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Although research has focused on women’s serious health problems, such as ovarian cancer, heart disease and the recently demonstrated genetic relationship to breast cancer in women of Central and Eastern European Jewish background, increased attention and funding are needed. Moreover, the inclusion of women as well as men in statistical and other studies of therapies is essential.

Resolution
The Women of Reform Judaism calls on its affiliates to:

1) Encourage the study of alternative medicine in medical schools and research facilities and its practice in hospitals and by physicians, when applicable, as adjuncts to conventional therapies.
2) Support continuing fetal tissue research and its use in life saving and life-enhancing procedures with regulations that prohibit the sale or purchase of fetal tissue and with procedural guidelines to effectively separate the scientific usage and the means by which fetal tissue is obtained.
3) Continue and advance further research for noninvasive procedures and for improved technologies to overcome various diseases or the malfunction of organs, and secure financial aid, if necessary, through government grants as well as private and corporate support.
4) Support research on and development and use of non-invasive procedures to terminate pregnancy.
5) Urge continued intense study and research on issues of women's health, including expedited research and clinical studies, with all necessary funding, into the implications of a genetic link between Jewish women of Central and Eastern European descent and increased vulnerability to breast cancer.
6) Strongly seek adjustments in insurance not only to cover advances on the frontiers of medicine but also to allow longer hospitalization for newborns and their mothers, including similar coverage in birth centers or in home deliveries.
7) Call for legislative protection against genetic and gender discrimination by life and health insurance companies.
8) Participate in bone-marrow testing campaigns and blood drives, and request every Sisterhood member to carry an organ donor card and to inform her family and others of her desire.
9) Congratulate the National Institutes of Health of the United States on having established a Committee on Alternative Medicine, urge the United States government to adequately finance it, and urge the National Institutes of Health to encourage similar local research committees where none exists.
10) Suggest that non-U.S. affiliates review this resolution to take any actions that may seem necessary and appropriate in their countries.

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