

Member Organizations In The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine, The Group Trying To Ban The Abortion Pill Mifepristone, Are Discredited By The Medical Community And Have A History Of Spreading Misinformation And Hate

Summary: The Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine is a group comprised of a number of right-wing, pseudo-medical organizations, including The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG), the Catholic Medical Association (CMA), The American College of Pediatricians (ACPeds), and the Christian Medical and Dental Associations (CMDA). These groups have vehemently opposed abortion and promoted unfounded scientific claims, and at least one member organization has been designated as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

The Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine is [responsible for](#) the lawsuit against the FDA that could lead to a court-ordered reversal of approval for mifepristone, a drug widely used to perform medication abortions, despite the fact that its member organizations promote questionable science and false claims. Some member organizations also have a history of spewing hateful rhetoric targeting the LGBTQ community, and they are largely discredited by the broader medical community.

The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) is an association of anti-choice physicians with a history of promoting junk science.

- AAPLOG supports legislation that would force abortion providers to tell patients about an “abortion reversal” [option– a claim that is “not based on science and do not meet clinical standards.”](#)
- AAPLOG promotes false claims about pregnancy, hormonal birth control, the necessity of an ultrasound prior to an abortion, and whether emergency birth control results in embryo death.
- In 2021, AAPLOG’s then-President Donna Harrison [called for](#) a mandatory pregnancy registry to deter people from getting abortions.
- In A 2022 case addressing Florida’s 15-week abortion ban, a judge [rejected](#) the testimony of AAPLOG OB/GYN Ingrid Skop, claiming that she “provided no credible scientific basis for her disagreement with recognized high-level medical organizations in the United States”

The American College of Pediatricians (ACPeds) was [established in 2002 by approximately 60 conservative doctors](#) who broke away from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) [over disagreements about same-sex adoption](#).

- ACPeds has been [designated a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center \(SPLC\)](#), a classification it received due to its promotion of conversion therapy and other anti-LGBTQ stances and dissemination of discredited information.
- Former leaders, including [Dr. Michelle Cretella](#) and [Dr. Quentin Van Meter](#), have been notable for their transphobic and homophobic beliefs. **ACPeds has been involved in a number of legal cases, collaborating with right-wing groups like the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) to advocate against LGBTQ rights.**
- The organization once compared its public perception to that of the [Ku Klux Klan](#).

Christian Medical and Dental Associations (CMDA) has a history of engaging in extreme, hateful, and scientifically misleading political activism.

- **CMDA has spread medical misinformation** by opposing vaccine mandates and recommending medically unproven “abortion reversals.” They have also promoted the misleading “fetal cell line” vaccine development narrative about COVID-19 vaccines, arguing that vaccine development involved the use of fetal tissue from abortions.
- **CMDA uses hateful, extreme, and misleading rhetoric** when discussing LGBTQ people and issues, including claims that gay marriage and gay adoption pose a threat to society, and that transgender individuals are “sexually broken.”

The [Catholic Medical Association \(CMA\)](#) is an organization that actively opposes abortion rights and LGBTQ equality.

- **CMA, as part of the Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine, falsely alleged the FDA wrongly approved the abortion drug mifepristone**, despite definitive evidence of mifepristone's [low safety risks](#).

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Our Partnering Organizations



[Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine, accessed [9/29/23](#)]

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August 2022: The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine Was Incorporated In Texas.

ALLIANCE FOR HIPPOCRATIC MEDICINE	
Texas Taxpayer Number	32085759861
Mailing Address	2604 HIGHWAY 421 BRISTOL, TN 37620-9486
Right to Transact Business in Texas	ACTIVE
State of Formation	TX
Effective SOS Registration Date	08/05/2022
Texas SOS File Number	0804675645
Registered Agent Name	LEAH DAVIS
Registered Office Street Address	500 S. TAYLOR, SUITE 900 AMARILLO, TX 79101

[Texas Office of the Comptroller, as of [2/23/23](#)]

February 2023: The Internal Revenue Service Granted The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine 501(c)(3) Status.

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

[Internal Revenue Service, accessed [9/29/23](#)]

Shortly After It Incorporated, The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine Became The Lead Plaintiff In A Federal Court Case Challenging The FDA's Approval Of The Abortion Pill Mifepristone

November 2022: The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine (AHM) Was The Lead Plaintiff In A Lawsuit Against The Food And Drug Administration Filed In Federal District Court.

ALLIANCE FOR HIPPOCRATIC MEDICINE, on behalf of itself, its member organizations, their members, and these members' patients; **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PRO-LIFE OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS**, on behalf of itself, its members, and their patients; **AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PEDIATRICIANS**, on behalf of itself, its members, and their patients; **CHRISTIAN MEDICAL & DENTAL ASSOCIATIONS**, on behalf of itself, its members, and their patients; **SHAUN JESTER, D.O.**, on behalf of himself and his patients; **REGINA FROST-CLARK, M.D.**, on behalf of herself and her patients; **TYLER JOHNSON, D.O.**, on behalf of himself and his patients; and **GEORGE DELGADO, M.D.**, on behalf of himself and his patients,
Plaintiffs,

[Complaint, Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine et al. v. U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Case 2:22-cv-00223-Z, [11/18/22](#)]

- **The Lawsuit Challenged The Food And Drug Administration's Approval Of The Widely Used Abortion Pill Mifepristone, Which The Agency Approved For Use In 2000.** "Medication abortion is the most commonly used method of abortion in the United States, accounting for more than half of all abortions. Mifepristone is part of a two-drug regimen for medication abortion and was first approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2000... This lawsuit—filed by anti-abortion advocates against the FDA and the U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) in November 2022—challenges the FDA's initial approval of mifepristone as well as its more recent actions to increase access to the drug. If the lawsuit succeeds, access to the most common medication abortion regimen used in the U.S. would end across the country—even in those states where abortion rights are protected." [Center for Reproductive Rights, accessed [10/2/23](#)]

In December 2023, The Supreme Court Announced That It Would Hear The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine's Legal Challenge Against The FDA's Approval Of Mifepristone

December 13, 2023: The Supreme Court Granted Certiorari In The Cases *FDA, Et Al. V. Alliance Hippocratic Medicine, Et Al.* And *Danco Laboratories, L.L.C. V. Alliance Hippocratic Medicine, Et Al.*

(ORDER LIST: 601 U.S.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

CERTIORARI GRANTED

22-982 THORNELL, DIR., AZ DOC V. JONES, DANNY L.

The motion of respondent for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* is granted. The petition for a writ of certiorari is granted.

23-50 CHIAVERINI, JASCHA, ET AL. V. NAPOLEON, OH, ET AL.

23-108 SNYDER, JAMES V. UNITED STATES

23-146 CONNELLY, THOMAS A. V. UNITED STATES

The petitions for writs of certiorari are granted.

23-235) FDA, ET AL. V. ALLIANCE HIPPOCRATIC MEDICINE, ET AL.

23-236) DANCO LABORATORIES, L.L.C. V. ALLIANCE HIPPOCRATIC MEDICINE, ET AL.

The petitions for writs of certiorari are granted. The cases are consolidated, and a total of one hour is allotted for oral argument.

[Supreme Court of the United States of America, Orders of The Court, filed [12/13/23](#)]

Mifepristone, A Drug Used To Perform Most Medication Abortions, Was Approved By The FDA In 2000 And Has Been Safely Used To Perform More Than Five Million Abortions In The U.S.

The U.S. Food And Drug Administration Approved Mefipristone In 2000. “Since mifepristone was first approved by the FDA in 2000, the drug has been used for abortions by more than 5 million women in the U.S.” [NPR, [4/21/23](#)]

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The Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) Is An Independent, Nonpartisan Nonprofit Organization That Runs Analysis, Journalism, And Communications Programs Focusing On Health Issues. “The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation is a non-profit organization focusing on national health issues, as well as the U.S. role in global health policy. Kaiser develops and

runs its own policy analysis, journalism and communications programs. They are a nonpartisan source of facts, analysis and journalism for policymakers, the media, the health policy community and the public.” [Harvard.edu, accessed [12/14/23](#)]

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Texas Taxpayer Number	32085759861
Mailing Address	2604 HIGHWAY 421 BRISTOL, TN 37620-9486
Right to Transact Business in Texas	ACTIVE
State of Formation	TX
Effective SOS Registration Date	08/05/2022
Texas SOS File Number	0804675645
Registered Agent Name	LEAH DAVIS
Registered Office Street Address	500 S. TAYLOR, SUITE 900 AMARILLO, TX 79101

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[Internal Revenue Service, accessed [9/29/23](#)]

- **Donna Harrison Of The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Is Identified As The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine’s “Board Chair” On Their Form 1023 Requesting Nonprofit Status.**

Street Address:	City:	State: TN	Zip code + 4:
First Name: DONNA	Last Name: HARRISON	Title: BOARD CHAIR	
Street Address:	City:	State:	Zip code + 4:

[Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine, [Form 1023-EZ](#), 1/24/23]

- **Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine Provided A Phone Number With A Washington D.C. Area Code On Their Form 1023.**

2 Employer Identification Number 92-1316926	3 Month Tax Year Ends (MM) 12	4 Person to Contact if More Information is Needed DONNA HARRISON
5 Contact Telephone Number 202-450-0411	6 Fax Number (optional)	7 User Fee Submitted \$275.00
8 List the names, titles, and mailing addresses of your officers, directors, and/or trustees. (If you have more than five, see instructions.)		

[Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine, [Form 1023-EZ](#), 1/24/23]

- **The Phone Number Is Associated With Donna Harrison And The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists.** “For further comment please contact our Executive Director, Donna Harrison, M.D., by email at donna@aaplog.org or by phone at (202) 450-0411.” [American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, accessed [9/29/23](#)]

Donna Harrison Also Signed The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine’s Application For 501(c)(3) Status.

Part VI Signature

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and that I have examined this application, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

DONNA HARRISON
(Type name of signer)

BOARD CHAIR
(Type title or authority of signer)

01/24/2023
(Date)

Form 1023-EZ (Rev. 4-2021)

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The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Is A Group Of Physicians That Opposes Abortion. “Our purpose is to reaffirm the unique value and dignity of individual human life in all stages of growth and development from fertilization onward...Be assured that there are many in this specialty who hold our view of the intrinsic value of all human life. We view the physician’s role as a caregiver, responsible, as far as possible, for the well-being of both the mother and her unborn child.” [The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, accessed [9/29/23](#)]

Donna Harrison Became The Chief Executive Officer Of The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists In March 2013.

Experience

 **Executive Director**
AAPLOG-American Association of ProLife Obstetricians and Gynecologists
Mar 2013 - Present · 10 yrs 7 mos
Eau Claire, Michigan

[LinkedIn, accessed [9/29/23](#)]

- **Donna Harrison Is No Longer The Chief Executive Officer Of The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists.** “It is with humility and excitement that I assume the leadership of AAPLOG from Dr. Donna Harrison, an amazing mentor, friend and hero.” [American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, accessed [10/6/23](#)]

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Has Made Claims About Emergency Contraceptives, Like Plan B And Ella, That Are Debunked By The Best Available Evidence. “The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) says that Plan B can lead to ‘embryo death’ by preventing implantation and that ‘IUDs work by either killing the embryo or by preventing the embryo from implanting.’...Many of these groups also assert—contrary to the best available evidence—that the emergency contraceptive ella has a postimplantation effect. For instance, AUL claims that ‘ella can kill an embryo even after implantation has occurred,’ a position that is echoed by USCCB and AAPLOG, among others.” [Guttmacher Institute, [12/9/14](#)]

The Leadership Of The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Encouraged Anti-Abortion Activists To Share “Scientifically Suspect” Anti-Abortion Research. “Public records shared with Mother Jones by the pro-choice watchdog group Equity Forward reveal frequent emails and phone calls between Foley and the head of AAPLOG, Donna Harrison. Harrison has written to Foley to share scientifically suspect anti-abortion research, as well as her concerns that health clinics might be able to get around the new Title X rule by dispensing medication abortion to be taken at home rather than on site. ‘The hair splitting becomes important in defending the Title X regs,’ Harrison wrote Foley in April 2019; in response, Foley reassured Harrison that both medical and surgical abortion would be barred. In another conversation from August 2018, Foley asked Harrison to recommend AAPLOG experts on fertility awareness-based pregnancy prevention—the widely debunked ‘rhythm method,’ for example.” [Mother Jones, [6/4/20](#)]

AAPLOG Pushes False Claims About Fetal Pain

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Falsely Claims That Fetuses Can Feel Pain As Early As Seven Weeks. “Fetal pain perception begins with the presence of cutaneous sensory receptors (nociceptors), which begin to develop in the peri-oral area at 7 weeks, spread to the palms and soles by 11 weeks, to trunk and proximal limbs by 15 weeks, and are present throughout the fetus’ entire body by 20 weeks. 4 As these sensory neurons develop, the unborn child begins to react to touch.” [AAPLOG.org, [2/13/19](#)]

- **According To The Journal Of American Medical Association, Fetal Pain Is Limited And Unlikely Before The Third Trimester.** “Evidence regarding the capacity for fetal pain is limited but indicates that fetal perception of pain is unlikely before the third trimester. Little or no evidence addresses the effectiveness of direct fetal anesthetic or analgesic techniques.” [JAMA Network, [8/24/05](#)]

AAPLOG Considers Birth Control An “Abortifacient”-- An Anti-Abortion Term For A So-Called Abortion-Causing Medication

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists' Former Executive Director Donna Harrison Co-Authored A Paper That Claimed Hormonal Birth Control Causes Abortion. “Researchers Donna Harrison, Cara Buskmiller, and Monique Chireau published ‘Systematic Review of Ovarian Activity and Potential for Embryo Formation and Loss during the Use of Hormonal Contraception’ in the January 2019 Linacre Quarterly, a peer-reviewed publication of the Catholic Medical Association. Having examined scientific papers dating back to 1990 that studied the use of hormonal contraception, they found evidence that high levels of estrogen and progesterin hormones, which circulate when ovaries produce ova, are accompanied by the conception of embryonic babies who die.” [LifeSite News, [3/29/19](#)]

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Equates Emergency Contraceptives And IUDs With Abortion. “The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) says that Plan B can lead to ‘embryo death’ by preventing implantation and that “IUDs work by either killing the embryo or by preventing the embryo from implanting.” [Guttmacher Policy Review, [12/09/14](#)]

AAPLOG Supports Laws That Require Mandatory Ultrasounds On The Grounds That They Are Medically Necessary For Abortion, Contradictory To The Views Of Major Medical Groups

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Supports Laws That Require Mandatory Ultrasounds Before Abortions On The Grounds That It Is Medically Necessary. “Therefore, the acceptable standard of care would be to obtain a sonogram evaluation of the pregnancy before performing a significant medical or surgical procedure on a pregnant woman. 1. American College of Radiology (ACR) practice guideline for the performance of obstetrical ultrasound. In: ACR practice guidelines and technical standards.” [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, accessed [12/14/23](#)]

The American College Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists Claims That Ultrasound Requirements Are Among “Harmful Restrictions” That “Create Barriers To Abortion Access And Interfere With The Patient-Clinician Relationship And The Practice Of Medicine.” “The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) recommends the following to ensure the availability of safe, legal, and accessible abortion services free from harmful restrictions: ...ACOG calls for the cease and repeal of legislation that creates barriers to abortion access and interferes with the patient–clinician relationship and the practice of medicine, including, for example: ...ultrasound requirements.” [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

- **The American College Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists Describes Itself As “The Premier Professional Membership Organization Of Obstetrician-Gynecologists” In The United States.** “Founded in 1951, ACOG is the premier professional membership organization for obstetrician–gynecologists.” [ACOG.org, accessed [12/19/23](#)]
- **Guttmacher Institute: “Since Routine Ultrasound Is Not Considered Medically Necessary As A Component Of First-Trimester Abortion, The Requirements Appear To Be A Veiled Attempt To Personify The Fetus And Dissuade An Individual From Obtaining An Abortion.”** “Routine Ultrasound Is Not ConSince routine ultrasound is not considered medically necessary as a component of first-trimester abortion, the requirements appear to be a veiled attempt to personify the fetus and

dissuade an individual from obtaining an abortion. Moreover, an ultrasound can add significantly to the cost of the procedure.” [Guttmacher Institute, [9/1/23](#)]

According To The National Academy Of Sciences’ Committee On Reproductive Health Services, Much Of The Published Literature On The Supposed Negative Effects Of Abortion “Fails To Meet Standards For Rigorous, Unbiased Research”

In Report Titled “The Safety And Quality Of Abortion Care In The United States,” The Committee On Reproductive Health Services Of The National Academy Of Sciences Wrote That Much Of The Published Literature On The Supposed Negative Effects Of Abortion “Fails To Meet Standards For Rigorous, Unbiased Research.” “2. What is the evidence on the physical and mental health risks of these different abortion interventions? Abortion has been investigated for its potential long-term effects on future childbearing and pregnancy outcomes, risk of breast cancer, mental health disorders, and premature death. The committee found that much of the published literature on these topics does not meet scientific standards for rigorous, unbiased research. Reliable research uses documented records of a prior abortion, analyzes comparable study and control groups, and controls for confounding variables shown to affect the outcome of interest.” [National Academy of Sciences, [3/16/23](#)]

2021: Donna Harrison, AAPLOG’s Then-President, Published An Article That Called For A Mandatory Pregnancy Registry To Deter People From Getting Abortions

2021: Donna Harrison Co-Published A Paper Titled “Deaths and Severe Adverse Events After The Use Of Mifepristone As An Abortifacient From September 2000 To February 2019.”

