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Nurses Movement for Responsible Medicine (NMRM) was founded in October 2007 by Cynthia O'Neill, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., H.V. to provide nurses with a channel through which they could express their concerns in relation to the high number of adverse drug reactions suffered by so many of their patients. The Objective of NMRM is the Immediate and Unconditional Abolition Of All Animal Experiments On Medical and Scientific Grounds

"Cancer, is dreaded by all. It runs a close second to heart attacks as a cause of death. When it comes to the role of animal experimentation in cancer, vivisectionists present a creative blend of the spurious ,the fantastic and the ludicrous. A frenzied litany, monotonous, ambiguous, deceitful. Despite all the vivisectionists' hullabaloo, the fact of the matter is: vivisection is cancer's Bermuda Triangle in which our realistic hopes faithful expectations and confidence in our research institutions have mysteriously disappeared."

> Dr Moneim A Fadali, MD Patron of NMRM.

#### Cancer - the most publicised disease

Cancer must surely top the list of the most publicised diseases. Cancer charities are extremely wealthy. Before they started trading as 'Cancer Research UK (CRUK), The Imperial Cancer Research Fund and the Cancer Research Campaign had around 170 years of fundraising between them.

Despite the enormous sums of money invested in cancer research over the years medical practitioners are still faced with the choice of either having to give cancer patients highly toxic, very distressing, treatments or to cut lumps out of them, or both, in an effort to treat the disease. No intelligent person could consider this scientifically or medically advanced. It is no wonder therefore that patients are turning away from orthodox medicine. The only answer to this dilemma is a total and immediate ban on *all* animal experiments; it is a well-known fact that animals do not react in the same way to drugs and other substances as we do, due to differences in their absorption, distribution, metabolism, response to and elimination of drugs. Animal experimentation has resulted in immense human damage. This has affected people of all ages and continues to affect an unacceptably high percentage of patients.

Sky News of 3 June 2011 reported that in a letter published in the medical journal '*The Lancet*' British Scientist Tony Dexter, Head of a research lab in Cheshire, together with another scientist had written to Prime Minister David Cameron and Health Secretary Andrew Lansley expressing concern over the growing cases of ineffective medicines and adverse drug reactions, saying the UK pharmaceutical industry is in crisis. The letter called for a change of approach to drugs testing, describing the trying of drugs on animals and assuming they are safe for humans as "really the toss of a coin". The following by Professor C Reiss is from DLRM Newsletter Number10 'Winter/Spring 2003':

"I would never test any drugs on any animal species. However, I am about to test them on human lymphocytes and other human cell lines. If some pharmaceutical company wants to test them on animals, or if the authorities ask that the drug be tested on animals, it is up to them to do so. In any event, I would not pay the slightest attention to their results, since they would not be relevant for humans, because, as I have demonstrated rigorously, no animal species can stand as a reliable biological model for another species, humans included."

### The Clock is Ticking

Our Patron Dr Fadali spoke passionately on the very grave dangers that mankind is raining on all creation, in a speech to the European Social Forum Meeting in London, October 15-17, 2004. The following is an extract from that speech:

"...Worldwide, chemicals pervade air, water and soil and do harm; from serious to grave to lethal. *Pity! Pity!* Deplorable since it is all avoidable. It takes courage, right seeing and true science, not denial, trickery and hocuspocus science.

The European Commission (EC) has decided that these products must be evaluated. *With This we Concur*, but we do **not** chime in with the EC putting its faith in animal-based testing; invalid and harmful, we say beware and cast a nay vote. Moreover, according to the EC's Registration, Evaluation, Authorization of Chemicals (REACH) we will get to know the risk, by the year 2020. Not a good deal! No cheers. Sixteen years from now? How come? Wherefore? Why not 2004, 2005 or 2006 by the latest? Reason being, chemicals kill living matter, such as us! Sad, isn't it? Human cells and human tissue cultures are yearning to give the correct answer within the hour or within hours not years distant and afar. The grim toll continues to mount: cancer rates are increasing, asthma, especially in children is escalating, autism in children is soaring and the 10 billion-cell human brain is increasingly drifting, propelled into early dementia.

Vivisection (Animal Experimentation) is one of those evils grafted on to the human mind by the false prophets of science and reason. While some agile minds have rejected the ominous graft, others have accepted it as an article of faith, not to be questioned, let alone carefully looked at or seriously examined..."

The following are extracts from the Doctors in Britain Against Animal Experiments (DBAE) Second International Scientific Congress London, September 1992. The first of these is by Greek doctor George Haritakis:

### The Nonsense of Vivisection

"...Cell-toxicology studies using human cells are vastly superior to crude animal-screening techniques... In-vitro studies are more accurate, quicker and cheaper. By using human tissue, the erroneous and misleading information from animal studies is avoided.

The creation of tissue-storage banks is of prime importance. Both healthy and diseased tissue is valuable. Tissue is obtained from operations and post-mortems. Most importantly, human tissue remains viable for some time after death.

...In 1957, the World Health organization defined health as 'a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing'. Despite animal experiments for over a century, serious health problems still exist world wide, whilst the drug industry has blossomed, with ever increasing and massive annual profits.

...Vivisection is clearly a scientific fraud and failure and should be ended forthwith."

#### The second of the extracts is from the speech given by Italian doctor Professor Pietro Croce:

#### An Invitation to Optimism

"... Vivisection is an aberration, a foolish practice that leads medicine astray, creating millions of human victims in the process: we are all victims of toxic drugs, of common medical errors, of wrong medical information and of medical delusions.

The experimenters started with frogs and progressed to mice, rabbits, cats and dogs, believing that climbing the zoological ladder meant approaching more nearly to the human species. Nowadays, every vivisector's ultimate wish is to experiment on monkeys: with an unbelievable biological ignorance, he confuses physiognomic resemblance with biological proximity.

...On December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1989, all 30 technicians in the Department of Radiology at the Institute Rizzoli in Bologna (a leading hospital in the field of orthopaedics) were led by a young radiology technician, Miss Maria Teresa Rava ioli, in refusing to collaborate with a new departmental set-up for animal experimentation. Furthermore, they asked that their right to be considered as 'conscientious objectors' should be acknowledged. ...President of the Institute Rizzoli, Dr Gianfranco Ragonese, issued an order approving the request of the objectors. The staff of the Institute Rizzoli received 50,000 letters and telegrams of approval from all parts of Italy."