

Subj: **Re: Deval Patrick & Women's Health**  
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Hi Lynne,

Thanks for taking the time to contact me. Although the question of how to protect women during the pursuit of embryonic stem cell research is not one that has come up in the campaign, you can rest assured that we consider this to be an important consideration.

With just one week left until the election, it will be impossible for us to include this matter in our platform. However, I would be very interested in hearing your perspective on the risks to women who contribute to embryonic stem cell research. What measures do you think would be necessary to protect women's health?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,  
Rafi Goldberg

On Oct 30, 2006, at 3:54 PM, Lynne Millican wrote:

Dear Rafi,

Your name and email were provided as the campaign contact person to express my concerns that our future governor's position on embryonic stem cell research is lacking, and I was hoping that you could respond.

My concern lies in the fact that there has been no position or statement taken by Deval Patrick regarding the risks to women that egg donation poses to them. In September I had forwarded to Mr. Patrick my 2003 Congressional testimony on this issue ([http://docs@commerce.senate.gov/hearings/testimony.cfm?id=685&wit\\_id=1802](http://docs@commerce.senate.gov/hearings/testimony.cfm?id=685&wit_id=1802)), and want to make sure that he is aware of these risks.

Promoting adult/umbilical stem cell research (especially since there have been some 72 cures to date) is natural and laudable, but I take issue with Mr. Patrick's promotion of "stem cell research" without mentioning the risks to women that embryonic stem cell research will entail. To lump the two endeavors together is disingenuous.

Please tell me what, if any, medicolegal provisions a Governor Patrick has envisioned to provide care and compensation to these women when they are harmed? As an R.N. who is now disabled following superovulation with these drugs, I hear from women in this state and throughout the country who have been seriously harmed following the use of one particular drug, Lupron (used commonly in superovulation), and I speak for the thousands of (mostly disadvantaged) women who will 'consent' to superovulation and egg donation in the future. It is important that these questions be answered.

I also want to add that I would be happy to contribute my knowledge and insight on this issue to Deval's policy making, and hope that he is receptive to fostering research that does not exploit women without their consent.

Sincerely,

Lynne Millican