> [Issues Law Med.](#) 2021 Spring;36(1):3-26.

Deaths and Severe Adverse Events after the use of Mifepristone as an Abortifacient from September 2000 to February 2019

[Kathi Aultman](#)¹, [Christina A Cirucci](#), [Donna J Harrison](#)², [Benjamin D Beran](#)³, [Michael D Lockwood](#)⁴, [Sigmund Seiler](#)⁵

[Issues in Law & Medicine via the National Library of Medicine, accessed [1/9/24](#)]

- **In The Paper, The Authors Called For A Mandatory Pregnancy Registry As Part Of A National “Risk Mitigation And Evaluation Strategy” For Pregnancy Complications.** “A mandatory registry of ongoing pregnancies is essential considering the number of ongoing pregnancies especially considering the known teratogenicity of misoprostol. The decision to prevent the FDA from enforcing REMS during the COVID-19 pandemic needs to be reversed and REMS must be strengthened.” [Issues in Law & Medicine via the National Library of Medicine, accessed [1/9/24](#)]

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Clashed With Medical Certification Boards

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Clashed With The American Board Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists When The Board Threatened To Rescind The Certifications Of Practitioners Who Intentionally Spread Medically Harmful Misinformation

The American Board Of Obstetrics And Gynecology (ABOG) Is A Nonprofit Organization That Board Certifies Obstetricians And Gynecologists (OB GYNs) And Offers Continuing Certification To OB GYNs In The United States And Canada. “The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) is a non-profit organization that board certifies obstetricians and gynecologists (OB GYNs) and offers continuing certification to OB GYNs in the United States and Canada.” [American Board of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, accessed [12/14/23](#)]

July 2022: The American Board Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists Put Out A Statement Announcing That “Intentionally Providing Misinformation And Disinformation That May Harm Patients Or Public Health Does Not Meet These Agreed-Upon Standards And May Be Grounds For Adverse Action On An OB GYN’s Certification Status.” “Intentionally providing misinformation and disinformation that may harm patients or public health does not meet these agreed-upon standards and may be grounds for adverse action on an OB GYN’s certification status.” [ABOG.org, [7/7/22](#)]

- **The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Filed A Lawsuit Against The American Board Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists In Response To Their Statement** “In addition to AAPLOG’s action above, AAPS has also filed a lawsuit: Plaintiff Association of American Physicians and Surgeons Educational Foundation (‘AAPS’ or ‘AAPS Educational Foundation’) seeks declaratory and injunctive relief against Defendants American Board of Internal Medicine (‘ABIM’), American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology (‘ABOG’), American Board of Family Medicine (‘ABFM’), and Alejandro Mayorkas (‘Mayorkas’), in his official capacity as the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (‘DHS’), based on the following allegations....This action is brought by a co-sponsor of medical conferences and publisher of educational materials on the internet, Plaintiff AAPS, against Defendants concerning their unprecedented campaigns to censor speech that they falsely disparage as ‘misinformation’ or ‘disinformation’.” [AAPLOG.org, [8/5/22](#)]
- **The Lawsuit Sought Declaratory And Injunctive Relief Against The Possibility That OB GYNs Would Have Their Certifications Reviewed For Intentionally Spreading Misinformation And Disinformation That Could Harm Patients.** “It is questionable whether or not ABOG has any legal right to rescind the board certification of its membership over ideological disagreements about abortion, much less to forbid membership from discussing the research-backed effects of abortion on women. We think it is despicable that ABOG would threaten our livelihood in order to silence us from giving the evidence-based facts about what abortion does to women. We can and will do everything in our power to protect our membership.” [AAPLOG.org, [8/5/22](#)]

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Has Been Accused Of Using Medical Credentials To Add A Veneer Of Respectability To The False Claims It Promotes

2018: A Report By NARAL Noted That The Anti-Abortion Movement Has “Invested Heavily In Giving Pseudoscience And Other Intentionally Misleading Content The Veneer Of Respectability” And Cites The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists’ Role In Pushing False Medical Claims. “A 2018 report by NARAL calls out AAPLOG as part of an ‘anti-choice movement [that] has recognized that research plays a critical role in framing the national conversation about abortion and has thus invested heavily in giving pseudoscience and other intentionally misleading content the veneer of respectability.’ It specifically cites the work of AAPLOG in ‘pushing false claims that Plan B emergency contraception causes abortion (though the medical community has overwhelmingly disproven that myth).’ [Mother Jones, [6/4/20](#)]

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Runs An Elaborate Scheme To Ultimately Provide Anti-Choice Lawmakers With Witness Testimonials, Scientifically Questionable Research Publications, And Pseudo-Scientific Rhetoric To Publicly Justify Restrictions On Abortion Access

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Plays A “Unique Role” In The Anti-Abortion Movement By Providing Pseudo-Scientific Witness Testimonials, Anti-Abortion Rhetoric, And Questionably Vetted Publications Policymakers Can Cite To Justify Restricting Abortion Access

Mother Jones: “[AAPLOG Plays A] Unique Role In Anti-Abortion Advocacy, Distinct From Anti-Choice Groups Who Stake Their Opposition On Moral Grounds. This War Is Being Waged Over The Science.” “While AAPLOG’s positions have been dismissed by many in medical and scientific circles, its arguments, like those from Francis, illustrate the organization’s unique role in anti-abortion advocacy, distinct from anti-choice groups who stake their opposition on moral grounds. This war is being waged over the science.” [Mother Jones, [6/4/20](#)]

- **Mary Alice Carter Of Equity Forward: “It Does Feel Different When You Are Calling Into Question Long-Standing Understandings About How Health Care Works. [AAPLOG] Poses A Different Threat Because They Have That Medical Stamp Behind Them.”** “It does feel different when you are calling into question long-standing understandings about how health care works,’ Carter adds. ‘[AAPLOG] poses a different threat because they have that medical stamp behind them.’” [Mother Jones, [6/4/20](#)]

Physicians From The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Often Served As Expert Witnesses When Trump Personnel And State Legislators Sought To Introduce Anti-Abortion Policies And Legislation. “The nearly 50-year-old group may be still relatively unknown to the broader public, flying under the radar as an innocuous-sounding

medical association, but the Trump era has opened the door for it to exert significant new powers: intermingling with key Trump personnel in charge of health policy, influencing administration staffing, and playing a major role in shaping the recent explosion of state-level anti-abortion legislation. AAPLOG doctors act as expert witnesses in state and federal legislative hearings and provide lawmakers with scientifically questionable claims to support abortion bans, mandatory ultrasounds, and abortion waiting periods.” [Mother Jones, [6/4/20](#)]

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Pushes Physicians To Lobby State And Local Policymakers On The Supposed Dangers Of Abortion Procedures. “AAPLOG mobilizes its doctors through what’s called the ‘Expert Witness Project.’ ‘Dozens of AAPLOG members invest tens of thousands of volunteer hours every year to provide policy makers and state and federal judges the medical information they need,’ reads AAPLOG’s self-reported profile on the nonprofit database GuideStar, as an ‘extension of our concern about the profound, adverse effects of elective abortion.’” [Mother Jones, [6/4/20](#)]

Physicians From The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Testified On Behalf Of Groups Who Legally Challenged The Constitutionality Of Abortion Access Provisions. “And then, when those laws are challenged in court, AAPLOG officials and doctors testify and submit amicus briefs on behalf of their cause. “We’re seeing [abortion opponents] take advantage of this moment,” explains Mary Alice Carter, a senior adviser at Equity Forward.” [Mother Jones, [6/4/20](#)]

- **The President Of The American Medical Association Accused The Anti-Abortion Movement Of “Exploiting” The COVID-19 Pandemic To Reduce Abortion Access.** “Abortion providers said COVID-19 has exacerbated this fight, with some states claiming abortions need to be stopped during the pandemic to preserve hospital beds and personal protective equipment for workers. ‘No one is exempt from the governor’s executive order on medically unnecessary surgeries and procedures, including abortion providers,’ said the Texas attorney general, Ken Paxton, early in the pandemic. ‘Those who violate the governor’s order will be met with the full force of the law.’ Paxton did not return a call for comment. The American Medical Association, the country’s largest association of physicians, has described such regulations as “exploiting” the Covid-19 pandemic.” [The Guardian, [4/30/20](#)]

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Created A Medical Journal With Questionable Peer Review Processes Where It Publishes Many Of The Studies Its Members And Allies In The Anti-Choice Movement Cite

NARAL: AAPLOG Is Part Of An “Anti-Choice Movement [That] Has Recognized That Research Plays A Critical Role In Framing The National Conversation About Abortion And Has Thus Invested Heavily In Giving Pseudoscience And Other Intentionally Misleading Content The Veneer Of Respectability.” “A 2018 report by NARAL calls out AAPLOG as part of an “anti-choice movement [that] has recognized that research plays a critical role in framing the national conversation about abortion and has thus invested heavily in giving pseudoscience and other intentionally misleading content the veneer of respectability.” [Mother Jones, [6/4/20](#)]

The Watson Bowes Research Institute Is A Group Located Within The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists That Claims To Be “An Academic Institute Dedicated To Fostering A Fair Scientific Appraisal Of Claims Pertinent To Life Issues.” “Watson Bowes Research Institute, located within AAPLOG, is an academic institute dedicated to fostering a fair scientific appraisal of claims pertinent to life issues.” [National Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists Form 990 accessed via ProPublica, 2016, accessed [12/15/23](#)]

The Watson Bowes Research Institute Co-Publishes A Peer-Reviewed Academic Journal Called “Issues In Law & Medicine.” “AAPLOG further pushes its science-backed campaign through research and publishing, notably in the peer-reviewed medical journal Issues in Law & Medicine and by the Watson Bowes Research Institute, which co-publishes the journal.” [Mother Jones, [6/4/20](#)]

- **The Chief Editor Of “Issues In Law & Medicine” Is A Lawyer Named Barry A. Bostrom.** “If online submission is not possible, then the manuscript and curriculum vitae should be sent to Barry A. Bostrom, J.D., Editor-in-Chief, Issues in Law & Medicine, 7700 N. 37th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana 47805, or emailed to bcbostrom@gmail.com.” [Issues in Law & Medicine, accessed [12/15/23](#)]
- **“Issues In Law & Medicine” Editor-In-Chief Barry A. Bostrom Appears To Be A Christian Anti-Abortion Activist Who Has Founded Multiple Anti-Abortion Groups.**

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[Search for “Barry A. Bostrom,” Indiana Secretary of State Business Search, accessed [12/15/23](#)]



- **Issues In Law & Medicine Is Peer Reviewed By Longtime Anti-Abortion Activists.** “Amy Littlefield: But the research did get published in a journal called Issues in Law and Medicine. You looked into the journal. What’d you find? Sofia Resnick: Well, I learned that it was co-founded in the ’80s by an anti-abortion legal group and the American Association of Pro-Life OBGYNs, and it’s peer-reviewed by longtime anti-abortion activists.” [revealnews.org, [6/25/22](#)]
- **2020: Donna Harrison, The President Of The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists, Had The Watson Bowes Research Institute**

Registered To Her Name And Was An Associate Editor Of “Issues In Law & Medicine.” “The Watson Bowes website doesn’t mention it, but tax filings indicate it is “located within AAPLOG.” The business is registered to Harrison, who is also the associate editor of the journal, and half the listed directors and officers of Watson Bowes are AAPLOG board members. Christina Francis, AAPLOG’s board chair, is Watson Bowes’ president.” [Mother Jones, [6/4/20](#)]



The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Frequently Publishes Journal Articles And Think Pieces In “Issues In Law & Medicine,” The Journal It Helps Run, As Either Itself Or The Watson Bowes Research Institute. “Yet Watson Bowes, Issues in Law & Medicine, and AAPLOG operate in a complicated and sometimes-obscured web of co-dependence. The institute, which advocates anti-abortion (and anti-vaccine) science based on questionable data and provides grants for research into “life issues,” publishes studies, legal reviews, and think pieces in Issues in Law & Medicine without disclosing they are essentially the same entity.” [Mother Jones, [6/4/20](#)]

- **The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Authored Two Of The Six Articles Published In The Fall 2023 Edition Of “Issues In Law & Medicine.”**

Ethical Research Involving Fetal Human Subjects

 American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians
& Gynecologists
 December 1, 2023

Limiting Conscience Rights in Obstetrics and Gynecology

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& Gynecologists
 December 1, 2023

[Issues in Law & Medicine, accessed [12/15/23](#)]

2019: The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Touted Research It Had Funded Through The Watson Bowes Research Institute As Supposed Evidence For Claims It Had Made On Abortion’s Mental Health Impacts, Without Mentioning Its Role In Producing The Research. “In a revealing example of how pseudoscience bounces around this opaque AAPLOG bubble, and how it gains outside legitimacy, in May 2019 AAPLOG touted new research that supported the “benefits of carrying a pregnancy to full-term” and bolstered the organization’s claim that abortion causes mental health problems. The study’s results, based solely on experiments done in rats, was published in the peer-reviewed journal Frontiers in Neuroscience. The end of the study disclosed that the research was funded by the Watson Bowes Research Institute (though it noted the “funders had no role” in conducting the study). AAPLOG did not disclose its connection when it touted the results in a press release.” [Mother Jones, [6/4/20](#)]

The Journal, “Issues In Law & Medicine,” Has A Disproportionate Number Of Citations Relative To Its Standing As A Journal Well Outside The Medical Research Mainstream, A Majority Of Which Came From Anti-Choice Judges And Legislators

“Issues In Law & Medicine” Is Not A Mainstream Journal. “Issues in Law & Medicine is not a mainstream journal, but it has been cited in more than 1,100 law review articles and in at least

14 state and federal courts of appeal opinions, including two US Supreme Court and seven state supreme court rulings, according to its website.” [Mother Jones, [6/4/20](#)]

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“Issues In Law & Medicine” Has Been Called A “One-Stop Journal for Anti-Vaccine, Anti-Abortion Pseudoscience.” “Issues in Law & Medicine’: A One-Stop Journal for Anti-Vaccine, Anti-Abortion Pseudoscience.” [Rewire News, [3/27/23](#)]

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Gave Donald Trump A List Of Recommended Pro-Life Medical Professionals To Staff His Administration


One Day After Donald Trump Was Elected President In 2016, The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Announced It Was “Submitting A List Of Qualified Pro-Life Physicians Willing And Able To Serve The New Administration.” “Just one day after Trump’s election, for instance, AAPLOG notified its members that it was ‘submitting a list of qualified pro-life physicians willing and able to serve the new administration,’ according to Rewire.News.” [Mother Jones, [6/4/20](#)]

Members Of The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Have Testified As Supposed Experts On Abortion, Despite Lacking Qualifying Expertise, Failing To Scientifically Support Their Claims, And Admitting To Having Been Paid To Testify

In *MKB Mgmt. Corp. v. Burdick* (2014), A District Court Rejected Donna Harrison’s Testimony, Claiming Her “Opinions Lack Scientific Support, Tend To Be Based On Unsubstantiated Concerns, And Are Generally At Odds With Solid Medical Evidence”

Donna Harrison Became The Chief Executive Officer Of The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists In March 2013.

