **Highlights: Second Edition**

In the *Introduction* we call attention to a landmark editorial in the *Canadian Medical Association Journal* on the ethics of controversial research. See "The Ethics of Controversial Research" on page 4.

Chapter Two, *Induced Abortion and Breast Cancer*, reflects the research examining the study of induced abortion and breast cancer, including a 2003 study "demonstrating an increased breast cancer risk in women who abort a first pregnancy under age 20...."

Chapter Four, *Impact on Subsequent Pregnancies*, features expanded discussion of reproductive complications after abortion such as pelvic infection, ectopic pregnancy, and maternal death. Of major concern is the rising incidence of premature delivery in pregnancies following an abortion. The rate of cerebral palsy, a condition associated with prematurity, has also increased dramatically. Further, "...as this goes to press, we learn that the government of Russia has introduced sweeping legislation to enforce stringent criteria..." for approval for abortion with the "health impact of abortion [being]... a major thrust behind this legislation."

*See order form attached. Contribute \$75 and receive a complimentary copy along with an income tax receipt.*

***Women's Health after Abortion is an indispensable resource: comprehensive, authoritative and up-to-date, it provides encyclopedic coverage of all aspects of the medical and psychological impact of abortion on women. The book has been so well received that a year after it was first published a second edition has become necessary. This book is required reading for women contemplating abortion, as well as the counsellors and health-care professionals who advise them.***

*Share your Perspectives - and introduce your colleagues to the Institute!*

Elizabeth Ring-Cassidy

Ian Gentles

### Our Vision

Research and Scholarship for an Informed Social Response to Human Life Questions

### Our Mission

The deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research conducts and disseminates research on topics connected to human life in its biological, social and ethical dimensions. The topics selected for study depend on emerging medical, technological and social developments. In undertaking this work the Institute believes that a sense of the inherent value and dignity of human life and of the human person as an end and not a means is a foundational perspective it brings to its work.

### Our new corporate symbol

We proudly introduce the deVeber Institute's new logo. Appearing on all new deVeber materials, including our redesigned website, the logo completes the corporate transition from our former identity as The Human Life Research Institute. The unique and unusual logo firmly establishes the Institute identity embodying the Institute's vision. Here is its story.

The deVeber logo represents a contemporary Tree of Life. Six large leaves grow from the Tree's trunk and heart, telling of the vitality and strength of the Tree. The divided leaves reveal the play of light and shadow, in delicate balance. These refer to the spectrum of issues in bioethics. The broken branch symbolizes the kind of difficult issues that the deVeber Institute selects for study and research. The Tree is firmly rooted in deVeber--the source of information about issues in bioethics through excellence in scholarship, research, and analysis.

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## 20th Anniversary Celebrated!

The deVeber Institute celebrated its twentieth anniversary in 2002 with a gathering of the Board of Directors, Advisory Council members, old friends, and new. We looked at our roots, where we were, where we wanted to be, and what we wanted to do. To begin, we refreshed our Vision and Mission - the underlying principles of the Institute, affirming our commitment to the "inherent value and dignity of human life and of the human person" as a "foundational perspective".

We looked at our structure and work: our consistency with our Vision; our resources, both intellectual and financial; the way we must engage in the twenty-first century - and how we select research, and what we need to accomplish our goals. Strategic reflections produced a new organizational structure.

There is a newly created Ideas Panel that will look at current trends and make recommendations for research. The Ideas Panel is headed by Dr David Mikulis, Associate Professor and Senior Neuroradiologist, Department of Medical Imaging, the University of Toronto and The Toronto Western Hospital.

Former executive director Lorraine McCallum returns to the Institute in a key role. Lorraine will oversee marketing, communications, and fundraising.

Lorraine Williams, a long-time friend, and writer for the Institute, recently resigned from the Board, but she remains an invaluable member of the Advisory Council.

We thank all those who generously give their expertise and time to the Institute.

