

Is it riskier to give children experimental treatments, or not to?

In Colorado, a scientist places a needle in a developing embryo. He removes the cells and melts them to isolate pure DNA. Then he experiments on that DNA. This is the earliest research we can perform on a human. They select a child free of the perils of breast cancer and then implant that child into her mother. After the medical meddling, she becomes pregnant.

A thousand miles away, in rural Mississippi, an HIV positive mother gives birth. Desperate, her doctors do something they don't usually do: they give the baby an aggressive mix of drugs.

Both of these children, born from adversity, represent a revolution in science.

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