



Difficult Conception: The Confusing Story of Breast Cancer Risk and Induced Abortion Dr. David Wyndham Murray Director of Research, Statistical Assessment Service (STATS)

Recent media accounts and science journals alike have done more than one about-face -- from "no risk" to "a definite health threat" to "finally-settled". How is the public to assess these conflicting reports? Why has this question of such personal and public importance proven so challenging? The answer may lie at the intersection of science, statistics, and politics.

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Saturday, February 15, 1997, 2:00pm -- 3:30pm
Bethesda Library,
7400 Arlington Road,
Bethesda, Maryland

Everyone Welcome -- Members and Non-members No admission charge

Call the NCAS Skeptic Line at 301-587-3827 for further info.

NCAS Movie Night

Once again, on Friday, February 21 at 8 p. m. Chip and Grace Denman invite NCAS members and their guests to join them for movies that skeptics can laugh at. They will supply the popcorn and sodas; bring anything else you would like to share. *Space is limited*, so be sure to call the NCAS line by Wednesday, February 19 to reserve a spot and to obtain directions.

NCAS Elections

It is again that time of year when NCAS needs to start considering a new Board of Directors. Elections are held in April and the new Board of 16 (8 elected each year for a 2 year term) takes over in June. Want to help set direction for NCAS next year? If interested send a short biography by *March 1, 1997* to NCAS, 8006 Valley Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or send email to ncas@ncas.org.

Space

Space --- no not the kind that Captain Kirk wanders around in fighting Klingons, Romulans and assorted other alien life forms, but the kind needed for NCAS meetings ... NCAS has been using Montgomery County Library facilities for the past few years. However, occasionally we have a speaker who attracts a large audience. The library meeting rooms hold about 100. If anyone has access to a room that can hold 200 to 300 people and is free or of nominal cost, please let the NCAS Board know. Call us or send email. The room should be within walking distance of a Metro station.