Experience



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AAPLOG–American Association of ProLife Obstetricians and Gynecologists
Mar 2013 - Present · 10 yrs 7 mos
Eau Claire, Michigan

[LinkedIn, accessed [9/29/23](#)]

In *MKB Mgmt. Corp. v. Burdick* (2014), A North Dakota District Court Ruled On A “Blatantly Unconstitutional Ban On Pre-Viability Abortion That Would Prohibit Abortion As Early As Six Weeks Into A Pregnancy.” “In 2013, North Dakota passed a blatantly unconstitutional ban on pre-viability abortion that would prohibit abortion as early as six weeks into a pregnancy. Physicians violating the ban would face up to five years in prison... The trial court granted the Center’s motion for summary judgment in April 2014, invalidating the law as unconstitutional.” [Center for Reproductive Rights, accessed [12/20/23](#)]

- **The District Court Found The Law Banning Pre-Viability Abortion Unconstitutional.** “The trial court granted the Center’s motion for summary judgment in April 2014, invalidating the law as unconstitutional.” [Center for Reproductive Rights, accessed [12/20/23](#)]
- **In Subsequent Proceedings, The Eighth Circuit Appeals Court Affirmed This Ruling And The Supreme Court Denied Certiorari.** “The state appealed in May 2014, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit heard oral argument in the case in January 2015. On July 22, the Eighth Circuit upheld the trial court’s decision that the law was unconstitutional. On November 10, the State filed a petition for writ of certiorari with the United States Supreme Court, asking them to review the case. On January 25, 2016, the Supreme Court declined to hear the case and on April 13, the trial court adopted a settlement stipulation between the Plaintiffs and the State ordering that the state of North Dakota pay \$245,000 in attorney’s fees and costs. This case is now over and the ban has been permanently struck down as unconstitutional.” [Center for Reproductive Rights, accessed [12/20/23](#)]

Donna Harrison Provided An Expert Testimony In *MKB Mgmt. Corp. v. Burdick* (2014). “At trial, the primary experts regarding the safety and efficacy of medical abortions were Drs. Grossman and Harrison.” [District Court of Cass County, East Central Judicial District, opinion via [ndcourts.gov](#), [10/28/14](#)]

In Its Ruling On *MKB Mgmt. Corp. v. Burdick* (2014), The District Court Claimed That The Other Testifying Physician “Was A Very Credible Witness, But The Same Cannot Be Said For Dr. Harrison.” “For all these reasons, it must be concluded that Dr. Grossman was a very credible witness, but the same cannot be said for Dr. Harrison. As Dr. Harrison was the state’s sole witness, this further detracts from any weight that can be given to the state’s evidence.” [District Court of Cass County, East Central Judicial District, opinion via [ndcourts.gov](#), [10/28/14](#)]

- **The District Court Noted That “In 2000, [Harrison] Left Her Medical Practice In Order To Devote All Of Her Time And Energy To The American Association Of Pro-life Obstetricians And Gynecologists.”** “Dr. Harrison is opposed to abortion in all forms. In 2000, she left her medical practice in order to devote all of her time and energy to the American Association of Pro-life Obstetricians and Gynecologists.” [District Court of Cass County, East Central Judicial District, opinion via [ndcourts.gov](#), [10/28/14](#)]
- **The District Court Also Wrote That, In Contrast To The Other Medical Expert It Had Seen, “Dr. Harrison’s Opinions Have Shifted Dramatically Over Time, And Appear To Be Shaped Primarily By The Position She Is Advocating At The Moment.”** “Dr. Grossman’s opinions were consistent and they were expressed with confidence. Those opinions are also supported by a very substantial body of medical evidence and literature. His answers were generally responsive, and appeared to be completely

candid. By contrast, Dr. Harrison's opinions have shifted dramatically over time, and appear to be shaped primarily by the position she is advocating at the moment." [District Court of Cass County, East Central Judicial District, opinion via ndcourts.gov, [10/28/14](#)]

- ***MKB Mgmt. Corp. v. Burdick (2014)***: "Dr. Harrison's Opinions Lack Scientific Support, Tend To Be Based On Unsubstantiated Concerns, And Are Generally At Odds With Solid Medical Evidence. To The Extent She Referenced Published Studies During Her Testimony, Dr. Harrison Tended To Present The Results In An Exaggerated Or Distorted Manner. Finally, Her Demeanor On The Stand Was Guarded And Defensive." "Furthermore, Dr. Harrison's opinions lack scientific support, tend to be based on unsubstantiated concerns, and are generally at odds with solid medical evidence. To the extent she referenced published studies during her testimony, Dr. Harrison tended to present the results in an exaggerated or distorted manner. Finally, her demeanor on the stand was guarded and defensive." [District Court of Cass County, East Central Judicial District, opinion via ndcourts.gov, [10/28/14](#)]

In A 2022 Case Addressing Florida's 15-Week Abortion Ban, A Judge Rejected The Testimony Of AAPLOG OB/GYN Ingrid Skop, Claiming That Her Inexperience With Abortion Discredited Her From Speaking On Its Health Risks And Noting That She "Provided No Credible Scientific Basis For Her Disagreement With Recognized High-Level Medical Organizations In The United States"

Dr. Ingrid Skop Is An OB/GYN And Lifetime Member Of The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists. "Dr. Skop is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, where she uses science and statistics to counter pro-abortion agendas, and is a lifetime member of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists." [Charlotte Lozier Institute, accessed [12/21/23](#)]

***Planned Parenthood Of Sw. & Cent. Fla. V. State (2022)* Is An Ongoing State Case Concerning A Florida Bill That Bans Abortion After 15 Weeks And Threatens Violators With Jail Time.** "On January 23, 2023, the Florida Supreme Court accepted a request by abortion providers to hear arguments in their case against House Bill 5 (HB 5), a ban on abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy that threatens to put doctors in jail for providing essential care beyond that point. The move comes after several court rulings closed off meaningful legal avenues to block the law. While providers' request for the court to hear arguments in the case was granted, the justices declined to immediately block HB 5 while the lawsuit proceeds, leaving the ban in place for now." [American Civil Liberties Union, [4/28/23](#)]

- **Dr. Ingrid Skop Testified On Behalf Of The State Of Florida In *Planned Parenthood Of Sw. & Cent. Fla. V. State (2022)*.** "The State presented live testimony from two experts, Dr. Ingrid Skop, an obstetrician and gynecologist and Senior Fellow and Director of Medical Affairs at the Charlotte Lozier Institute, and Dr. Maureen Condic, Associate Professor of Neurobiology and Anatomy at the University of Utah." [Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida, opinion via the American Civil Liberties Union, [7/5/22](#)]

In July 2022, A County Circuit Judge Issued A Ruling In *Planned Parenthood Of Sw. & Cent. Fla. V. State (2022)* That Found Florida's 15 Week Abortion Ban Unconstitutional. "A

new Florida law blocking doctors from performing abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy remains in effect despite a Leon County circuit judge's ruling that it is unconstitutional, as attorneys for the state swiftly appealed the decision Tuesday." [Health News Florida, [7/5/22](#)]

- **In The Ruling, The Court Found That, Compared To That Of The Other Attending Physician, Dr. Skop's Testimony On The Potential Risks Of Abortion Complications And Quality Of Abortion Care Lacked Credibility.** "Overall, Dr. Skop has no experience in performing abortions; admitted that her testimony on the risk of certain abortion complications was inaccurate and overstated, or based on data from decades ago; admitted that her views on abortion safety are out of step with mainstream medical abortions; and provided no credible scientific basis for her disagreement with recognized high-level medical organizations in the United States. The Court thus does not find Dr. Skop as credible on the risks of abortion complications and quality of abortion care as Dr. Tien, who has significant experience in performing abortions and the other qualifications set forth above." [Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida, opinion via the American Civil Liberties Union, [7/5/22](#)]
- **The Court Took Issue With The Fact That Dr. Skop Had No Experience Performing Abortions And Noted Her Admission That Her "Testimony On The Risk Of Certain Abortion Complications Was Inaccurate And Overstated."** "Overall, Dr. Skop has no experience in performing abortions; admitted that her testimony on the risk of certain abortion complications was inaccurate and overstated, or based on data from decades ago..." [Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida, opinion via the American Civil Liberties Union, [7/5/22](#)]
- **The Court Also Found That Dr. Skop "Admitted That Her Views On Abortion Safety [Were] Out Of Step With Mainstream Medical Organizations... And Provided No Credible Scientific Basis For Her Disagreement With Recognized High-Level Medical Organizations In The United States."** "Overall, Dr. Skop... admitted that her views on abortion safety are out of step with mainstream medical abortions; and provided no credible scientific basis for her disagreement with recognized high-level medical organizations in the United States." [Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida, opinion via the American Civil Liberties Union, [7/5/22](#)]
- **The Court Noted That Dr. Skop Testified On The Alleged Mental Health Impacts Of Abortion Despite The Fact That She Had Admitted She Lacked Relevant Mental Health Counseling Training And Would Not Refer To Herself As An Expert In Mental Health.** "Dr. Skop also testified that abortion has a negative effect on the mental health of the woman who obtains the abortion. Hr'g Tr. (Rough) 193:11-14. However, Dr. Skop acknowledged that she has 'no formal training in mental health counseling outside of [her] time in medical school,' id. at 199:21-24, and she testified that she would not refer to herself as an expert in mental health, id. at 200:3-4." [Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida, opinion via the American Civil Liberties Union, [7/5/22](#)]

2021: AAPLOG Member Kathi Aultman Testified Before The Pennsylvania State Legislature As A Supposed Expert On Abortion, Despite Having Retired in 2014, Lacking An Active Medical License, And Having Performed Her Most Recent Abortion In The 1980s

Kathi Aultman Is A Retired Physician Who Is A Member Of Of The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists. “DR. AULTMAN: Okay. Thank you. It’s a real honor to be here. I’m actually retired now. I was a board-certified OB/GYN and a former abortionist. I’m currently a Life Fellow with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and I belong to the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Christian Medical and Dental Associations.” [Pennsylvania House of Representatives Health Committee, Transcript of “Presentation on Pro-Life/Abortion Part IV - Fetal Experimentation,” [5/4/21](#)]

2021: Kathi Aultman Was Called To Testify On “Fetal Experimentation” Before The Pennsylvania House Of Representatives’ Health Committee. “Commonwealth of Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Health Committee, Public Hearing... Tuesday, May 4, 2021... Presentation on Pro-Life/Abortion Part IV - Fetal Experimentation... ‘So at this time our first testifier is Dr. Kathi Aultman, who is an OB/GYN, and she is with the Charlotte Lozier Institute and is an Associate Scholar.” [Pennsylvania House of Representatives Health Committee, Transcript of “Presentation on Pro-Life/Abortion Part IV - Fetal Experimentation,” [5/4/21](#)]

- **Kathi Aultman Opened Her Remarks With A Disclosure That She Is Retired.** DR. AULTMAN: Okay. Thank you. It’s a real honor to be here. I’m actually retired now. I was a board-certified OB/GYN and a former abortionist.” [Pennsylvania House of Representatives Health Committee, Transcript of “Presentation on Pro-Life/Abortion Part IV - Fetal Experimentation,” [5/4/21](#)]
- **Aultman Noted Her Affiliation With The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists In Her Testimony.** “DR. AULTMAN: ...I’m currently a Life Fellow with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and I belong to the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Christian Medical and Dental Associations.” [Pennsylvania House of Representatives Health Committee, Transcript of “Presentation on Pro-Life/Abortion Part IV - Fetal Experimentation,” [5/4/21](#)]

Kathi Aultman Last Practiced As An OB/GYN In 2014. “Kathi Aultman, M.D., is currently an Associate Scholar with the Charlotte Lozier Institute and a member of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Christian Medical and Dental Associations, the Florida Medical Association and is a Life-Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. She retired from medicine after working as a board-certified OB/GYN from 1981-2014.” [Pennsylvania House of Representatives Health Committee, Transcript of “Presentation on Pro-Life/Abortion Part IV - Fetal Experimentation,” [5/4/21](#)]

Kathi Aultman Did Not Possess An Active Medical License As Of December 2023 According To The Federation Of State Medical Boards.

Kathi Ann Aultman, MD

Female

Reported Locations: 1

Orange Park, Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

Education

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey - New Jersey Medical School
Year of Graduation: 1977

Certifications 1

Obstetrics and Gynecology *

Active Licenses

No Active Licenses

Actions

No Actions Found

[Physician licensing and professional background search via docinfo.org, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

Kathi Aultman Claimed That She Performed Her Most Recent Abortion Procedure “Back In The Late ‘70s, Early ‘80s.” “REPRESENTATIVE SANCHEZ: Okay. And when was the last abortion procedure you performed? DR. AULTMAN: Let me see -- back in the late '70s, early '80s.” [Pennsylvania House of Representatives Health Committee, Transcript of “Presentation on Pro-Life/Abortion Part IV - Fetal Experimentation,” [5/4/21](#)]

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- **When Pressed, Kathi Aultman Admitted She Had Previously Testified On Abortion Despite Failing To Meet The Qualifications Of An Expert.** “REPRESENTATIVE SANCHEZ: Have you ever not been qualified as an expert? DR. AULTMAN: Yes. One time in Florida, my home state, the judge decided that my experience was too old, which is interesting because of the fact that the procedure has not really changed.” [Pennsylvania House of Representatives Health Committee, Transcript of “Presentation on Pro-Life/Abortion Part IV - Fetal Experimentation,” [5/4/21](#)]
- **When Asked About Another Instance In Which She Testified On Abortion When Failing To Qualify As An Expert, Kathi Aultman Responded, “I May Have Said I Was Not An Expert, But I Can Read As Well As Anyone Else.”** “REPRESENTATIVE SANCHEZ: Okay. And did you concede before a congressional hearing that you’re not

an expert in fetal pain -- during a 2002 congressional hearing? DR. AULTMAN: I may have said I was not an expert, but I can read as well as anyone else --." [Pennsylvania House of Representatives Health Committee, Transcript of "Presentation on Pro-Life/Abortion Part IV - Fetal Experimentation," [5/4/21](#)]

2021: Kathi Aultman Admitted That The Charlotte Lozier Institute, An Anti-Choice Advocacy Organization With Ties To Donna Harrison, Had Paid Her In The Past For Expert Testimonies

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- **Kathi Aultman: "I Have Been At Times [Compensated For My Testimony Before Courts And Legislative Bodies], Not Always, But I Have At Times."**
"REPRESENTATIVE SANCHEZ: Have you been compensated for your testimony over the years in courts and the like and speaking engagements? DR. AULTMAN: I have been at times, not always, but I have at times." [Pennsylvania House of Representatives Health Committee, Transcript of "Presentation on Pro-Life/Abortion Part IV - Fetal Experimentation," [5/4/21](#)]

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Endorses An "Abortion Reversal" Procedure That Has Never Been Clinically Tested And Has Sent Patients To The Emergency Room For Extreme Bleeding And Hemorrhaging

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Supports Laws That Require Physicians To Tell Patients About "Abortion Reversal"—A Procedure That Has No Basis In Medical Science

In 2012, An Anti-Choice Physician Named George Delgado Claimed To Have Discovered An "Abortion Reversal" Procedure, Which Allegedly Halts A Medication Abortion Mid-Procedure. "In 2012, a San Diego physician named George Delgado said he had hit upon a chemical way of stopping the abortion process with more certainty — a way to give more control to a woman who changed her mind. He called his protocol 'abortion pill reversal.' A family medicine physician, Delgado calls himself 'pro-life,' not anti-abortion." [NPR, [3/22/19](#)]

- **The So-Called "Abortion Reversal" Takes Place In Medication Abortions Between Doses And Involves Replacing A Patient's Second Pill, A Dose Of Mifepristol Taken Several Hours After The Initial Dose Of Mifepristone, With Repeated Doses Of Progesterone.** "In theory, an "abortion reversal" works like this: In a medication

abortion, a woman ends her pregnancy by taking two pills, mifepristone and misoprostol, several hours apart. If a woman changes her mind, however, after taking the mifepristone — which works to block progesterone, a hormone that helps sustain pregnancy — proponents of abortion reversal say that she can take repeated doses of progesterone to reverse its effects.” [Vice, [4/17/19](#)]

