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**Doctor Who Originated “Embryo Donation”
Speaks Out About Bush’s Public Awareness Campaign**

New York, NY September 12, 2002 - Dr. Randy Morris, Chicago-based Reproductive Endocrinologist who originated the controversial procedure of “Embryo Donation” happily delivered a baby girl just a few weeks ago thanks to the miracles of modern medicine. On August 21st, to Dr. Morris’s delight, *the Bush Administration announced that they plan to distribute nearly \$1 million for public awareness campaigns promoting donation of embryos, one of several options available to couples who create more than they need for in vitro fertilization. The embryos are a byproduct of in vitro fertilization, in which an egg is fertilized in the lab and then implanted into a woman's uterus a few days later. Typically, couples fertilize about a dozen eggs, in hopes that they will have enough healthy embryos to produce the children they want. Those that are not implanted are frozen for future use or discarded. But after a couple has all the children it wants, there are often embryos leftover. And tens of thousands of embryos are now frozen in fertility clinics, often because couples don't know what to do with them. Their options are limited. They can throw them away. They can leave them in the freezer. They can donate them for research — though research using newly destroyed embryos is not eligible for federal funding under a decision made by President Bush last year. They can also give them to another woman hoping to get pregnant.*

Dr. Randy Morris would be happy to discuss the issue of “Embryo Donation.” Patients of his that have had remarkable success with this procedure are also willing to tell their story. I have provided a CV of Dr. Morris below. Please feel free to contact Jaime Ringel at KMR Communications Inc. at 212-527-7511 or jaimer@kmrcommunications.com.

Dr. Randy Morris

Certifications:

Board Certified Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility
Board Certified Obstetrics and Gynecology

Appointments:

Assoc. Clinical Professor, Div. of Reproductive Endocrinology, University of Illinois School of Medicine, Chicago, IL

Awards:

President’s Award Society for Gynecologic Investigation
Practicing Physician Award Pacific Coast Fertility Society

Society Memberships:

American Society for Reproductive Medicine
Society of Reproductive Endocrinologists
Society for Assisted Reproductive Technologies

Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons

Training:

College:

Northwestern University - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Medical School:

University of Illinois School Medicine at Chicago

Residency:

Lutheran General Hospital /University of Chicago

Fellowship:

University of Southern California School of Medicine

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