



## Christian Voices for Life

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### Why Abortion is NEVER Medically Necessary

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**Education:** Dr. Anthony Levatino worked for nine years in a medical center where extreme pregnancy complications would be referred. It was NEVER necessary for him to abort a baby in order to save a mother. These extreme complications did not arise until 24 weeks or more of pregnancy, so he would sometimes deliver babies by C-section in order to end the pregnancy and save the mother. Not all the babies survived, but they were cared for and given a chance. Dr. Levatino explained that to do a late term abortion, it is necessary to prepare the cervix by dilating with laminaria over 24 to 72 hours. The bigger the baby, the more time is needed to dilate sufficiently for the baby to come out. If someone has out of control toxemia or extremely high blood pressure, the C-section delivery can happen in minutes, and it would certainly not be appropriate to wait days to prepare the cervix for an abortion. (1)

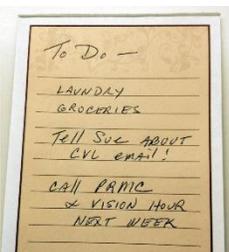
In fact, late term abortions used to be done by hysterotomy, which is basically a C-section removal of the child. The difference was that in the abortion clinic the child is not cared for, but left to die, or even actively killed. Some states now have laws that state that if a child is born alive after an abortion attempt, they must be cared for. “Hysterotomy/hysterectomy” is, however, still listed as an abortion procedure in Texas vital statistics.(2)

Dr. Levatino also has a law degree, and explains in the video how a law that contains an exception for the “health of the mother” is meaningless because “health” has been defined to include not only physical health, but mental, social and even economic “health”. (1)

1. “A Conversation with a Former Abortionist: Is Abortion Ever Medically Necessary?”  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5l1tRnk-ig>
2. <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/chs/vstat/vs14/t36.aspx>



**Prayer:** Dear Father God, please help all citizens to understand that abortion is NOT “health care”. Open eyes and hearts to understand that abortion is only about killing, not healing. Help women with problems related to their pregnancy find real solutions to the problems, not just people wanting to sell them an abortion. Help those with medical problems or a diagnosis of a problem with the child to find doctors willing to work for the health of both mother and baby, rather than recommending abortion as a “solution” to the problem.



**Action:** Watch [Dr. Levatino's video](#), in which he explains why abortion is never needed to save a mother, and tell your friends about it, share it on Facebook. Explain how you now understand that abortion is NEVER health care – it is a medical procedure used for social purposes – to kill an unwanted child. Support laws that protect children born alive after abortion, and use your vote to elect politicians who will work to protect children within the womb as well as after birth.