- **According To A Medical Researcher And Professor At U.C. San Diego, Delgado’s Technique “Arose Outside The Usual Avenues Of Scientific Testing.”** “The technique — a series of oral or injected doses of the hormone progesterone given over the course of several days — arose outside the usual avenues of scientific testing, says Creinin, a medical researcher and professor at the University of California, Davis.” [NPR, [3/22/19](#)]

There Are No Clinical Trials And No Objective Or Credible Data Proving That “Reversing” A Medication Abortion Mid-Procedure Is Possible. “But there is no scientific or medical evidence that proves ‘reversing’ a medication abortion is possible: There are no clinical trials and no objective or credible data.” [Jezebel, [4/22/19](#)]

- **The American College Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists, The Largest Association Of Women Physicians In The U.S., Released A Statement Denouncing George Delgado’s Statements About The Abortion Reversal Procedure As “Unproven And Unethical.”** “Delgado’s assertions about the ‘reversal’ procedure have been denounced as ‘unproven and unethical’ in a statement from America’s largest association of women’s doctors, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. His work has been described as an ‘unmonitored research experiment’ in an article in the New England Journal of Medicine.” [The Guardian, [7/25/19](#)]
- **Physicians Contend That The “Abortion Reversal” Procedure Is Just A Myth Intended To Stigmatize Medication Abortions.** “While doctors have long contended that ‘abortion reversal’ is nothing more than a myth intended to stigmatize the procedure, up until recently the treatment remained virtually untested.” [Vice, [12/6/19](#)]

The American Association Of Pro-Life Obstetricians And Gynecologists Supports Laws That Force Physicians To Tell Medication Abortion Patients That The Procedure Is Reversible. “The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists strongly supports laws which require women to be informed of the option of Abortion Pill Rescue as part of a woman’s right to informed consent prior to abortion.” [AAPLOG, accessed [12/15/23](#)]

- **At Least Five States Have Issued Laws Forcing Physicians To Tell Patients Medication Abortions Are Reversible.** “North Dakota legislators recently passed a law forcing doctors to tell patients medication abortions are reversible, the fifth state to do so in 2019.” [The Guardian, [7/25/19](#)]
- **The American Medical Association Sued North Dakota For Passing One Such Law, Which It Claimed Would Force Doctors To “Misinform Their Patients That Medication Abortion May Be ‘Reversible’, Which Is Contrary To Science.”** “The American Medical Association is now suing North Dakota for forcing doctors to ‘misinform their patients that medication abortion may be ‘reversible’, which is contrary to science,’ and said the law forced ‘physicians [to] convey ideological, government-mandated messages that are false or misleading’.” [The Guardian, [7/25/19](#)]

The Only Randomized, Controlled Clinical Study Of The So-Called Abortion Reversal Was Terminated Early After 3 Of 12 Enrollees Experienced Hemorrhaging Or Excessive Bleeding And Had To Be Rushed To The Emergency Room

2020: Researchers At The University Of California, Davis Published The First-Ever Randomized, Controlled Clinical Study On Abortion Reversal. “The findings are the result of the first-ever randomized, controlled clinical study on abortion reversal, conducted by researchers at the University of California, Davis, and published in the journal *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.” [Vice, [12/6/19](#)]

- **The Researchers Designed The Study With 40 Enrollees In Mind, But Halted Trials After Only 12 Participants Had Been Enrolled Due To Extreme Medical Complications Enrollees Experienced.** “Originally, researchers set out to enroll 40 women in the study, who were already scheduled to have in-clinic abortions and consented to delaying the procedure for two weeks to test the abortion reversal method... But researchers halted the study prematurely, after just 12 participants had been enrolled, when three women experienced vaginal hemorrhaging, or excessive bleeding, and needed to be taken to the ER via ambulance; one woman needed a blood transfusion.” [Vice, [12/6/19](#)]
- **Three Of The Twelve Enrollees In The Study Experienced Vaginal Hemorrhaging Or Excessive Bleeding And Had To Be Taken To The Emergency Room Via Ambulance.** “But researchers halted the study prematurely, after just 12 participants had been enrolled, when three women experienced vaginal hemorrhaging, or excessive bleeding, and needed to be taken to the ER via ambulance; one woman needed a blood transfusion.” [Vice, [12/6/19](#)]
- **The Lead Researcher Behind The Study Said It Showed That There Are Serious Risks Associated With Not Following Through With The Two-Drug Medication Abortion Regimen Once It’s Begun.** “Mitchell Creinin, the study’s lead researcher and a professor in the Obstetrics and Gynecology department at UC Davis, said that though his paper doesn’t definitively debunk abortion reversal as ineffective, it shows that there are serious risks associated with not following through with the two-drug medication abortion regimen once it’s begun.” [Vice, [12/6/19](#)]

The Catholic Medical Association (CMA)

The Catholic Medical Association Is Part Of The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine, Working To Restrict Abortion Rights And Advocate For The Prohibition Of Various Contraceptives

The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine, Comprising Anti-Abortion Groups Like Catholic Medical Association And The Designated Hate Group American College Of Pediatricians, Opposes Abortion And Compares It To Slavery

The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine Is An Umbrella Organization Made Up Of Five Anti-Abortion Groups. “The umbrella organization—Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine—comprises five anti-abortion groups, the members of which purport to be medical professionals. The organization was recently formed in 2022 and incorporated in Amarillo, Texas, even though none of the five anti-abortion groups has members there.” [Center for American Progress, accessed [5/19/23](#)]

- **The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) Is A Member Of The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine.** “The Alliance incorporated in Amarillo in August 2022, bringing together five out-of-state anti-abortion groups: the Catholic Medical Association, the Coptic Medical Association of North America, the American College of Pediatricians, the Christian Medical & Dental Associations, and the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists.” [The Intercept, [2/28/23](#)]

CMA And The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine Oppose Abortion, Comparing It To Slavery.

November 2, 2021

Abortion is Not Healthcare: A Message from the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine



The below message is sent by CMA, in partnership with The Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine.

Not only is abortion not health care, it is a medical atrocity and a grave legal injustice. Just as slavery and the Dred Scott decision unjustly denied the constitutional right to liberty for individuals based on race; abortion deprives innocent children their right to life based on age alone and the Roe decision has no rational basis in law.

The Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine represents more than 30,000 healthcare professionals, including CMA members, committed to promoting and upholding Hippocratic medicine's fundamental principles.

Sincerely in Christ,

Steven White, M.D.

Chair, Health Care Policy Committee

[Catholic Medical Association, [11/2/21](#)]

- **Fellow Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine Group The American College Of Pediatricians Is A Member Of The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine And Was Designated To Be A Hate Group By The Southern Poverty Law Center.** “The American College of Pediatricians (ACPeds) is a fringe anti-LGBTQ hate group that masquerades as the premier U.S. association of pediatricians to push anti-LGBTQ junk science, primarily via far-right conservative media and filing amicus briefs in cases related to gay adoption and marriage equality. ACPeds opposes adoption by LGBTQ couples, links homosexuality to pedophilia, endorses so-called reparative or sexual orientation conversion therapy for homosexual youth, believes transgender people have a mental illness and has called transgender health care for youth child abuse.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [12/14/23](#)]

Organization Members of The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine Are Required To Take An Oath That Is Based On Religious Ideology–Not Object And Factual Science

Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine Members Took An Oath To Not Assist In Reproductive Care In Order To Preserve “Purity” And “Holiness.”

As members of the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine, we affirm our agreement to practice according to the Essential Hippocratic Oath, which states:

- In the presence of the Almighty, I promise that I will fulfill this Oath to the best of my ability.
- Those who have taught me the art of Medicine I will respect, and I will seek to faithfully impart my knowledge to those who also accept this covenant and to whom I am a mentor.
- I will always seek the physical and emotional well-being of my patients, according to my best ability and judgment, being careful to cause no intentional harm.
- I will not participate in euthanasia or help a patient to commit suicide, nor will I suggest such courses of action. Similarly, I will not help a woman obtain an abortion. In purity and holiness I will maintain the utmost respect for human life from the moment of fertilization until the moment of natural death, carefully guarding my role as a healer.
- When indicated, I will seek the counsel of those with appropriate special skills for the treatment of my patient.
- I will always act for the benefit of the sick, treating all with professional and moral integrity, with respect and dignity. I will avoid all sexual involvement with my patients.
- Those things that I learn from or about my patient in confidence, I will hold in strict confidence.
- May I be found faithful to these promises and may I enjoy the practice of my art, being respected as one who is dedicated to the healing of the sick.

[Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine website, accessed [12/20/23](#)]

CMA States That They Are Dedicated To “Promoting Catholic Medical Ethics To The Medical Profession.” “The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) is dedicated to upholding the principles of the Catholic Faith as related to the practice of medicine and to promoting Catholic medical ethics to the medical profession, including mental health professionals, the clergy, and the general public.” [Marquette University, accessed [12/20/23](#)]

- **CMA States That It Supports Teachings That Claim “Homosexual Acts Are Intrinsicly Disordered.”** “CMA supports the teachings of the Catholic Church as laid out in the revised version of the Catechism, in particular the teachings on sexuality: ‘All

the baptized are called to chastity.’(2348) ‘Married people are called to live conjugal chastity; others practice chastity in continence.’ ‘Tradition has always declared that homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered... Under no circumstances can they be approved.’ [Marquette University, accessed [12/20/23](#)]

The Executive Director Of The Catholic Medical Association Is Not A Certified Doctor And Has No Background Or History In Medicine.

Mario Dickerson Is The Executive Director Of The Catholic Medical Association.



[Catholic Medical Association, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

Dickerson Did Not Go To Medical School And Does Not Have A Background In Medicine.

The oldest organization in the alliance is the CMA, founded in the early 1900s and based in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania. The executive director is Mario R. Dickerson, who has a background in strategic planning, not medicine. However, the board includes doctors, including president Craig L. Treptow, MD, who is a family medicine physician in Great Falls, Montana.”

[Medpage Today, [4/20/23](#)]

Dickerson, Went To School For Theology And Philosophy. “Mr. Dickerson is a seasoned executive experienced in Development And Strategic Planning, and Change Management. Previously, he has served as Executive Director of the Augustinian Fund (Villanova, PA), Chief Advancement Officer at Valley Forge Educational Services (Malvern, PA), National Major and Planned Gift Officer at Catholic Medical Mission Board (New York, NY). Mr. Dickerson holds a dual Bachelor’s Degree in Philosophy and Theology from St. John’s University in New York and a Masters in Theological Studies from Washington Theological Union (Washington, DC).”

[Catholic Medical Association, accessed [12/21/23](#)]

CMA, Along With The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine, Falsely Asserts That Mifepristone, An FDA Approved Drug, Is Unsafe.

The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine Filed A Lawsuit In An Attempt To Ban Mifepristone—A Safe, Effective And FDA Approved Abortion Drug That Has Been Used For Decades.

Mifepristone Is An Abortion Drug That Has Been Approved By The Food And Drug Administration. “Mifeprex (mifepristone) and its generic Mifepristone Tablets, 200 mg

(collectively mifepristone) are approved, in a regimen with misoprostol, to end an intrauterine pregnancy through ten weeks gestation (70 days or less since the first day of a patient's last menstrual period). The FDA first approved Mifeprex in 2000 and approved a generic version of Mifeprex, Mifepristone Tablets, 200 mg in 2019." [FDA, accessed [1/5/24](#)]

- **Mifepristone Was Approved After Being Used And Studied In Hundreds Of Clinical Trials.** "The assertion that medication abortion is a risky and understudied endeavor recklessly approved by the FDA is equally spurious. To date, mifepristone has been used in more than 630 published clinical trials, including more than 420 randomized, controlled studies, which the amicus brief notes are the "gold standard of research design." At less than 1 percent, the risk of serious complications is exceedingly low. The likelihood of any complication at all is about 5 percent; the most common is an incomplete expulsion, which may require a procedural abortion to complete. Meanwhile, the risk of death associated with carrying a pregnancy to term is 14 times higher than the risk associated with abortion." [The Intercept, [2/28/23](#)]

The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine Filed A Lawsuit In Texas To Oppose Medication Abortion. "The Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine, a new anti-abortion umbrella group that is spearheading a sweeping federal challenge to medication abortion, incorporated in Texas just months before filing suit. The incorporation documents, obtained from the Texas secretary of state, provide further evidence that the plaintiffs cherry-picked a court they believed would be amenable to their arguments, an act of forum shopping that was orchestrated to land the case before Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk, a Trump-appointed darling of the far right." [The Intercept, [2/28/23](#)]

- **The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine Claimed That The FDA Wrongly Approved Mifepristone.** "The lawsuit alleges that in 2000, the Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, wrongly approved mifepristone, the first of two drugs that make up the standard medication abortion protocol. The groups also argue that sending abortion medications through the mail violates federal criminal law. To advance their argument, the plaintiffs have assembled a raft of dubious evidence to allege that the FDA is anti-science and mifepristone is a wildly dangerous drug, despite decades of scientific research and hundreds of medical studies that demonstrate otherwise. They have dished it all up for a federal judge who, in just a short time on the bench, has developed a reputation for factitious legal opinions. A ruling in their favor could see medication abortion all but banned across the U.S., sparking a new round of chaos after the fall of Roe v. Wade and laying the groundwork for the dispute to land before the U.S. Supreme Court." [The Intercept, [2/28/23](#)]
- **AHM Also Claimed That Sending Mifepristone In The Mail Is Illegal And Failed To Follow Science.** "In the lawsuit, they claim that the drug isn't safe, that the FDA improperly approved it and failed to follow the science, and that mifepristone is illegal to send in the mail." [Science News, [5/18/23](#)]

Despite The Catholic Medical Association's Claims About Mifepristone, The Drug's Safety Has Been Affirmed By Institutions And Medical Professionals

According To The Guttmacher Institute, Mifepristone Has Been Approved In Almost 100 Countries Across The World. "Mifepristone is used in a two-drug abortion regimen that has

proven safe and effective in numerous studies worldwide. It blocks the hormone progesterone, which is needed for a pregnancy to continue; misoprostol, the second drug in the regimen, then causes uterine cramping to expel the pregnancy. Mifepristone was first approved in France and China in 1988, and as of May 2023, 96 countries have approved its use. The World Health Organization (WHO) abortion care guidelines recommend combined use of mifepristone and misoprostol, or use of misoprostol alone, as safe and effective methods of ending a pregnancy.” [Guttmacher Institute, [7/21/23](#)]

According To Planned Parenthood, Mifepristone Is Safer Than Many Other Common Drugs Like Penicillin, Tylenol, And Viagra. “Medication abortion is very safe. In fact, it’s safer than many other medicines like penicillin, Tylenol, and Viagra.” [Planned Parenthood, accessed [1/5/24](#)]

- **The Risk Of Death By Taking Commonly Used Drugs Like Penicillin And Viagra Is Exponentially Higher Than Taking Mifepristone.** “Comparatively, the risk of death by penicillin — a common antibiotic used to treat bacterial infections like pneumonia — is four times greater than it is for mifepristone, according to a study on life-threatening allergic reactions. Risk of death by taking Viagra — used to treat erectile dysfunction — is nearly 10 times greater.” [CNN, [12/13/23](#)]
- **The Death Rate Of Taking Mifepristone Is 0.0005%.** “Data analyzed by CNN shows mifepristone is even safer than some common, low-risk prescription drugs, including penicillin and Viagra. There were five deaths associated with mifepristone use for every 1 million people in the US who have used the drug since its approval in 2000, according to the [US Food and Drug Administration](#) as of last summer. That’s a death rate of 0.0005%.” [CNN, [12/13/23](#)]

Obstetrician Gynecologist At The University Of Washington Medical Center In Seattle: “In The 23 Years Since The Agency Approved Mifepristone, The Drug Has Amassed A Long Track Record Of Safety Data — In The United States And Around The World.” In the 23 years since the agency approved mifepristone, the drug has amassed a long track record of safety data — in the United States and around the world, “In the 23 years since the agency approved mifepristone, the drug has amassed a long track record of safety data — in the United States and around the world, says Lauren Owens, an obstetrician gynecologist at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle. In 2020 in the United States alone, there were nearly 500,000 medication-induced abortions, which relied on mifepristone and a second drug, misoprostol, to terminate a pregnancy. The drugs are also used to manage miscarriages. And during the coronavirus pandemic, an influx of new safety data supported what earlier studies had found.” [Science News, [5/18/23](#)]

- **According To Owens, The Court’s Decision Could Affect Access To Mifepristone Even In States Where Abortion Is Legal.** “‘Millions of people have used this medication,’ Owens says. She and other doctors and scientists say decades of data demonstrate mifepristone’s safety and note that the court’s decision could affect access to the drug — even in states where abortion is legal. The case comes nearly a year after the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*.” [Science News, [5/18/23](#)]

Obstetrician Gynecologist At The University Of Hawaii In Honolulu: “We Made Sure That [Mifepristone] Was A Safe Medication...It Is Also Effective.” “But the original scientific evidence used in the FDA’s approval process offered a clear answer to the drug’s safety, says Thomas Kosasa, an obstetrician gynecologist at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu who

served on a 1996 committee that advised the FDA. 'We made sure that it was a safe medication,' he says. 'It was also effective.'" [Science News, [5/18/23](#)]

CMA Promoted An Anti-Trans Initiative Launched By The American College Of Pediatricians

Biological Integrity Is An Anti-Trans Initiative Launched By The Designated Hate Group The American College Of Pediatricians

On September 27, 2023, ACPeds Wrote A Press Release Announcing The Launch Of Their New Anti-Trans Website Called Biological Integrity.

