



January 11, 2007

Mr. Will Johnston, MD
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Dear Dr. Johnston:

This is in response to your letter dated November 22, 2006, regarding vaccines which contain aborted fetal cells.

The Department of Health is aware that there are vaccines made from human cell-line cultures and that some of these originated from fetal tissue. However, all human cells used to make these cell lines were derived from two aborted fetuses more than 30 years ago and no new fetal tissue is needed to produce cell lines.

Canada and New Brunswick are responsible for ensuring that our population is vaccinated with safe and effective vaccines to prevent sickness, disability and death. Ensuring security of supply of vaccines to protect New Brunswickers remains our priority. One of the primary means to help ensure this is to strive to contract with more than one manufacturer to supply vaccines to Canada. Provinces and Territories agree to work collaboratively to this end and use the products available to them.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in protecting all New Brunswickers from disease via immunization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael B. Murphy".

Honourable Michael B. Murphy
Minister of Health

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"Our department
promotes a
scent-reduced
environment."

« Notre ministère
préconise un environnement
où les produits parfumés sont
utilisés avec plus de discrétion. »

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