### [www.deveber.org](http://www.deveber.org)

Visit our website for substantial information about *Women's Health after Abortion* including revised key points, summaries, and references from each chapter. You may use this material without copyright infringement.



## President Dr LL (Barrie) deVeber

*A decade ago the Human Life Research Institute chose a new title for itself: "The deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research". The members of the Institute did so in honour of the outstanding work, leadership, and commitment of Dr Barrie deVeber.*

Dr LL deVeber, internationally recognized as a pioneer in palliative paediatric care, belongs to a distinguished medical family: his paternal grandfather, LG (George) deVeber was a Royal Canadian Mounted Police surgeon; brother George is a retired nephrologist; daughter Gabrielle is a paediatric neurologist; and niece Hilary is a paediatrician.

Born in Toronto in 1929 Barrie deVeber studied medicine at the University of Toronto, graduating in 1953. After doing Internal Medicine in Vancouver, and practising in Sudbury, he chose paediatrics as his specialty, studying and working in England and New York's Bellevue Hospital. He worked in pathology at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, then went to Winnipeg to work on the Rh problem in pregnancy.

"I was studying the Rh problem which occurred in two to three per cent of all babies. The first treatment we used was bringing on delivery early and exchanging the baby's blood. Then we used the new technique of amniocentesis, and because of Dr. Lilley's work in New Zealand, were able to transfuse the babies in the womb." Dr deVeber's team was one of the first in eastern Canada to use this technique. Again a pioneer in Canada, he went on to administer Rh immunoglobulin to Rh negative women before and after birth, a giant step forward. "I've been privileged to help develop treatment for the Rh problem to such an extent between the late '70s to now that the condition has virtually been wiped out."

In 1961 Dr deVeber was appointed to the medical school at the University of Western Ontario and to the Children's Hospital, a section of Victoria Hospital in London Ontario. Here he directed treatment of haemophilia, children's cancer, and oversaw the development of the first treatment centre for Rh factor and prevention in eastern Canada. He also directed the Hospital Blood Bank. Dr deVeber became one of the few immune haematology paediatric specialists in Canada. An advocate of palliative care, Dr deVeber promoted the team approach, and drew attention to the need for the spiritual care of parents with dying children.

As full professor at the University of Western Ontario, he directed a course for medical students in law, ethics and palliative care. In recognition of his expertise, Dr deVeber was appointed to the International Work Group on Death, Dying and Bereavement, whose members included Elisabeth Kubler-Ross and hospice founder, Dame Cicely Saunders, and Canada's Dr Balfour Mount. He authored a chapter in the Oxford Textbook of Palliative Care.

Retiring as professor emeritus in 1994, Dr deVeber ran a paediatric cancer unit in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, then the Paediatric Cancer Program in Kenyatta National Hospital, Kenya.

Dr deVeber is a founding Board Member of the Ronald McDonald House in London for families of children with serious diseases; a founder of Camp Trillium for children with cancer and their families; and a founding member of the Sunshine Foundation of Canada which provides trips and gifts for special children.

Semi-retirement means working as a medical consultant for the Canadian Blood Services and enjoying his favourite interests (especially his grandchildren!) - palliative care, pain control, bereavement counselling, practising medicine, and bioethics as the President of the deVeber Institute. "Our latest book is one of the most important contributions we have made. It is the publication of *Women's Health after Abortion*, an exhaustive review of international scientific articles dealing with mental and physical health complications after abortion. This study has been widely acclaimed and is unique in this area of inquiry." With the first printing sold out, the second edition available, Dr deVeber will now turn his considerable energies toward research on the third edition.

Dr deVeber is married to environmental artist Iola Plaxton. They have six children, seven grandchildren, and reside in London, Ontario.

*\*We thank Lorraine Williams for permission to use material from her article in the magazine, The Oratory of St. Joseph, Sept.-Oct. 2003, Vol. 77, No. 5.*