ACPeds Launches Biological Integrity Initiative to Protect Children from the Harms of Transgender Interventions

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Atlanta, GA – The American College of Pediatricians (ACPeds) is pleased to announce the release of its Biological Integrity Initiative. With the Biological Integrity Initiative – a beacon of trusted medical voices on gender dysphoria – ACPeds is leading the charge against the harms of transgender interventions on minors. The Initiative includes a new website, www.biologicalintegrity.org, that offers a wealth of resources for parents, teens, physicians, schools, and policymakers, including FAQs, latest research and data, fact sheets, videos, a map of current legislation, and ways to connect with doctors and therapists.

Also part of the Initiative, ACPeds' physicians will increase their involvement testifying and serving as amici curiae, continue to speak publicly on the topic of gender dysphoria, strengthen coalitions with partner organizations, publish more research and position statements, and train other health care professionals to speak and offer testimony.

ACPeds Executive Director, Dr. Jill Simons, released the following statement with the launch of the Biological Integrity Initiative:

"We have been receiving increasing demands to provide clarity and support on the gender dysphoria issue and it is our hope that the Biological Integrity Initiative will be a valuable, practical resource for everyone involved. The term biological integrity denotes living in consistency with one's natural, biological self – the integrated whole of body and mind. Children and adolescents should be loved, and taught to love themselves, as wholly male or female. Children are always born in the right body."

ACPeds President Dr. Michael Artigues said:

"The massive push we are seeing for children to become the targets of experimental, life-altering drugs and surgeries is ideological in nature, directly opposed to biological reality, antithetical to good medical practice, and deeply disturbing to doctors who have devoted their lives to ethical, compassionate care for their most vulnerable patients – children."

[American College of Pediatricians, [9/27/42](#)]

ACPeds Launched Their Biological Integrity Initiative Supposedly To Warn Parents That Schools Could Potentially Confuse Children About Their Sexual Identity. "A pro-life physicians' association is fighting transgender ideology with a new initiative, warning that public schools and authorities pose risks to teens confused about their biological sex. The Biological Integrity Initiative is sponsored by the American College of Pediatricians, an association of more than 600 pro-life physicians and health providers seeking to enable 'all children to reach their optimal physical and emotional health and well-being.'" [Catholic News Agency, [10/20/23](#)]

- **The Initiative Claims It Encourage Physicians To Speak Out And Give Testimony On Gender Dysphoria.** "Also part of the Initiative, ACPeds' physicians will increase their involvement testifying and serving as amici curiae, continue to speak publicly on the topic of gender dysphoria, strengthen coalitions with partner organizations, publish more research and position statements, and train other health care professionals to speak and offer testimony." [American College of Pediatricians Press Release, [9/27/42](#)]

The Biological Integrity Initiative Suggests The Website Suggested That Public Schools May Be Secretly Aiding Children With Gender Transitions Without The Knowledge Of Their Parents. The Website Suggested That Public Schools May Be Secretly Aiding Children With Gender Transitions Without The Knowledge Of Their Parents.

Teacher and School Administrator FAQs

+ I am a teacher/school administrator and a child came to me expressing gender dysphoria. What should I do?

+ I am a teacher/school administrator and I am concerned that my school leadership is pushing for gender ideology in our school. What can I do?

- I am a teacher/school administrator and I am aware of a child in the school who is getting transgender interventions without the knowledge or consent of a parent. Is there anything I can do?

This is a very tricky situation. The laws are different depending upon the state in which you live about the amount of autonomy a child has in health care decision making. Transgender interventions, if they include medical interventions, can be dangerous and have serious side effects. Parents have the right to know about their child's treatment. Keeping the interventions secret drives a further wedge between parents and children. Children flourish best when loved and supported by their parents. In the end, the decision to speak up should be motivated by wanting to do what is best for the child's overall physical and emotional well-being.

[Biological Integrity, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

The Catholic Medical Association Promoted The Launch Of ACPeds' Biological Integrity Initiative

The Catholic Medical Association Promoted The Launch Of ACPeds' Biological Integrity Website.



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Looking for trustworthy medical resources on gender dysphoria? We are pleased to share that the American College of Pediatricians has launched biologicalintegrity.org to provide expert answers and research on gender dysphoria and transgender interventions. #biologicalintegrity



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[Twitter, accessed [9/28/23](#)]

American College Of Pediatricians (ACPeds)

Founded By Former Staffers Who Previously Worked At The American Academy Of Pediatrics (AAP), The American College Of Pediatricians (ACPeds) Is An SPLC-Designated Hate Group That Has Been Accused Of Hiding Behind A Professional-Sounding Name

Staffers From The American Academy Of Pediatrics Left To Start The Similar-Sounding American College Of Pediatrics After The Organization Released A Report Supporting Adoption For Same-Sex Couples

2002: Staffers At The American Academy Of Pediatrics Quit In Protest Of The Organization's Support For LGBTQ Adoption Rights To Form The American College Of Pediatricians (ACPeds). "Back in 2002, a small fringe group of pediatricians called the American College of Pediatricians (ACP) broke off from the country's main pediatric group, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), in protest of the AAP's support for LGBT adoption rights. Since then, the ACP has been a go-to source for right-wing activists and news outlets looking for anti-LGBT pseudoscience to counteract the views of mainstream groups like the AAP." [Right Wing Watch, [5/8/15](#)]

The Southern Poverty Law Center Has Accused ACPeds Of Hiding Behind A Professional Sounding Name In Order To Distort And Spread Disinformation About The LGBTQ Community. "What its website will not tell you is that this fringe organization, under the veneer of its professional-sounding name and claims, works to defame and discredit LGBT people, often by distorting legitimate research." [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

- **ACPeds Is Named Similarly To The Larger, More Established Group The American Academy Of Pediatrics.** "A small anti-LGBT group called the "American College of Pediatricians (ACP)" created a name that is easily confused with the AAP, the largest pediatrics organization in the country [Psychology Today, [5/8/17](#)]

ACPeds And Key Individuals Associated With The Organization Have Expressed Extreme Views On Abortion And LGBTQ Issues

ACPeds' Founder Dr. Joseph Zanga Described The Organization As Being Based On "Judeo-Christian" Values Such As That Life Begins At Conception And Opposite-Sex Couples Are Best Suited To Raise Children. "ACPeds' founder, Dr. Joseph Zanga, described it as a "Judeo-Christian, traditional values" organization, "open to pediatric medical professionals of all religions who hold true to the group's core beliefs: that life begins at conception; and that the traditional family unit, headed by an opposite-sex couple, poses far fewer risk factors in the adoption and raising of children." [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

Former ACPeds President Dr. Michelle Cretella Was On The Board Of Directors Of An Organization Called The National Association For Research And Therapy For Homosexuality.



Michelle Cretella, MD is a pediatrician and Immediate Past Executive Director of the American College of Pediatricians (ACPeds). She is on the Advisory Board of the Alliance for Therapeutic Choice and Scientific Integrity; a member of the Catholic Medical Association; a member of the John Paul II Academy for Human Life and the Family; and has served on the Board of Directors of the National Association for Research and Therapy for Homosexuality from 2010-2015. Dr. Cretella received her M.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine; completed her internship and residency in pediatrics at the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center in Hartford; and completed a fellowship in College Health through the University of Virginia. Dr. Cretella practiced pediatrics for 15 years with a special interest in behavioral health; is a peer reviewer for the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons, Issues in Law and Medicine, and the International Journal of Behavioural and Healthcare Research; has chaired the Adolescent Sexuality Committee, Pediatric Psychosocial Development Committee, and Scientific Policy Committee for ACPeds; and is regularly consulted by Breitbart News, FRC, One News Now, Relevant Radio, FOX News and many others.

[Pro-Life Dallas, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

- **The National Association For Research And Therapy For Homosexuality Has Been Known To Promote Anti-Gay “Junk Science” To Back Up The Religious Right’s Opposition To Equal Rights.** “Billing itself as the counterweight to the two most prominent mental health authorities — the American Psychiatric Association and the American Psychological Association — NARTH pushes the idea, with the zeal of a religious movement, that no one is born gay and that a person’s sexual orientation can be changed through what is known as ‘reparative’ or ‘conversion’ therapy, also commonly called “ex-gay” therapy. At the heart of this argument is the belief that homosexuality is an unnatural deviation from normal sexual development, a form of mental disorder. With these views, NARTH has emerged as the preeminent source of what many regard as ‘junk science’ for the religious right — psychology that underpins the anti-gay movement’s fervent opposition to equal rights and stigmatizes LGBT people as mentally sick.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [1/4/24](#)]
- **Cretella, October 2019: “The Transgender Movement Is An Opening For A Totalitarian Government.”** “‘The transgender movement is an opening for a totalitarian government.’ — Michelle Cretella, ACPeds executive director, speaking at Illinois Family Institute Worldview Conference, Oct. 2019” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

Former ACPeds President Den Trumbull Advocated Against Finding A Cure For HIV Because The Disease Was The Product Of “Practicing A Sexual Act That Goes Against Our Natural Design.” One example of how extreme ACP really is came in an interview that its president, Den Trumbull, gave last week to VCY America’s ‘Crosstalk’ program, where he disparaged efforts to find a vaccine for HIV or encourage condom use to prevent the virus’ spread because HIV and AIDS are really a product of ‘practicing a sexual act that goes against

our natural design.’ A caller who identified herself as a nurse asked Trumbull to comment on the high incidence of HIV among gay men, which she said revealed that ‘exposure is there in the lifestyle.’ ‘It’s that population in which AIDS is unfortunately and sadly thriving,’ Trumbull responded. ‘And yet the push is more to find a vaccine, to use condoms, to — but I truly believe that when we are practicing a sexual act that goes against our natural design, it’s going to be very harmful to us emotionally, physically and, in the situation with AIDS, even infectious consequences will occur.’ [Right Wing Watch, [5/8/15](#)]

Quantien Van Meter Was A Former President Of ACPeds And Serves On Their Board.

“President Van Meter is the former president of the anti-LGBTQ+ hate group American College of Pediatricians (ACPeds). ACPeds continues to list Van Meter on their website, as he serves on their board.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, [11/15/24](#)]

Van Meter Pushed For Conversion Therapy Despite Medical Experts Deemed It To Be “Coercive” And Potentially Harmful “Van Meter has treated 15 patients diagnosed with gender dysphoria, the perceived distress when one’s gender identity does not match their sex. Deviating from recommendations of most every medical association, Van Meter said he referred his patients to conversion therapy. He also advocates for the practice, which the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration describes as the ‘coercive’ and possibly harmful effort aimed at changing a patient’s sexual orientation or gender identity. The process is considered emotionally traumatic and has been linked to higher rates of suicide and depression, according to the American Psychological Association. When it comes to conversion therapy, most every major medical association stands unequivocally opposed.” [Ohio Capital Journal, [2/5/20](#)]

Van Meter Appeared To Have Misrepresented Where He Attended Medical School In Court While Providing Expert Testimony About Research On Gender-Affirming Health Care.

“While acting as an authority on pediatrics to bolster arguments for limiting the availability of healthcare for trans people, the Atlanta-based Van Meter described himself in two cases – *Eknes-Tucker v. Ivey* in Alabama (also known as *Boe v. Marshall*), from May 2022, and *Dekker v. Weida* in Florida, both in October 2022 and March 2023 – as serving on the clinical faculties of the Emory University School of Medicine and Morehouse School of Medicine. Hatewatch has learned that Van Meter does not currently serve on the faculty of either school, and in fact he may not have in some time. Emory told Hatewatch in an email that Van Meter is ‘not affiliated’ with their school but did not respond to follow-up emails inquiring about his date of departure. Van Meter included a resume in court documents for the *Dekker v. Weida* case that listed his employment end date at Emory as 2020, despite testifying in the same 2023 court case that he was currently serving on Emory’s faculty. Hatewatch also found archives of Van Meter’s website claiming to work for Emory as late as this February. By June, someone had changed it to past tense, the archives show. Unlike Emory, Van Meter still claims to be a clinical adjunct professor at Morehouse College on his website, but this claim appears also to be inaccurate. Lynn Gardner, the director of Morehouse College’s Pediatric Residency Training Program, told Hatewatch in August that the school removed Van Meter’s name from their list of adjunct faculty ‘last year,’ which would have been 2022, but that he had not taught there in at least five years. ‘He has not taught or supervised Morehouse Pediatrics residents in at least five years.’” [Southern Poverty Law Center, [11/15/23](#)]

Former ACPeds President Den Trumbull Advocated For “Reparative Therapy” For LGBTQ Teens. “In June 2013, the conservative Washington Times quoted then-president of ACPeds Den Trumbull’s continued endorsement of reparative therapy for LGBTQ teens: ‘Spontaneous and assisted change is possible,’ and if a teen’s sexual-orientation confusion is not encouraged

or validated, in the vast majority of cases, he or she ‘will return to heterosexual orientation,’ said Dr. Trumbull, who has a pediatrics practice in Alabama.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [12/15/23](#)]

- **The Practice Of Reparative Therapy Has Led To Depression, Anxiety, Drug Use, Homelessness, And Suicide.** “‘Reparative’ or ‘conversion’ therapy is a dangerous practice that targets LGBTQ youth and seeks to change their sexual or gender identities. So-called “conversion therapy,” sometimes known as “reparative therapy,” is a range of dangerous and discredited practices that falsely claim to change a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. Such practices have been rejected by every mainstream medical and mental health organization for decades, but due to continuing discrimination and societal bias against LGBTQ+ people, some practitioners continue to conduct conversion therapy. Minors are especially vulnerable, and conversion therapy can lead to depression, anxiety, drug use, homelessness, and suicide.” [Human Rights Campaign, accessed [12/15/23](#)]

Former President Dr. Michelle Cretella Appeared On Tucker Carlson’s Show To Attack Transgender Children, Claiming They Are “Engag[ing] In Magical Thinking.” “Fox News’ Tucker Carlson hosted Dr. Michelle Cretella, president of the anti-LGBTQ hate group American College of Pediatricians (ACPeds), on his show to attack transgender children, their parents, and their doctors. During the appearance, Cretella spread anti-transgender junk science and said transgender children are ‘engag[ing] in magical thinking’ and that treating them is ‘child abuse.’” [Media Matters, [7/25/17](#)]

- **Cretella Expressed Numerous Conspiracy Theories And Debunked Myths About The LGBTQ Community On Tucker Carlson’s Fox News Show.** “On the July 24 edition of *Tucker Carlson Tonight*, Cretella spread a series of anti-transgender myths and junk science, including the claim that ‘transgender ideology is not’ ‘rooted in reality...Cretella also made misleading and false claims about hormone treatment for transgender kids, calling it ‘child abuse’ and falsely claiming that ‘as many as 95 percent’ of transgender children will ‘embrace’ their ‘biological sex’ if they are forced to reject their transgender identity. ThinkProgress’ Zack Ford noted that this claim is a debunked myth based on faulty research that ‘conflated kids who just exhibited gender nonconforming behaviors with those who actually insisted they were a different gender.’” [Media Matters, [7/25/17](#)]

