

## **ISSUES FOR THE CHURCH GROUP**

- **Sanctity of life – life beginning at conception**
- **Immorality of saving one life in favour of another**
- **Attention should be given to adult stem cells/cord blood that does not involve the destruction of a human embryo.**
- **No cures have yet been produced by embryonic stem cell therapy**
- **The desire to ease suffering**

## **ISSUES FOR THE GOVERNMENT GROUP**

- **To promote the UK as a leading country in the field of embryonic research – global status**
- **To promote the careers of scientists, medical practitioners, technicians, etc**
- **To gain economic advantage**
- **To work toward improved health care for the nation**
  - **Particularly with an aging population**
- **Lowering of health care costs**
- **The protection of the ethical issue of the human embryo by pragmatic and sensitive legislation [i.e. HFEA]**
- **To protect women from exploitative practices by unethical persons/institutions.**

## **ISSUES FOR PARENT GROUP**

- **Saviour siblings**
- **Cures for disease and injury**
- **Infertility**
- **To achieve single embryo placement in infertility treatment to avoid complications of multiple births for mother and child.**
- **PGD - In medicine and (clinical) genetics preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) (also known as embryo screening) refers to procedures that are performed on embryos prior to implantation. PGD is considered an alternative to prenatal diagnosis. Its main advantage is that it avoids selective pregnancy termination as the method makes it highly likely that the baby will be free of the disease under consideration.**

## **ISSUES FOR THE RESEARCHERS AND MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS GROUP**

- **Promoting advances in the causes of infertility**
- **Exploring the causes of congenital disease**
- **Exploring the causes of miscarriage**
- **Developing new forms of contraception**
- **Exploring gene or chromosome abnormalities**
- **Developing knowledge about the development of embryos**
- **Developing knowledge about serious diseases**
- **Developing treatments for serious diseases**
- **Improvement of health**
- **Reduction of cost in health care**
- **Career advancement**
- **Research in a globally high profile field**