



## Christian Voices for Life

### Weekly Pro-Life

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### This week's Topic: The Temptation: Doctor's Advice

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#### ***Education:***

While the percentage of abortions due to a threat to the physical health of the mother is low, it should be noted that obstetricians pay high rates of malpractice insurance. There is a reluctance to risk exposure to anything going wrong, and hence a temptation to advise the mother to abort in order to avoid the risk of a malpractice suit. The advice of the doctor is an especially powerful influence on women with little education and great respect for following the advice of the doctor. A case is known where a woman with back problems was advised to abort by her doctor, in order to avoid injury to her back.



***Prayer:*** Dear Father God, please have mercy on doctors and women who are faced with potential physical problems for the mother because of a pregnancy. Help doctors to be more interested in doing the best they can to serve both mother and child than in reducing their risk of a malpractice suit. Help all involved to trust in Your providence for the outcome that is the best possible for the spiritual wellbeing of the family. Have mercy on women who have physical difficulties because of pregnancy; give them consolation and relieve their pain and discomfort. We ask your special blessing on women who choose to delay chemotherapy for cancer in order to give their baby a good start in life.



***Action:*** If someone you know is advised to abort by their physician, encourage them to seek a second opinion. Warn them that the doctor may be more concerned with the risk of malpractice than with her welfare. Help them to find a doctor who is more willing to take high risk patients, and who is willing to do the best he can for both mother and baby.