



Christian Voices for Life

Wednesday Word

Why Abortion is NEVER Medically Necessary



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 would not generally arise until 20 weeks or so 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. A C-section delivery

can be done in minutes, while the procedure for a late term abortion calls for dilating the cervix with laminaria over 24 to 72 hours, certainly not appropriate when a mother has out of control toxemia or extremely high blood pressure. In the past, late term abortions were done by hysterotomy, which is basically a C-section removal of the child. But when the purpose was to abort, the child was left to die, or even actively killed. But of course, once the child is removed, it can and should be cared for.

A law that contains an exception for the “health of the mother” was meaningless under Roe v. Wade because “health” had been defined to include not only physical health, but mental, social and even economic “health”. (1) Now some states do allow abortion if the pregnancy presents a serious risk of significant physical health problems, but the fact remains that he or she could still be removed from the womb without directly killing the child.

In the case of a tubal pregnancy, it is necessary to remove the fallopian tube containing the child, in order to avoid having the tube burst, which could be life-threatening to the mother. **The removal of the tube, however, is NOT an abortion.** The intent of an abortion is to kill the child. A child implanted in the tube cannot survive whether remaining in place or not. The intent of the removal of a tubal pregnancy is to save the mother. The child is not directly killed, but we simply don’t have the technology at present to help the child survive.

1. “A Conversation with a Former Abortifacient: Is Abortion Ever Medically Necessary?”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5l1tRnk-ig>



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.