

Curing serious childhood brain injuries equals wonderful work, but there is something better & reproductive health specialist Dr. Martha Garza (San Antonio, Texas) made it happen by **PREVENTING** 'MACE' (Mental retardation, Autism, Cerebral palsy, Epilepsy) injuries (all caused by brain damage) in newborn babies & that is even better than curing 'MACE' maladies years after birth. Doctor Garza has accomplished brain damage **PREVENTION** with a capital P.

As of 1 January 2004 every woman going to a Texas abortion clinic is offered a **WRTK** (Women's Right To Know) booklet with one of the warnings being that abortions raise future risk of a premature & handicapped newborn baby. Without Dr. Martha Garza no such abortion-preemie warning would be in the Texas WRTK booklet. Fall 2003 a special Texas medical panel was set up to specify which health warnings would appear in the WRTK booklet. At first the medical panel was not inclined to include any APB (Abortion-Preterm-Birth) warning. Garza studied key APB medical articles & reviews, including the 2003 Rooney/Calhoun review (URL: <http://www.jpands.org/vol8no2/rooney.pdf>)[1]. Dr. Martha Garza (President, Hispanic Alliance for Life & Family; <http://www.hispanicallianceforlifeandfamily.org/about.html>) must have given a convincing presentation to the special Texas panel, since it reversed itself by including a strong abortion-preemie warning in the Texas WRTK booklet; URL: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wrtk/pdf/booklet.pdf> [skip to page 17). Dr. Martha Garza, an Obstetrician and Gynecologist practicing in San Antonio, Texas, is very consistent in her stand for life affirming medicine as evidenced by advising young women to use safe and effective NFP (Natural Family Planning).

### **Did Dr. Garza mislead the special Texas medical panel?**

When Garza made her 2003 APB (Abortion-Preterm-Birth) presentation to the special Texas medical panel, Dr. Garza had very strong published evidence to support higher 'preemie' risk for women with prior induced abortions. But it was theoretically possible that evidence after 2003 would show no elevated 'preemie' risk. The opposite resulted. In 2009 the first ever **SYSTEMATIC** reviews of the APB risk were published.[2,3] Both the February 2009 Dr. Hanes Swingle [2] review and the October 2009 Dr. Prakesh Shah review (in the British Journal of Obstetrics & Gynaecology) [3] confirmed that women with prior induced abortions elevate their odds of a future premature delivery. Both Dr. Swingle & Dr. Shah achieved the medical science 'gold standard' of 'statistical significance' (i.e. they were at least 95% confident of increased risk).

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