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# Taxpayers paid for aborted baby brains from StemExpress

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November 11, 2015 ([LiveActionNews](#)) -- Taxpayers are helping to buy brains from babies killed by abortion.

StemExpress, the infamous fetal parts procurement company exposed in the Planned Parenthood videos, may be a private entity existing to make profit, but taxpayers are still footing the bill, according to [a report published Thursday](#).

[The Washington Free Beacon reports](#) on the human tissue research of Dr. Nada Zecevic, a neuroscientist at the University of Connecticut:

Researchers at the University of Connecticut studying brain development for the National Institutes of Health have used federal funding for over a decade to obtain up to two fetal brains per month.

Between 2012 and the present the project spent \$10,161.73 on fetal brain tissue, according to [records](#) maintained by the university and additional [invoices](#) obtained by the Washington Free Beacon.

Funds were used for two fetal brains and over a dozen tissue samples totaling \$7,130 from StemExpress, the California-based tissue company that had to [cut ties](#) with Planned Parenthood following the Center for Medical Progress videos.

Zecevic also spent federal funding on two second trimester brains from Advanced Bioscience Resources Inc. costing over \$300, and an intact calvarium for \$645.

The report shows [emails between Dr. Zecevic and StemExpress](#). This revelation exposes something that few have considered: Since the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is behind much of the funding for scientific research, the distance between federal money and for-profit fetal parts companies is not as far as the perpetrators would like to portray. Dr. Zecevic's research grants total close to \$4 million since 2001. Dr. Zecevic's [funding source](#) is the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, which is a part of the NIH. Therefore, taxpayers are helping to fund brain and body part purchases.

Invoices for these purchases make it look like someone ordered a pair of shoes instead of a brain:



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 778 PACIFIC ST  
 PLACERVILLE, CA 95667  
 (530)626-7000  
 ar@stemexpress.com  
 http://www.stemexpress.com

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 THROUGH RESEARCH™

### Estimate

Date	Estimate No.
05/01/2014	5064
Exp. Date	
08/01/2014	

Address
Nada Zecevic MD, PhD. University of Connecticut Health Center 263 Farmington Ave Room L4056 Farmington, CT 06030

Date	Activity	Quantity	Ship Via	Researcher	Shipping
			Fed Ex	Zecevic	Overnight
			Rate	Amount	
05/01/2014	Item #FT0101F: Human Fetal Tissue Intact brain hemisphere 14-18 week gestation. Can be received Tues - Friday	1		595.00	595.00
05/01/2014	Item #CUSMED01: Custom Media - Packaged in RPMI with pen/strep and gauze to prevent movement during shipment	1		50.00	50.00
05/01/2014	Item #PKG0100: Packaging- Wet Ice	1		15.00	15.00
05/01/2014	Item #SD00104: FedEx Flat Rate - No charge if customer uses their own account	1		85.00	85.00



STEMEXPRESS, LLC  
 778 Pacific St  
 Placerville, CA  
 95667  
 530.626.7000  
 stemexpress.com

### Invoice

Date	Invoice #
07/13/2012	1644
Terms	Due Date
Due on receipt	07/13/2012

Bill To
University of Connecticut Health Ctr. 263 Farmington Ave Farmington, CT 06030 USA

Ship Date	Ship Via	Tracking #	Researcher	Shipping
07/10/2012	FedEx	798605235864	Zecevic	Recipient Acct
Description		Qty	Price	Amount Due
07/10/2012				
• Fetal brain procurement POC #05		1:00	250.00	250.00
• Special Media - Penstrep		1:00	45.00	45.00

StemExpress, LLC  
484 Main Street, Suite 1  
Diamond Springs, CA  
95619-9101

(877)900-STEM  
acct@stem-ex.com

*StemExpress, LLC*  
**Invoice**

DATE	INVOICE #
03/04/2011	1115
TERMS	DUE DATE
Due on receipt	03/04/2011

BILL TO
Univeristy of Conneticut Health Ctr. 263 Farmington Ave Farmington, CT 06030 USA