Andre Van Mol, Co-Chair Of ACPeds Committee On Adolescent Sexuality, Compared Transgender Individuals To A “Cultish Religion” Forced Upon The World By The State. “Transgenderism is a belief system that increasingly looks like a cultish religion – a modern day Gnosticism denying physical reality for deceived perceptions – being forced on the public by the state in violation of the establishment clause of the First Amendment.” [Public Discourse, [1/24/18](#)]

ACPeds Published A Blog Post That Amplified Homophobic Rhetoric That Wrongly Links Queerness To The Crime Of Pedophilia. “Driving this morning I began to wonder. Why isn’t the movement of LGBT not the PLGBT movement: ‘P’ for pedophile? ...In one sense, it could be argued that the LGBT movement is only tangentially associated with pedophilia. I see that argument, but the pushers of the movement, the activists, I think have pedophilia intrinsically woven into their agenda. It is they who need to be spoken to and against.” [American College of Pediatricians Archives, [6/15/15](#)]

- **ACPeds Suggested That The Letter “P” For “Pedophile” Should Be Added To The LGBTQ Acronym.** “ACPeds has been relentless in its claim that it’s dangerous for children to identify as LGBTQ; its blog has suggested that “P for pedophile” should be a part of the LGBT acronym.” [Media Matters, [7/25/17](#)]

ACPeds Has Been Known To Promote The Harmful Practice Of Conversion Therapy. “It promotes conversion therapy, a discredited practice intended to change the sexual orientation or gender identity of LGBTQ people that most medical societies warn can result in harm. Pediatric experts deemed a June 2022 report crafted by the group that undergirds a new Florida policy banning transgender care for Medicaid recipients as ‘unscientific.’ Francis Collins, former longtime director of the National Institutes of Health, accused the group in 2010 of distorting his research to ‘make a point against homosexuality.’” [Washington Post, [6/15/23](#)]

- **Gay Conversion Therapy Can Lead To Suicidal Ideation Amongst LGBTQ+ People.** “Conversion therapy is a discredited practice intended to change the sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression of LGBT people. ‘Rather than being therapy, so-called ‘conversion therapy’ is a minority stressor that reinforces stigma and conveys that being LGB is abnormal, sinful, and should be rejected,’ said study senior author Ilan H. Meyer, Distinguished Senior Scholar of Public Policy at the Williams Institute. ‘We found that people who undergo conversion therapy are at increased risk of suicide ideation and attempts. This is a devastating outcome that goes counter to the purpose of therapy.’ [Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law, [6/15/23](#)]

Credible Medical Institutions Have Determined That ACPeds Was Not A Legitimate Medical Organization

2023: The Dean Of Baylor College Of Medicine’s National School Of Tropical Medicine Said That ACPeds Was “Part Of A Coordinated, Politically Motivated Anti-Science Ecosystem.” “The group found an eager audience through conservative media, including the Tucker Carlson and Laura Ingraham shows on Fox News, the documents detail. Since 2016, the American College of Pediatricians has been mentioned in more than 200 articles published by conservative news sites such as Breitbart, Daily Wire, the Epoch Times, the Washington Examiner, the Blaze and the Gateway Pundit, according to a Post analysis. Its profile has continued to rise. The volume of articles mentioning the group during the first four months of 2023 was five times that of the same period in 2020, according to GDELT’s online news database. ‘They’re part of a coordinated, politically motivated anti-science ecosystem,’ said Peter Hotez, dean of Baylor College of Medicine’s National School of Tropical Medicine and an expert in misinformation.” [Washington Post, [6/15/23](#)]

2017: The Medical Director Of The Thrive Program At Nationwide Children’s Hospital Said ACPeds “Can Hardly Be A Credible Medical Organization When It Consistently Chooses To Ignore Science.” When asked about the ACP, Dr. Scott Leibowitz, medical director of the THRIVE program at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and chair of the sexual orientation and gender identity issues committee for the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, did not parse his words, “It can hardly be a credible medical organization when it consistently chooses to ignore science and the growing evidence base that clearly demonstrates the benefits of affirmative care with LGBT youth across all ages.” [Psychology Today, [5/8/17](#)]

The NIH Director Denounced ACPeds After The Organization Incorrectly Cited And Mischaracterized Scientific Data Conducted By The NIH. “It is disturbing for me to see

special interest groups distort my scientific observations to make a point against homosexuality. The American College of Pediatricians pulled language out of context from a book I wrote in 2006 to support an ideology that can cause unnecessary anguish and encourage prejudice. The information they present is misleading and incorrect, and it is particularly troubling that they are distributing it in a way that will confuse school children and their parents.’ Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D. Director” [Statement, National Institutes of Health, via Wayback Machine, [4/15/10](#)]

ACPeds’ Work Has Been Viewed With Skepticism By The Medical Establishment. “The American College of Pediatricians is viewed with skepticism by the medical establishment. For years, the group has presented statistics and talking points to state legislators, public school officials, and the American public as settled science while internal documents emphasize how religion and morality influence its positions.” [Washington Post, [6/15/23](#)]

A Washington Post Review Of ACPeds Internal Documents Revealed That The Group Has Promoted Views Rejected By The Medical Establishment To Shape Discourse Around Issues Like Abortion And Transgender Rights.. “A small group of conservative doctors has sought to shape the nation’s most contentious policies on abortion and transgender rights by promoting views rejected by the medical establishment as scientific fact, according to documents reviewed by The Washington Post that describe the group’s internal strategies. The records show that after long struggling to attract members, the American College of Pediatricians gained outsize political influence in recent years, primarily by using conservative media as a megaphone in its quest to position the group as a reputable source of information.” [Washington Post, [6/15/23](#)]

Stanford University Psychologist Sam Wineburg, June 2023: “[ACPeds] Looks Like An Official Medical Organization, And You’re Easily Duped Into Thinking That This Is The Umbrella Organization For Pediatricians in the United States.” “Sam Wineburg, a Stanford University psychologist who studies online disinformation, highlights the American College of Pediatricians in his research as an example of a group that uses its name and scientific jargon to convey authority. ‘It looks like an official medical organization, and you’re easily duped into thinking that this is the umbrella organization for pediatricians in the United States,’ Wineburg said, noting the group has “all of the superficial bells and whistles of credibility.” [Washington Post, [6/15/23](#)]

ACPeds Is A Southern Poverty Law Center-Designated Hate Group, And Its Former President Once Compared The Organization’s Public Perception To The Ku Klux Klan

The American College Of Pediatricians Is A Southern Poverty Law Center-Designated Hate Group. “The American College of Pediatricians (ACPeds) is a fringe anti-LGBTQ hate group that masquerades as the premier U.S. association of pediatricians to push anti-LGBTQ junk science, primarily via far-right conservative media and filing amicus briefs in cases related to gay adoption and marriage equality. ACPeds opposes adoption by LGBTQ couples, links homosexuality to pedophilia, endorses so-called reparative or sexual orientation conversion therapy for homosexual youth, believes transgender people have a mental illness, and has called transgender health care for youth child abuse. [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [12/14/23](#)]

Former ACPed President Michelle Cretella Showed A Picture Comparing The Organization’s Public Perception To The KKK During An Internal Meeting In 2018.

What Our Friends Think Of Us



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[Mother Jones, [5/17/23](#)]

ACPeds Has Worked With SPLC-Designated Hate Group The Alliance Defending Freedom To Promote Anti-LGBTQ Junk Science, And Their Work Has Been Cited By Other Far-Right Groups ACPeds Has Worked With Other Right-Wing Hate Groups To Target Members Of The LGBTQ Community And Attempt To Ban The Abortion Pill Mifepristone

ACPeds Worked With Other Anti-Gay Organizations Like The Alliance Defending Freedom To Form Legal Arguments With Junk Science To Target Trans People. “For nearly a decade colluded with the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) to shore up the ADF’s anti-transgender policy efforts and legal arguments with junk science. The ACP uses anti-LGBTQ junk science to back up many of its discriminatory talking points and to provide medical justification for interpreting Title IX to exclude gender-identity protections. Because the ADF lacked scientific evidence to back up its claims that nondiscrimination protections put children at risk, the organization ordered custom white papers from ACP. The coordination also extended to ADF drafting legislation for many states to ban transgender healthcare; ACP members were recruited to testify in support of those bans in GA, AL, KY and OH. Despite testifying before state legislatures in support of the bills, ACP’s “experts” have been discredited as not qualified to be experts in court, including Dr. Quentin van Meter and Dr. Paul Hruz. [GLAAD, [6/27/23](#)]

- **The Southern Poverty Law Center Listed The Alliance Defending Freedom As A Hate Group Because It Supported The Idea Being LGBTQ+ Should Be A Crime.** “The SPLC lists ADF as a hate group because it has supported the idea that being LGBTQ+ should be a crime in the U.S. and abroad and believes that is OK to put LGBTQ+ people in prison for engaging in consensual sex. It has also supported laws that required the forced sterilization of transgender Europeans. ADF has spread lies about the LGBTQ+ community. It has, for example, linked being LGBTQ+ to pedophilia and claimed that a “homosexual agenda” will destroy society. ADF tries to couch its rhetoric in benign-sounding phrases, but the truth is that it works to dehumanize

LGBTQ+ people and restrict their rights for being who they are.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [4/10/20](#)]

The Alliance Defending Freedom Filed A Federal Lawsuit Against The FDA In Attempt To Ban Mifepristone—An Abortion Drug. In November 2022, the Alliance Defending Freedom filed a federal lawsuit against the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Amarillo Division. The organization—which the Southern Poverty Law Center designates as a hate group—filed the lawsuit on behalf of the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine, a recently formed coalition of anti-abortion national medical associations and doctors. The group alleged the FDA lacked the authority to approve mifepristone, that studies regarding drug’s safety were insufficient, and that mifepristone’s approval violates a 150-year-old anti-obscenity law. The Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine sought an injunction requesting that the drug’s FDA approval be reversed while the case plays out in court. The judge granted the plaintiff’s request, and the FDA’s approval of mifepristone was halted. [Congressional Progressive Caucus Center, [4/25/23](#)]

- **Mifepristone Has Been Deemed Safe After Comprehensive Testing And Research.** “Mifepristone is safe when used as indicated and directed and consistent with the Mifepristone Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) Program. The FDA approved Mifeprex more than 20 years ago based on a thorough and comprehensive review of the scientific evidence presented and determined that it was safe and effective for its indicated use. As of 2016, it can be used for medical termination of pregnancy up to 70 days of gestation. The FDA’s periodic reviews of the postmarketing data for Mifeprex and its approved generic have not identified any new safety concerns with the use of mifepristone for medical termination of pregnancy through 70 days gestation. As with all drugs, the FDA continues to closely monitor the postmarketing safety data on mifepristone for the medical termination of pregnancy.” [FDA, accessed [12/17/23](#)]

ACPeds’ Work Advocating Against Abortion, Same-Sex Marriage, And In Support Of Conversion Therapy Has Been Cited By Other Far-Right Wing Groups Such As The Heritage Foundation And The Alliance Defending Freedom. “ACPeds found a lane on the religious right using its aura of medical authority to pump out position statements and amicus briefs on a range of social issues—taking stances against abortion and same-sex marriage, and in support of conversion therapy for queer youth and disciplinary spanking for children. Its work provided fuel for Christian right power centers like the Heritage Foundation, a major think tank that often cites ACPeds’ statements to back up its conservative political agenda, and the Alliance Defending Freedom, the legal organization behind many major anti-LGBTQ and anti-abortion laws and lawsuits.” [Mother Jones, [5/17/23](#)]

Former ACPeds Executive Director And President Michelle Cretella Appeared In A Transphobic Video Produced By Family Watch International. [[YouTube. 8/17/21](#)]

- **The Southern Poverty Law Center Listed The Family Watch International As A Hate Group Because They Work With Other Countries To Advocate For Anti-LGBTQ+ Policies.** “Family Watch International works within the United Nations and with countries around the world to further anti-LGBT and anti-choice stances. Founder Sharon Slater promotes anti-LGBT pseudoscience that includes the falsehood that homosexuality is a mental disorder derived from childhood trauma, and that so-called “conversion therapy” can effectively eliminate same-sex attraction.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [1/12/24](#)]

ACPeds Has Been A Source Regularly Cited For Right-Wing Activists. “ACP has been a go-to source for right-wing activists and news outlets looking for anti-LGBT pseudoscience to counteract the views of mainstream groups like the AAP.” [Right Wing Watch, [5/8/15](#)]

ACPeds Created An Anti-Trans Website Called Biological Integrity That Suggests Public Schools Are Aiding Children In Changing Their Genders Without Parents’ Knowledge.

Biological Integrity Is An Anti-Trans Website Launched By ACPeds That Suggests Schools Are Aiding Children In Changing Their Genders Without Parents Being Informed

September 27, 2023: ACPeds Launched Their “Biological Integrity Initiative” To Protect Children From The Harms Of Transgender Interventions.”

ACPeds Launches Biological Integrity Initiative to Protect Children from the Harms of Transgender Interventions

September 27, 2023

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Atlanta, GA – The American College of Pediatricians (ACPeds) is pleased to announce the release of its Biological Integrity Initiative. With the Biological Integrity Initiative – a beacon of trusted medical voices on gender dysphoria – ACPeds is leading the charge against the harms of transgender interventions on minors. The Initiative includes a new website, www.biologicalintegrity.org, that offers a wealth of resources for parents, teens, physicians, schools, and policymakers, including FAQs, latest research and data, fact sheets, videos, a map of current legislation, and ways to connect with doctors and therapists.

Also part of the Initiative, ACPeds’ physicians will increase their involvement testifying and serving as amici curiae, continue to speak publicly on the topic of gender dysphoria, strengthen coalitions with partner organizations, publish more research and position statements, and train other health care professionals to speak and offer testimony.

ACPeds Executive Director, Dr. Jill Simons, released the following statement with the launch of the Biological Integrity Initiative:

“We have been receiving increasing demands to provide clarity and support on the gender dysphoria issue and it is our hope that the Biological Integrity Initiative will be a valuable, practical resource for everyone involved. The term biological integrity denotes living in consistency with one’s natural, biological self – the integrated whole of body and mind. Children and adolescents should be loved, and taught to love themselves, as wholly male or female. Children are always born in the right body.”

ACPeds President Dr. Michael Artigues said:

“The massive push we are seeing for children to become the targets of experimental, life-altering drugs and surgeries is ideological in nature, directly opposed to biological reality, antithetical to good medical practice, and deeply disturbing to doctors who have devoted their lives to ethical, compassionate care for their most vulnerable patients – children.”

[Press Release, American College of Pediatricians, [9/27/23](#)]

Biological Integrity Is An Initiative Started By ACPeds To Warn Parents That Schools Could Potentially Confuse Children About Their Sexual Identity. “A pro-life physicians’ association is fighting transgender ideology with a new initiative, warning that public schools and authorities pose risks to teens confused about their biological sex. The Biological Integrity Initiative is sponsored by the American College of Pediatricians, an association of more than 600 pro-life physicians and health providers seeking to enable ‘all children to reach their optimal physical and emotional health and well-being.’” [Catholic News Agency, [10/20/23](#)]

- **The Biological Integrity Website Encourages Physicians To Speak Out And Give Testimony On Gender Dysphoria.** “Also part of the Initiative, ACPeds’ physicians will

increase their involvement testifying and serving as amici curiae, continue to speak publicly on the topic of gender dysphoria, strengthen coalitions with partner organizations, publish more research and position statements, and train other health care professionals to speak and offer testimony.” [American College of Pediatricians Press Release, [9/27/42](#)]

The Biological Integrity Initiative Suggests That Public Schools May Be Secretly Aiding Children With Gender Transitions Without The Knowledge Of Their Parents.

Teacher and School Administrator FAQs

+ I am a teacher/school administrator and a child came to me expressing gender dysphoria. What should I do?

+ I am a teacher/school administrator and I am concerned that my school leadership is pushing for gender ideology in our school. What can I do?

- I am a teacher/school administrator and I am aware of a child in the school who is getting transgender interventions without the knowledge or consent of a parent. Is there anything I can do?

This is a very tricky situation. The laws are different depending upon the state in which you live about the amount of autonomy a child has in health care decision making. Transgender interventions, if they include medical interventions, can be dangerous and have serious side effects. Parents have the right to know about their child’s treatment. Keeping the interventions secret drives a further wedge between parents and children. Children flourish best when loved and supported by their parents. In the end, the decision to speak up should be motivated by wanting to do what is best for the child’s overall physical and emotional well-being.

