

ACSH in the Media: NBC, Fox News, and More!

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Credit: NBC Philadelphia [1]

The Holiday Season is in full-swing, and we here at the American Council on Science and Health continue our fight on behalf of good science! Here's where we appeared in recent days:

1) Dr. Jamie Wells appeared [2] on NBC's local Philadelphia affiliate TV station to talk about myths surrounding organ donation [3]. (She was joined by London Hibbs, Miss America's Outstanding Teen for 2019.) Their message was an important one: Teens should sign up to become organ donors when they get their driver's licenses. Sure, it's not pleasant to think about death when you're celebrating a rite of passage, but the truth is, we have a serious organ shortage problem in this country. If everyone volunteered to be an organ donor, much of the problem would be resolved.

2) Dr. Josh Bloom co-authored an opinion piece [4] for Fox News about the incredibly difficult topic of assisted suicide for patients with Alzheimer's disease. (His co-author was Dr. Henry Miller.) Physician-assisted suicide is a controversial and emotional topic, which is complicated by conditions such as dementia. If assisted suicide is going to be legal, then requirements such as the "six-month rule" (i.e., a terminal patient only has six months left to live) and sound mental capacity must be re-evaluated. Drs. Bloom and Miller do an excellent job handling this delicate subject.

3) Dr. Alex Berezow continued his twice weekly radio segment, "Real Science with Dr. B," on a Seattle area radio show hosted by Kirby Wilbur. Topics on Tuesday, November 27th ([segment](#) [5] begins at 19:01) included lead in alternative medicine products, anti-vaxxers in Europe, and the *Journal of Controversial Ideas*; topics on Thursday, November 29th ([segment](#) [6] begins at 18:58) included dog intelligence, genetically edited babies, and the prevalence of junk science in the media.

4) LiveScience [cited](#) [7] Dr. Josh Bloom's article on methamphetamines. If you want to know why Sudafed is kept behind the pharmacist's counter, Dr. Bloom [explains](#) [8]. Hint: It's what *Breaking Bad* was all about.

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[2] https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/health/Miss-America_s-Outstanding-Teen_s-Platform-Encourages-the-Youth-to-Donate-Organs_Philadelphia-501019061.html

[3] <https://www.acsh.org/news/2018/11/21/debunking-myths-about-organ-donation-13616>

[4] <https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/assisted-suicide-for-alzheimers-patients-raises-incredibly-difficult-issues>

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