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### Implications Caused by Assisted Reproduction Technology (ART)

Children gotten through Assisted Reproduction Technology have been subjected to insults at school and home. Many people do not understand the concept of AST and its development. They think that AST is something necessary for a lesbian woman and only available to the elite few. Ignorance of the purpose of AST in people is what has made insult the products of this technology. These children are labeled ‘Test Tube Babies’, a rude and embarrassing term.

Most ART methods include hormonal stimulation of the reproductive system. The use of these hormones, especially ovarian hormones, has been thought to cause the development of malignant cancers. A number of people who sought ART have developed reproductive system cancer such as cervical and ovarian cancer in the later stages of their lives.

ART methods can make a person who is already death to have a baby because it involves the transfer of eggs from the dead person to another one. This has raised ethical dilemmas because it is like providing something to someone who has already being denied by God. If the child grows up, how will he or she relate the date his or her birth with that of parents’ death?

It has also been proved that AST can cause ectopic pregnancy which is fatal if not detected early and corrected. Ectopic pregnancy is a complication where the embryo is implanted on the

fallopian tubes and development takes place on the same part. This scenario can happen if the ART medical experts are careless when implanting the embryo.

Though ART has a number of negative implications, it is not devoid of benefit. It has made what was impossible to be possible. People who have been affected by reproductive disorders such as amenorrhea, endometriosis, blocked fallopian tubes, and sperm complications have been able to have children. A remarkable achievement of ART is giving HIV positive couples an HIV negative baby.