

The Eye on Abortion

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ONE WOMANS' SHOCKING EXPERIENCE WITH ABORTION

Dear Pro-life Friends,

One of abortion advocates' favorite tag lines is this, "Keep abortion safe and legal." But is abortion safe just because it is legal? We can be certain that abortion is *not* safe for the unborn child who is violently killed within it's mother's womb, but is it safe for "mom?" We touched on several ways that receiving an abortion can possibly harm mothers in our last newsletter, such as an increased chance of experiencing problems in future pregnancies or even developing breast cancer.

In this newsletter, for those of you who may have missed it, I would like to reflect on an incident that happened to one woman last August after she received an abortion. Her story dramatically displays one of the many potential physical hazards a woman could face if she chooses to abort her baby. (Not to mention the mental trauma of living with the fact that she chose to end her child's life through abortion.)

INCOMPLETE ABORTION TRAUMATIZES WOMAN

Davina Chambers, a 29 year-old British woman, had just been diagnosed with Autoimmune Hepatitis when she learned that she was 12 weeks pregnant.

Davina, mother of three children, was receiving treatment for her disease at King's College Hospital when she heard the news.

"I just couldn't believe it!" she said.

She told The Voice newspaper in England, "At the time I was taking eight tablets a day and had all this radiation from the scans, so I couldn't believe that I could be pregnant."

Unfortunately, Davina decided to abort her baby because she felt it was in the child's best interest. "I started thinking about it. Here I am very ill, already with three children, and I was very depressed because of the medication I was on."

DAVINA'S HORRIFYING DISCOVERY

Davina explained what she was told after the abortion procedure, saying, "When I woke up on the ward, they said that I had had three scans and everything was fine."

However, when she returned home, Davina was horrified to discover that her abortion was "incomplete." She said, "At midnight, my ex-partner knocked on the door to check if I was alright... I went to the bathroom and as I was sitting there, I just felt something slip out of me



Davina Chambers after her dreadful realization.

as if I had just given birth. I looked in the toilet and saw this lump that seemed to have a bone in it. So I showed it to my former partner."

A closer examination revealed the eyes, nose, mouth, and even ears of a tiny head, measuring no more than four centimeters across.

"We just broke down and cried at what we were seeing. We couldn't believe it," sobbed Davina.

"I phoned an ambulance and they took me to the hospital to make sure that no other parts were left inside of me. They said I could have died if it had stayed inside me."

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-Davina Chambers*

At the hospital, she came face to face with the abortionist who performed the botched procedure. Davina recalls his comments, "He leaned over my bedside and said, 'I am so sorry. In all the procedures I've done, I've never come across this'."

"He even tried to take the head away, but I said I wanted to keep it because we wanted to have a proper burial," she said.

Davina is seeking legal advice.

"I feel as if I'm going insane now; I can't just let this happen to me," she said.

A spokeswoman for King's College Hospital told The Voice: "We are aware of this patient and we did receive a complaint. We are now investigating but we cannot release any information until our investigation is complete."

Abortion is tragic on so many levels that, at times, it baffles the mind. You can see the conflict in Davina's mind as you read her comments. For example, first she wanted to get rid of (a.k.a. destroy) her unborn baby through abortion, then, she wanted keep her baby's head in order to give it a "proper burial."

I truly feel for this woman. Getting an abortion was not a good decision, for more than one reason. First, her baby was killed during the procedure. Second, she could have died as a result of the procedure. Third, now she feels like she is going insane. I am sure that she now realizes abortion is not a good solution to an unplanned pregnancy. Unfortunately, now it's too late.

Please pray for healing for Davina and others like her, who have suffered the trauma of abortion. I also urge you to pray that women (and men) everywhere who have participated in abortions would see the error of their ways, repent, and find forgiveness and healing in Christ. Although sin of all varieties grieves our Lord's heart, He stands ready to forgive each and every one of them if we would only repent and turn to Him. (1 John 1:9)

God bless you for standing for the unborn and their parents,

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