[Biological Integrity, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

The Catholic Medical Association Promoted The Launch Of ACPeds’ Biological Integrity Website.

- **Along With ACPeds, The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) Is A Member Of The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine.** “The Alliance incorporated in Amarillo in August 2022, bringing together five out-of-state anti-abortion groups: the Catholic Medical Association, the Coptic Medical Association of North America, the American College of Pediatricians, the Christian Medical & Dental Associations, and the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists.” [The Intercept, [2/28/23](#)]



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Looking for trustworthy medical resources on gender dysphoria? We are pleased to share that the American College of Pediatricians has launched biologicalintegrity.org to provide expert answers and research on gender dysphoria and transgender interventions. #biologicalintegrity



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[Catholic Medical Association, via Twitter, [9/28/23](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations (CMDA)

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Is An Extremist Advocacy Group That Is Part Of The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Was Founded In 1931 To Provide An Organizing And Networking Space For Christian Physicians And Dentists

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Was Founded In 1931 And Aims To “Change Hearts In Healthcare.” “Founded in 1931, CMDA provides programs and services supporting its mission to ‘change hearts in healthcare’ with a current membership of over 13,000 healthcare professionals.” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [12/22/23](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Is Comprised Of Two Healthcare Professional Groups, The Christian Medical Association And The Christian Dental Association. “The Christian Medical & Dental Associations® (CMDA) is made up of the Christian Medical Association (CMA) and the Christian Dental Association (CDA).” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [12/22/23](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Claims It “Provides Resources, Networking Opportunities, Education And A Public Voice For Christian Healthcare Professionals And Students.” “CMDA provides resources, networking opportunities, education and a public voice for Christian healthcare professionals and students.” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [12/22/23](#)]

- **The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Also Organizes Mission Trips And Conducts Political Advocacy On Medical And Political Subjects.** “CMDA promotes positions and addresses policies on healthcare issues; conducts overseas medical education and evangelism projects; coordinates a network of Christian healthcare professionals for fellowship and professional growth; sponsors student ministries in medical dental, PA, and other healthcare training schools; distributes educational and inspirational resources; hosts marriage and family conferences; provides developing world missionary healthcare professionals with continuing education resources; and conducts academic exchange programs overseas.” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [12/22/23](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Engages In Political Activity By Lobbying Public Officials And Filing Religious Liberty Lawsuits On Issues Pertaining To Medical Professionals

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Claims To Advocate For Healthcare Policies That “Align With Policies Where Jesus Had The Greatest Concern.” “Our advocacy efforts focus on four main categories that align with policies where Jesus had the greatest concern, specifically in areas impacting health. Advocacy in these main categories involves a broad spectrum of actions to achieve justice for those suffering, just as Jesus outlined in scriptural principles.” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [12/22/23](#)]

- **The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Claims That It Works With “Like-Minded Organizations And Coalitions” To Influence Legislative Policies And Asks Its Members To Support Its Efforts By Testifying And Contacting State Legislators.** “We collaborate with like-minded organizations and coalitions to advocate on the state level in the legislative system. And we often ask CMDA members to engage in these efforts by testifying, contacting state legislators and more.” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [12/22/23](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations' Website Advertises Lawsuits It Has Won. “Legal Victories... We are grateful to our partners at Alliance Defending Freedom and Becket Law for representing CMDA in these cases.” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [12/22/23](#)]

- **2023: The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Won A Lawsuit Against A Provision That Required Physicians To Perform Basic Services For Patients Requesting Medically Assisted Suicide, Such As Making Note Of Their Request And Transferring Their Medical Record.** “Litigation: Settled May 17, 2023... The Christian Medical & Dental Associations (CMDA), a group aiming to be the ‘hands of Jesus’ in healthcare, along with one of its physician members, Dr. Leslee Cochrane, filed a lawsuit against California Attorney General Rob Bonta and other state officials challenging the constitutionality of California’s recently amended medical aid-in-dying law on Feb. 22, 2022... Non-participating physicians must merely meet the minimum

standards of their professional obligations by 1) informing their patients they do not participate in medical aid in dying, 2) charting the patient's request as well as the physician's objection in the patient's medical record and 3) transferring the patient's medical record upon request." [Compassion & Choices, accessed [1/4/23](#)]

- **2022: The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Won A Legal Ruling That Exempted Certain Hospitals And Doctors From Complying With The Affordable Care Act's Anti-Discrimination Provisions, Which Would Have Required Them to Perform Abortions And Transgender Surgeries To Continue Receiving Funding.** "The U.S. government cannot require several Christian medical groups and providers to perform abortions or gender transition surgeries under the Affordable Care Act, a federal appeals court has ruled. A unanimous panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday upheld a lower court's permanent order shielding Christian Medical and Dental Associations and Specialty Physicians of Illinois, along with Catholic hospital system Franciscan Alliance Inc, from any enforcement action under the ACA's anti-discrimination provision, known as Section 1557, for refusing to perform the procedures, which they say would violate their religious freedom." [Reuters, [8/27/22](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Promotes Extreme Views On Abortion And LGBTQ Issues And Participates In Right-Wing Medical Misinformation Campaigns

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations' Board Of Trustees Has An Ethics Committee That Publishes "Ethics And Policy Statements" On Various Political Issues As They Intersect With Medicine. "Ethics statements deal with ethical issues. They are drafted by the Ethics Committee of the Board and the final version has to be approved first by the Board of Trustees and then by the House of Representatives representing the CMDA membership. These statements can be based on biblical, scientific, moral and social principles. They are not binding on CMDA members but are the official policies of CMDA and are represented to the media, church and government authorities. Policy statements primarily deal with either public policy or scientific issues though those issues may have ethical implications. They are drafted by a policy ad-hoc committee of experts appointed by the President of CMDA. The board has the final authority to approve policy statements, which also become the official policies of the organization."

- **The Statements Use Prescriptive Language, Such As "Should," To Urge Medical Practitioners To Follow Particular Beliefs And Normative Practices, And Warn That Doctors And Their Patients "Will Be Held Accountable By God."** "The role of the physician is to affirm human life, relieve suffering, and give compassionate, competent care as long as the patient lives. The physician as well as the patient will be held accountable by God, the giver and taker of life. Advance directives are biblically, medically, and ethically appropriate. Advance directives should be recommended to all adult patients regardless of health and reviewed and updated periodically." [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [1/3/24](#)]

In Its "Ethics Statement" On Abortion, The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Follows Its Medical Recommendations With Bible Verses, Beginning With, "Genesis 9:6 Whoever Sheds The Blood Of Man, By Man Shall His Blood Be Shed, For God Made Man In His Own Image." "Bible Verses (ESV)... Genesis 9:6 Whoever sheds the blood of man, by

man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. Exodus 20:13 You shall not murder.” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

- **The Statement On Abortion Also Recommends A Medically Unverified “Abortion Reversal” Procedure.** “If after taking mifepristone (progesterone blocker), the woman changes her mind, then reversal of the effects of mifepristone with progesterone has been evaluated with small anecdotal reports and one large case series. Successful reversal rates between 64 and 68% have been achieved.” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [1/4/24](#)]
- **The American Medical Association Has Sued States For Trying To Force Physicians To Recommend The So-Called “Abortion Reversal” To Patients, Claiming That This Amounts To Spreading Misinformation, “Contrary To Science.”** “The American Medical Association is now suing North Dakota for forcing doctors to ‘misinform their patients that medication abortion may be ‘reversible’, which is contrary to science,’ and said the law forced ‘physicians [to] convey ideological, government-mandated messages that are false or misleading.’” [The Guardian, [7/25/19](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations: “Endorsement Of Same-Sex Marriage Harms The Stability Of Society, The Raising Of Children, The Institution Of Marriage, The Revelation Of Christ’s Relationship To His Church, And The Revelation Of God Through Those Who Bear His Image.” “Endorsement of same-sex marriage harms the stability of society, the raising of children, the institution of marriage, the revelation of Christ’s relationship to His Church, and the revelation of God through those who bear His image. If the only criterion for marriage were love, mutual consent, or commitment, then there would be no logical grounds to prohibit polygamy, polyamory, incestuous unions, adultery, or pedophilia.” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Thinks That The Social Conception Of Gender Is Equivalent And Reducible To Biological Sex. “CMDA affirms the historic understanding of gender as referring to biological sex and the enduring biblical understanding of humankind as having been created male and female and that this is good. CMDA acknowledges the current cultural use of the word ‘gender’ to refer to one’s sense of identity as male or female. CMDA cannot support the recent usage of the term “gender” to emphasize an identity other than one’s biological sex, that is, a subjective sense of self based on feelings or desires leading to identifying somewhere on a fluid continuum of gender identity.” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Is A Member Of The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine, The Group Behind A Judge-Shopped Challenge Against The FDA’s Approval Of Mifepristone, Which Is Widely Used To Perform Medication Abortions

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Is Part Of The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine, An Alliance Of Anti-Abortion And Anti-LGBTQ Physicians Groups.

Our Partnering Organizations



[Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine, accessed [9/29/23](#)]

November 2022: The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine And Several Physicians Filed A Lawsuit In Texas Challenging The FDA's Approval Of Mifepristone. “Briefly for procedural context, the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine (‘AHM’) and several physicians (collectively, ‘Plaintiffs’) filed a lawsuit last November in the Northern District of Texas challenging the FDA's approval decisions of mifepristone. AHM also requested that the District Court issue a preliminary order requiring the FDA to withdraw or suspend the use of mifepristone and remove it from the list of approved drugs nationwide.” [Reuters, [9/8/23](#)]

- **Mifepristone Is A Drug Used In Medication Abortions.** “Standing is an important legal concept generally, and it plays a pivotal role in the recent post-Dobbs decisions involving the Food and Drug Administration's (‘FDA’) decision to approve the abortion medication, mifepristone.” [Reuters, [9/8/23](#)]
- **In The Lawsuit, The Alliance For Hippocratic Medicine Charged That The FDA's Approval For Mifepristone Be Withdrawn And Requested That The Court Issue An Order Demanding That The FDA Suspend Access To It Immediately.** “Briefly for procedural context, the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine (‘AHM’) and several physicians (collectively, ‘Plaintiffs’) filed a lawsuit last November in the Northern District of Texas challenging the FDA's approval decisions of mifepristone. AHM also requested that the District Court issue a preliminary order requiring the FDA to withdraw or suspend the use of mifepristone and remove it from the list of approved drugs nationwide.” [Reuters, [9/8/23](#)]

December 13, 2023: The Supreme Court Granted Certiorari In The Cases *FDA, Et Al. V. Alliance Hippocratic Medicine, Et Al.* And *Danco Laboratories, L.L.C. V. Alliance Hippocratic Medicine, Et Al.*

(ORDER LIST: 601 U.S.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

CERTIORARI GRANTED

22-982 THORNELL, DIR., AZ DOC V. JONES, DANNY L.

The motion of respondent for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* is granted. The petition for a writ of certiorari is granted.

23-50 CHIAVERINI, JASCHA, ET AL. V. NAPOLEON, OH, ET AL.

23-108 SNYDER, JAMES V. UNITED STATES

23-146 CONNELLY, THOMAS A. V. UNITED STATES

The petitions for writs of certiorari are granted.

23-235) FDA, ET AL. V. ALLIANCE HIPPOCRATIC MEDICINE, ET AL.

23-236) DANCO LABORATORIES, L.L.C. V. ALLIANCE HIPPOCRATIC MEDICINE, ET AL.

The petitions for writs of certiorari are granted. The cases are consolidated, and a total of one hour is allotted for oral argument.

[Supreme Court of the United States of America, Orders of The Court, filed [12/13/23](#)]

The U.S. Food And Drug Administration Approved Mefipristone In 2000. “Since mifepristone was first approved by the FDA in 2000, the drug has been used for abortions by more than 5 million women in the U.S.” [NPR, [4/21/23](#)]

Since Its Approval in 2000, Mifepristone Has Been Used To Perform More Than Five Million Abortions In The U.S. “Since mifepristone was first approved by the FDA in 2000, the drug has been used for abortions by more than 5 million women in the U.S.” [NPR, [4/21/23](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Promotes Extremist Views, Spreads Rhetoric That Is Hateful Toward LGBTQ People, And Actively Spreads Medical Misinformation

During The COVID-19 Pandemic, The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Advocated For “Religious Exemption” Protections For Anti-Vaxxers At Risk Of Being Fired

Businesses In The United States Were Allowed To Implement Vaccine Mandates For Their Employees During The COVID-19 Pandemic. “Nation- and state-wide vaccination mandates for all people do not exist, but private businesses are allowed to implement vaccine mandates for their employees.” [Catholic News Agency, [3/3/21](#)]

- **March 2021: The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Publicly Supported Extending “Conscience Protections” To COVID-19 Vaccine Refusal In A Joint Statement Authored Alongside Other Christian Medical Organizations.** “In a joint statement Tuesday, several Christian medical organizations highlighted the importance of conscience protections as COVID-19 vaccines are being administered... Signers included the Catholic Medical Association, Christian Medical and Dental Associations, the American College of Pediatricians, and the National Association of Catholic Nurses, U.S.A.” [Catholic News Agency, [3/3/21](#)]

In Its Statement Supporting Anti-Vaxxers, The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Promoted The Misleading “Fetal Cell Line” Narrative That Anti-Abortion Activists Have Used To Sensationalize Modern Vaccine Development

Some Contemporary Vaccines Have Been Developed Using Cell Lines That Were Initially Cultivated From Tissues Sourced From Elective Abortions Over Three Decades Ago. “And one common reason people give for religious exemptions is the link between vaccines and human fetal cells. It’s true that such cells have been used either in the testing or development and production of COVID-19 vaccines. The cells are grown in a laboratory and were derived from a few elective abortions performed more than three decades ago.” [National Geographic, [11/19/21](#)]

- **These Cell Lines Were Used To Test COVID-19 Vaccines, As Well As Other Commonly Used Drugs Like Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, And Aspirin.** “The cells are grown in a laboratory and were derived from a few elective abortions performed more than three decades ago. These same cell lines are also used to test and advance our understanding of several routine drugs, including acetaminophen, ibuprofen, and aspirin, and they continue to be used for treatment research in diseases such as Alzheimer’s and hypertension.” [National Geographic, [11/19/21](#)]

During The COVID-19 Pandemic, Christian Religious Leaders Discouraged People From Receiving COVID-19 Vaccines On Anti-Abortion Grounds And Referred To Cell Lines Sourced From Fetal Tissue As “Morally Compromised.” “For some religious leaders, the science is informing their recommendations. In a December 2020 statement, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops referred to these cell lines as morally compromised for their connection, albeit remote, with abortions.” [National Geographic, [11/19/21](#)]

- **During The COVID-19 Pandemic, Some People Cited Links Between Abortion And Vaccine Development When Applying For Religious Exemptions To Public-Sector Vaccine Mandates.** “In the wake of federal vaccine mandates in the U.S., debate has erupted over the waves of firefighters, police staff, and other workers who have applied for religious exemptions to getting their COVID-19 shots. The number of applications is likely to spike as the January 4 vaccination deadline nears for large private businesses and some healthcare facilities. And one common reason people give for religious exemptions is the link between vaccines and human fetal cells.” [National Geographic, [11/19/21](#)]
- **Physicians Have Criticized Christians’ Opposition To Vaccines On Anti-Abortion Grounds, Describing The Fetal Cell Line Rhetoric As “Dishonest Sensationalism.”** “It is true that decades ago, scientists decided to use fetal tissue to start the cell lines we

use to test drugs today. However, the description of ongoing modern fetal tissue harvesting to create vaccines is dishonest sensationalism. As a practicing Catholic, I think the moral balance of indirectly benefitting from an abortion that occurred 50 years ago in order to take a vaccine that will prevent further death in the community is a no-brainer – especially considering that so many of the over 620,000 American deaths have occurred in the most vulnerable and marginalized in our society. We need to focus on saving lives right now. We need to care for our neighbors.” [Nebraska Medicine, [8/18/21](#)]

