



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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Abortions without Doctors



Education: Many Ob-gyns only want to help babies to develop normally and be born healthy, and will not perform abortions. Doctors most likely to perform abortions include older doctors who remember seeing the tragic results of illegal “back-alley” abortions. But as the older doctors retire, several abortion clinics have closed because they were unable to replace a retiring doctor. In 1982, there were 2,918 abortion doctors practicing in America, but by 2011, there were only

1,720. (1)

In 2015, California passed a law allowing nurses and midwives to perform abortions. However, a study that was done in California in order to justify the change in the physician requirement, showed that newly trained nurses and midwives had double the rate of complications as compared to experienced physicians. The researchers argued that an increase in complications should be expected due to the difference in experience between the two groups of providers, and that the two groups were “clinically equivalent”. No data was given, however, to show the difference between experienced doctors and newly trained doctors.

(2) Only 42 states currently require abortions to be performed by licensed physicians. (1)

In states with large rural areas already short on doctors, women seeking abortion may need to travel significant distances to get to an abortion clinic. Planned Parenthood is now suing the state of Idaho to drop its requirement of a licensed physician on the basis that it unconstitutionally restricts access to abortion. (1)

1. <https://www.lifenews.com/2019/01/02/planned-parenthood-files-lawsuit-to-allow-non-doctors-to-kill-babies-in-abortions/>
2. <https://www.lifenews.com/2015/11/09/dangerous-new-california-law-allows-nurses-and-midwives-to-do-abortions/>



Prayer: Dear Father God, please protect women who are having abortions performed by non-physicians. Help all Americans to see that the abortion industry cares little about the safety of women. Please allow health professionals to be protected from any requirement to participate in abortion as conscience protection laws are being fought by the abortion industry. We ask that dangerous web-cam abortions, and distribution of the abortion pill through the mail also be banned in order to protect the safety of women, and the possibility of a third party giving a pill to a woman who refuses to abort.



Action: Be aware of both state and national laws in existence, and those being proposed, regarding conscience protection and the means by which abortions can be performed. Inform your representatives that you strongly support conscience protection for health professionals and the banning of unsafe methods of providing abortions.