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General Comment

Embryology very clearly shows that human individuality cannot begin prior to gastrulation, as before this time, twinning can occur, interspecies and otherwise non-viable zygotes continue to develop and only one parent's genetic material is controlling development. The religious exemption is not based in science, therefore, and should not be controlling. Indeed, any provider who is unaware of the scientific realities which preclude calling a zygote an individual life should not be practicing in this area.

While it is wise to respect religious views where there is doubt, this should not be the case where there is no valid scientific objection.