PAID

SHIP DATE	SHIP VIA	TRACKING #	Researcher	
03/01/2011	Fedex	796819743177	Nada Zecevic	
Date	Description	Qty	Price	Amount Due
03/01/2011	Fetal Cadaverous Procurement: 2nd Trimester D & E (13-24 weeks)	1	180.00	180.00

In emails, StemExpress CEO Cate Dyer is excited to do business with the university and sell Dr. Zecevic some baby brains. Dyer [writes in an email](#) in July, 2010:

Hi Dr. Zecevic,

We could defiantly [sic] provide you with fetal brain specimens. That is very nice of Dr. Brad Poulos to forward over to you our information.

I have attached our Researcher Application which is just requesting some general information. On the first page of the document is our fees for services. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

The fees she mentions are extensive.

# STEM-EX, LLC

## FEES FOR SERVICES SCHEDULE

### FETAL CADAVEROUS PROCUREMENT

### SERVICE FEE

2nd trimester D & E (13 - 24 weeks) .....	PER SPECIMEN	\$180
1st trimester aspiration (5 - 12 weeks) .....	PER SPECIMEN	\$390
Complete POC .....	PER SPECIMEN	\$890

### BLOOD SAMPLE PROCUREMENT

Maternal Peripheral .....	PER SPECIMEN	\$185
Adult Peripheral .....	PER SPECIMEN	\$185
Full Term Umbilical Cord .....	PER SPECIMEN	\$445

### SPECIAL PROCESSING/PRESERVATION

Tissue "cleaning" .....	PER SPECIMEN	\$45
Special requests .....	PER SPECIMEN	\$45
Snap freezing (LN2) .....	PER SPECIMEN	\$40
Passive freezing (Dry ice) .....	PER SHIPMENT	\$80

Dyer also explains how StemExpress determines gestation for purposes of selling baby parts at a defined age:

Hi Nada,

Attached is the Fetal Foot Chart we use to determine size. I know there are a few charts out there, some are slightly different. This is the one we use to determine gestation, as well as the ultrasound report. I am so happy you were able to use the tissue and I hope the samples you were able to attach are successful. If we are able to get another specimen for you this coming week would you like to receive it? I did find a local distributor that can make 4% paraformaldehyde, so if you let me know if you would prefer your samples sent in that media I will have them make us up some.

Thanks,

Cate Dyer

But the University of Connecticut maintains Dr. Zecevic's research is important. The [story reports](#) that Lauren Woods, a spokesperson for University of Connecticut Health, said:

For more than two decades, Neuroscientist Dr. Nada Zecevic has studied the development of the human central nervous system—including the brain. At times for her NIH-sponsored research work, she has purchased and repurposed in limited quantities tissue samples of aborted fetuses to conduct her advanced research gaining critically needed insights about how the human brain first develops, its cellular inner-workings, and the foundation of human brain function. Given the complexity of the human brain, there is no animal tissue that could serve as a research tissue substitute. Her unique research work and findings are advancing the field of neuroscience and contributing to the development of preventive and future therapies for debilitating human neurological and psychological brain disorders, such as mental disabilities, multiple sclerosis, and schizophrenia.

The NIH [adds](#) that human fetal tissue has also been vital in saving lives—since many vaccines have been developed with aborted babies too.

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In other words, the end justifies the means. The argument that we need dead baby parts to maybe find cures for other diseases brings about serious ethical dilemmas: Whose life is most valuable? Who gets to die so another can live?

The [story notes](#) that “Projects involving human fetal tissue totaled \$76 million last year.”

As more information is revealed from behind the scenes of the fetal parts industry, it's apparent that ethical lines are blurred beyond recognition. Federal money, money the American people pay taxes to contribute to, gets spent on the brains of babies killed, sometimes past viability, but a few people justify it as necessary research and some sort of reproductive right and many turn a blind eye.

The fetal parts industry gets richer if babies die.

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