

Two Letters from our CEO, Jay Kamath, and Jeanne Moy as JP2MRI Goes Forward

My Dear Friends:

After having the privilege of serving as the CEO of John Paul II Medical Research Institute for the past twelve years, the time has unfortunately come for me to step down and pursue another opportunity. During my tenure, JP2MRI has transformed itself from a largely unknown pro-life based medical research organization to one that receives the loyal support of donors from every state in America and a number of countries globally who believe in JP2MRI's ethical research mission. Over the last decade, the Institute has worked tirelessly to advocate for and advance stem cell research using adult stem cells and induced pluripotent stem cells as a better and more ethical alternative to embryonic stem cells. Our efforts have significantly reduced the prevalence of embryonic stem cell use in biomedical research. Moreover, thanks to your support, JP2MRI has made meaningful progress in our core research areas of neurodegenerative diseases, rare diseases, cancer and chronic diseases that may benefit from stem cell therapy. One of our biggest research accomplishments to date has been the creation of an "immortalized stem cell line" for which we have filed a patent application and which could significantly aid in serving as a diagnostic tool for a variety of medical conditions that currently have limited or no treatment options. Since the establishment of JP2MRI in 2006 by its founder, Dr. Alan Moy, the Institute has often worked in collaboration with Dr. Moy's for-profit stem cell research company Cellular Engineering Technologies (CET). This collaboration has largely been necessary as a result of our modest operating budget to conduct wholly independent research. Unfortunately, with Dr. Moy's passing in April 2024, CET has come under the leadership of a new CEO and had to redefine its research priorities and goals to become more profitable and continue advancing ethical medical research. This realignment has also had an impact on JP2MRI's mission and activities moving forward as will be further explained below. Rest assured, all of the relevant research progress and findings made by the Institute over the past eighteen years will not be going to waste and come to an end. Instead, much of that progress and know how will be transferred over to CET to continue developing and advancing ethical treatments under the guidance of JP2MRI. It is my hope that as JP2MRI continues to grow as an organization and expand on its financial operations that we may someday once again be able to independently conduct research to assist CET and other like-minded pro-life research organizations develop new and better treatments and cures. Until then, JP2MRI will transition its activities as directed by our Board of Directors and explained below by Dr. Moy's wife, Jeanne Moy, who has been involved with JP2MRI since its inception. Jeanne has agreed to help lead the Institute's transition upon my departure. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of you who have believed in JP2MRI and supported us through the years and many of whom I have personally gotten to know in varying capacities through our conversations and email exchanges. It has been a pleasure working with all of you towards a larger and more meaningful goal, one that Dr. Moy always advocated for and whose legacy we will not give up on, to effectuate change in the paradigm of how biomedical and biotechnology research is conducted to make it more morally and ethically sound. I am confident that JP2MRI will continue to be a leader when it comes to promoting ethical research and will continue to grow in the years to come. Likewise, I am confident that you, our loyal donors, will continue to support our efforts to ensure that Dr. Moy's legacy lives on. Thank you very much and God Bless.

Warm regards,

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Jay M. Kamath

Dear supporters of the John Paul II Medical Research Institute,

I would like to thank each of you for your support of the Institute and its goals. Dr. Moy loved research and was deeply saddened that this field had become tainted with the use ofunethically derived cells. He wanted to create a research institute free from this taint and so established the John Paul II Medical Research Institute. He worked tirelessly toward this goal.

However, Dr. Moy worked as scientific director of the Institute with little to no pay, giving his time freely because of the cause. With Dr. Moy's death, the Institute does not have the funds to replace Dr. Moy and finance the research at the Institute. Therefore we are making some changes in order to continue to support the mission of the Institute in promoting ethical research. We hope to do this in two ways.

First, we are working to set up a grant program by which we can assist other researchers also working towards the goal of curing diseases but without the use of unethically derived cells or materials. We will create an application form and work to establish experts in various fields to help us determine which applications have the best merit.

Secondly, we are working to set up a grant program to assist medical clinics working directly with mothers and children to promote the dignity of human life. This might take the form in assisting a medical clinic with an ultrasound machine or funds for medication to reverse the abortion pill. My husband loved research, but a big part of his life was also direct patient care. He continued to treat patients both in Iowa City and in outreach to underserved areas till his illness prevented him from doing so. Therefore, since patient care was also important to Dr. Moy, we feel it should be part of the John Paul II Medical Research Institute.

We thank Jay Kamath for his past years as serving as director. He has decided to step down with the changes occurring at the Institute. The board is presently working with people in the local pro-life community to bring in a new director and assisting staff. We hope to have these positions filled soon. Please check our website in the coming months for updates.

If you are a researcher or work with a pro-life medical clinic and need assistance, we shall have the applications up in a few months. Please check the website in the new year.

If you are a researcher or physician who can assist in research grant review, please contact the institute at: info@jp2mri.org

It is possible that in time the Institute may be able to take up research again. Dr. Moy set up long range goals that have the Moy family support but the fruition of these plans is many years out and dependent on possibilities outside our control. We hope that this reworking of the Institute will helps us meet our mission without actually doing the hands on research.

Again, I thank you all for your support and ask you to continue to support us as we make these changes.

Blessings,

Jeanne Moy

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