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Whose Life Is Worthless ——The Ethic and Legal Issues of Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis

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Abstract

Doctors applied the technology of preimplantation genetic diagnosis to help a woman have a health baby in England. In June 2006, National Taiwan University Hospital also announced it had developed such technology, which can produce health babies for parents. The special diseases such as Osteogenesis Imperfect, Thalassaemia—the genetic defects can be found before birth. There is no relative principle or guideline in our country. Because the health creatures have competitiveness, the said technology brings parents hope. However, is there any danger of such technology? Who has the right to decide which embryo is worthless? What kind of standard should it be followed? Is there any boundary in laws? What are the regulations in other countries? The questions above-mentioned are the points of the research.

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