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Several years ago I attended a conference at which the highly respected scientist, Dr. Susan Love, presented on breast cancer research. She is well known for her work in this area. As a medical professional she emphasized that experimenting on animals does not yield good scientific information about humans - because we are not the same species. In fact, what really hit me, was her telling us how, because humans are the only animals (females) whose breasts are always externalized, breasts must be artificially grown on to the bodies of mice. Does testing on them tell us about us? Not at all, it only causes suffering to millions of animals. In addition, once something is "discovered" in this research, has been replicated, there's nothing to be gained by continuing to confine, torture, hurt and harm other species. In fact, with all the incredible computer modeling it is no longer necessary to test on animals. They have no say in what happens to them, they can't give or withhold their consent to these procedures, and besides the humanitarian issues, these experiments do not yield useful medical knowledge. Please contribute to ending these deplorable practices that often occur without transparency or oversight. Debra Merskin, PhD