- **Infectious Disease Expert Amesh Adalja Of The Johns Hopkins Center For Health Security: “So Many People Don’t Realize How Important Fetal Cell Lines Are To Develop Life-Saving Medicines And Vaccines That They Rely On Every Day. Their Use In Developing COVID-19 Vaccines Isn’t Anything Different Or Special.”** “So many people don’t realize how important fetal cell lines are to develop life-saving medicines and vaccines that they rely on every day,’ says Amesh Adalja, an infectious disease expert at Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security. ‘Their use in developing COVID-19 vaccines isn’t anything different or special.’” [National Geographic, [11/19/21](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations' Press Release Advocating For Conscience Protections Invoked The Fetal Cell Line Narrative When Defending Religious Opposition To Vaccination. “Signers included the Catholic Medical Association, Christian Medical and Dental Associations, the American College of Pediatricians, and the National Association of Catholic Nurses, U.S.A. The signers noted that some people may object to accepting a vaccine on moral grounds, as many modern vaccines have some connection with HEK-293 tissue which is descended from a baby who was likely aborted in the 1970s.” [Catholic News Agency, [3/3/21](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Has Promoted The Fetal Cell Line Narrative In Other Publications

2017: The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Published A 272-Page “Ethics Statements” Document. “CMDA Ethics Statements: Based on scientific, moral and biblical principles.” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, “CMDA Ethics Statements” via Wayback Machine, accessed [12/18/23](#)]

- **The 2017 “Ethics Statements” Document Contained A Section Titled “Immunization.”** “Immunization: Personal Safety and Public Health: Since the pioneering work of Edward Jenner and others in developing a vaccination for smallpox over 200 years ago...” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, “CMDA Ethics Statements” via Wayback Machine, accessed [12/18/23](#)]
- **In The Section On “Immunization,” The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Wrote, “Some Currently Available Vaccines Were Developed Using Tissue From Aborted Fetuses, While Others Use Technology Or Knowledge Acquired From The Use Of Aborted Fetuses.”** “Immunization and Potential for Moral Complicity with Evil: The use of medical information and technology obtained through immoral means raises concerns about moral complicity with evil*. Some currently available vaccines were developed using tissue from aborted fetuses, while others use technology or knowledge acquired from the use of aborted fetuses. We need to consider carefully whether it is morally permissible to benefit from knowledge or technology obtained from the

intentional destruction of human life.” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, “CMDA Ethics Statements” via Wayback Machine, accessed [12/18/23](#)]

- **In The Section On “Immunization,” The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Wrote, “Continued Use Of A Cell Line Developed From An Intentionally Aborted Fetus Poses Moral Questions” And That A Person Must Weigh The Benefits Of Vaccination “Against The Risk Of Complicity With Evil.”** “Continued use of a cell line developed from an intentionally aborted fetus poses moral questions and must be decided as a matter of conscience, weighing the clear moral obligation to protect the health of our families and society against the risk of complicity with evil.” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, “CMDA Ethics Statements” via Wayback Machine, accessed [12/18/23](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Promotes An Unproven And Medically Unsafe “Abortion Reversal” Procedure

In 2012, An Anti-Choice Physician Named George Delgado Claimed To Have Discovered An “Abortion Reversal” Procedure, Which Allegedly Halts A Medication Abortion Mid-Procedure. “In 2012, a San Diego physician named George Delgado said he had hit upon a chemical way of stopping the abortion process with more certainty — a way to give more control to a woman who changed her mind. He called his protocol ‘abortion pill reversal.’ A family medicine physician, Delgado calls himself ‘pro-life,’ not anti-abortion.” [NPR, [3/22/19](#)]

- **The So-Called “Abortion Reversal” Takes Place In Medication Abortions Between Doses And Involves Replacing A Patient’s Second Pill, A Dose Of Mifepristol Taken Several Hours After The Initial Dose Of Mifepristone, With Repeated Doses Of Progesterone.** “In theory, an “abortion reversal” works like this: In a medication abortion, a woman ends her pregnancy by taking two pills, mifepristone and misoprostol, several hours apart. If a woman changes her mind, however, after taking the mifepristone — which works to block progesterone, a hormone that helps sustain pregnancy — proponents of abortion reversal say that she can take repeated doses of progesterone to reverse its effects.” [Vice, [4/17/19](#)]
- **According To A Medical Researcher And Professor At U.C. San Diego, Delgado’s Technique “Arose Outside The Usual Avenues Of Scientific Testing.”** “The technique — a series of oral or injected doses of the hormone progesterone given over the course of several days — arose outside the usual avenues of scientific testing, says Creinin, a medical researcher and professor at the University of California, Davis.” [NPR, [3/22/19](#)]

In An Ethics Statement On Abortion, The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Recommends That “If After Taking Mifepristone, The Woman Changes Her Mind, Then Reversal Of The Effects Of Mifepristone With Progesterone Has Been Evaluated With Small Anecdotal Reports.” “If after taking mifepristone (progesterone blocker), the woman changes her mind, then reversal of the effects of mifepristone with progesterone has been evaluated with small anecdotal reports and one large case series. Successful reversal rates between 64 and 68% have been achieved.” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

There Are No Clinical Trials And No Objective Or Credible Data Proving That “Reversing” A Medication Abortion Mid-Procedure Is Possible. “But there is no scientific or medical evidence that proves ‘reversing’ a medication abortion is possible: There are no clinical trials and no objective or credible data.” [Jezebel, [4/22/19](#)]

- **The American College Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists, The Largest Association Of Women Physicians In The U.S., Released A Statement Denouncing George Delgado’s Statements About The Abortion Reversal Procedure As “Unproven And Unethical.”** “Delgado’s assertions about the “reversal” procedure have been denounced as ‘unproven and unethical’ in a statement from America’s largest association of women’s doctors, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. His work has been described as an “unmonitored research experiment” in an article in the New England Journal of Medicine.” [The Guardian, [7/25/19](#)]

2020: Researchers At The University Of California, Davis Published The First-Ever Randomized, Controlled Clinical Study On Abortion Reversal. “The findings are the result of the first-ever randomized, controlled clinical study on abortion reversal, conducted by researchers at the University of California, Davis, and published in the journal Obstetrics & Gynecology.” [Vice, [12/6/19](#)]

- **The Researchers Designed The Study With 40 Enrollees In Mind, But Halted Trials After Only 12 Participants Had Been Enrolled Due To Extreme Medical Complications.** “Originally, researchers set out to enroll 40 women in the study, who were already scheduled to have in-clinic abortions and consented to delaying the procedure for two weeks to test the abortion reversal method... But researchers halted the study prematurely, after just 12 participants had been enrolled, when three women experienced vaginal hemorrhaging, or excessive bleeding, and needed to be taken to the ER via ambulance; one woman needed a blood transfusion.” [Vice, [12/6/19](#)]
- **Three Of The Twelve Enrollees Experienced Vaginal Hemorrhaging Or Excessive Bleeding And Had To Be Rushed To The Emergency Room Via Ambulance.** “But researchers halted the study prematurely, after just 12 participants had been enrolled, when three women experienced vaginal hemorrhaging, or excessive bleeding, and needed to be taken to the ER via ambulance; one woman needed a blood transfusion.” [Vice, [12/6/19](#)]
- **The Study’s Lead Researcher Claimed It Showed That There Are Serious Risks Associated With Not Following Through With The Medication Abortion Regimen Once It’s Begun.** “Mitchell Creinin, the study’s lead researcher and a professor in the Obstetrics and Gynecology department at UC Davis, said that though his paper doesn’t definitively debunk abortion reversal as ineffective, it shows that there are serious risks associated with not following through with the two-drug medication abortion regimen once it’s begun.” [Vice, [12/6/19](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Says That Gay Marriage “Harms The Stability Of Society” And Claims That Allowing Same-Sex Couples To Adopt “Puts Children At Risk”

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations: “Endorsement Of Same-Sex Marriage Harms The Stability Of Society, The Raising Of Children, The Institution Of Marriage, The

Revelation Of Christ's Relationship To His Church, And The Revelation Of God Through Those Who Bear His Image." "Endorsement of same-sex marriage harms the stability of society, the raising of children, the institution of marriage, the revelation of Christ's relationship to His Church, and the revelation of God through those who bear His image." [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations: "Adoption Into Homosexual Environments Puts Children At Risk. Children Need Both Primary Male And Female Attachments In Their Social Development And The Modeling Of A Male-Female Relationship." "Adoption into homosexual environments puts children at risk. Children need both primary male and female attachments in their social development and the modeling of a male-female relationship. Children should not be exposed to the promiscuity that the gay culture often promotes (nor to heterosexual promiscuity). Children raised by same-sex couples are at increased risk of later engaging in homosexual activity." [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Supports Subjecting Children To Sexual Orientation And Gender Change Efforts, Sometimes Called "Gay Conversion Therapy"

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations: "Healthcare Professionals Should Not Be Prevented From Providing Support And Counseling To Patients Or To Parents Of Children Who Request Assistance With Healing From Homosexual Attraction And/Or Abstaining From Homosexual Behavior (Change-Allowing Therapy)." "Healthcare professionals should not be prevented from providing support and counseling to patients or to parents of children who request assistance with healing from homosexual attraction and/or abstaining from homosexual behavior (change-allowing therapy)." [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

In A Statement It Has Since Deleted, The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Described Non-Heterosexual Intercourse As A "Perversion" Morally Equivalent To Rape And Incest

2017: The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Published A 272-Page "Ethics Statements" Document That Contained An Entry On "Human Sexuality." "CMDA Ethics Statements: Based on scientific, moral and biblical principles." [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, "CMDA Ethics Statements" via Wayback Machine, accessed [12/18/23](#)]

- **The 2017 Document Is No Longer Available On The Christian Medical And Dental Associations' Website.**
<https://cmda.org/library/doclib/CMDA-Ethics-Statements-17withrefer.pdf> [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [12/18/23](#)]
- **In The Entry On "Human Sexuality," The Christian Medical And Dental Associations "[Condemned] The Perversion Of Sexuality In Pornography, Rape, Incest, And All Other Forms Of Sexuality That Deviate From The Biblical Norm Of Christian Marriage" In A Section Specifically Addressing Non-Heterosexual**

Intercourse.

CMDA affirms the biblical principles stated above. These principles are clarified further by the following statements:

1. Sexual intercourse is to be reserved exclusively for heterosexual marriage.
2. Single men and women who engage in sexual intercourse are outside of God's limits and are practicing sin.
3. Married people who have intercourse with anyone other than their marriage partner are defiling a marriage union which God has sealed and are in sin.
4. Like single heterosexuals who engage in heterosexual sex, or married persons who engage in extra-marital sex, homosexuals who engage in homosexual acts are practicing sin.
5. We condemn the perversion of sexuality in pornography, rape, incest, and all other forms of sexuality that deviate from the biblical norm for Christian marriage.

[Christian Medical and Dental Associations, "CMDA Ethics Statements" via Wayback Machine, accessed [12/18/23](#)]

- **The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Also Wrote, "While Sexual Expression Outside Of God's Design May Provide Temporary Pleasure, God's Guidelines Are Meant To Protect Us From Disease, Fear, Exploitation, And Ultimately Dehumanization."** "The Bible describes the covenantal relationship of love which God has for His people; the husband- wife relationship is analogous. Since God holds the marriage relationship close to His heart, its violation is a serious offense to Him. Our integrated nature means that intimate sexual expression profoundly affects all dimensions of our being. While sexual expression outside of God's design may provide temporary pleasure, God's guidelines are meant to protect us from disease, fear, exploitation, and ultimately dehumanization." [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, "CMDA Ethics Statements" via Wayback Machine, accessed [12/18/23](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Compared People Who Are HIV-Positive To Biblical Lepers And Described Them As A "Doubly-Despised Sub-Group" Suffering From An "Unclean Disease"

2017: The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Published A 272-Page "Ethics Statements" Document That Included A Section On AIDS. "CMDA Ethics Statements: Based on scientific, moral and biblical principles." [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, "CMDA Ethics Statements" via Wayback Machine, accessed [12/18/23](#)]

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- **In The Section On AIDS, The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Wrote That "Jesus' Encounter With Ten People With Leprosy In Luke 17:11-19" Is "Very Helpful In Establishing A Moral Framework Which Provides Parameters For Treating Persons With AIDS."** "The Bible is very helpful in establishing a moral framework which provides parameters for treating persons with AIDS. Particularly

relevant is Jesus' encounter with the ten people with leprosy in Luke 17:11-19, one of whom was a Samaritan. Lepers in the time of Jesus bore much resemblance to persons with AIDS today--they were seriously ill and they were ostracized." [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, "CMDA Ethics Statements" via Wayback Machine, accessed [12/18/23](#)]

- **The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Also Wrote, "It Is Striking That Jesus Not Only Relates To And Heals People With Unclean Diseases, But That He Heals Them All Without Regard For Whether Or Not They Fall Into A Doubly-Despised Sub-Group."** "The Bible is very helpful in establishing a moral framework which provides parameters for treating persons with AIDS. Particularly relevant is Jesus' encounter with the ten people with leprosy in Luke 17:11-19, one of whom was a Samaritan. Lepers in the time of Jesus bore much resemblance to persons with AIDS today--they were seriously ill and they were ostracized. Then, Jews looked down on Samaritans, just as today many people look down on those who take IV drugs or engage in homosexual behavior. When these kinds of people contract leprosy (then) or AIDS (now), they are especially despised. Against this backdrop it is striking that Jesus not only relates to and heals people with unclean diseases, but that he heals them all without regard for whether or not they fall into a doubly-despised sub-group." [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, "CMDA Ethics Statements" via Wayback Machine, accessed [12/18/23](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations' Ethics Statements Described People Who Are Transgender As "Sexually Broken" And Guilty Of "Moral Failure"

2017: The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Published A 272-Page "Ethics Statements" Document That Contained An Entry On Transgender Identification. "CMDA Ethics Statements: Based on scientific, moral and biblical principles." [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, "CMDA Ethics Statements" via Wayback Machine, accessed [12/18/23](#)]

- **The 2017 Document Is No Longer Available On The Christian Medical And Dental Associations' Website.**
<https://cmda.org/library/doclib/CMDA-Ethics-Statements-17withrefer.pdf> [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [12/18/23](#)]
- **In The Section, The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Referred To People Who Are Transgender As "Sexually Broken" And Subsequently Wrote That "God Provides The Remedy For All Moral Failure Through Faith In Jesus Christ And The Life-Changing Power Of The Holy Spirit."** "The Christian community is to be a refuge of love for all who are broken – including sexually broken – not to affirm their sin, nor to condemn or castigate, but to shepherd them to Jesus, who alone can forgive, heal, restore, and redirect to a Godly, honorable, and virtuous way of life. God provides the remedy for all moral failure through faith in Jesus Christ and the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit." [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, "CMDA Ethics Statements" via Wayback Machine, accessed [12/18/23](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Has Enlisted The Alliance Defending Freedom, A Southern Poverty Law Center-Designated Hate Group, To File Lawsuits That Have Eroded Medical Standards And Rolled Back Anti-Discrimination Provisions

The Alliance Defending Freedom, Designated An Anti-LGBTQ Hate Group By The Southern Poverty Law Center, Has Legally Represented The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Multiple Times

The Alliance Defending Freedom Is A Legal Advocacy And Training Group That Supports The Criminalization Of Sexual Acts Between Consenting LGBTQ Adults And Other Extreme, Anti-LGBTQ Stances. “Founded by some 30 leaders of the Christian Right, the Alliance Defending Freedom is a legal advocacy and training group that has supported the recriminalization of sexual acts between consenting LGBTQ adults in the U.S. and criminalization abroad; has defended state-sanctioned sterilization of trans people abroad; has contended that LGBTQ people are more likely to engage in pedophilia; and claims that a “homosexual agenda” will destroy Christianity and society.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [12/22/23](#)]

- **The Southern Poverty Law Center Designates The Alliance Defending Freedom As An Anti-LGBTQ Hate Group.**



SPLC Designated Hate Group

Date Founded: 1994

Location: Scottsdale, Ariz.

Ideology: [Anti-LGBTQ](#)

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- [Defended state-sanctioned sterilization of trans people abroad](#)
- [Contended that LGBTQ people are more likely to engage in pedophilia](#)
- Claimed that a “homosexual agenda” [will destroy Christianity and society](#).

[Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [12/22/23](#)]

The Alliance Defending Freedom Has Provided The Christian Medical And Dental Associations With Legal Representation In Multiple Cases. “We are grateful to our partners at Alliance Defending Freedom and Becket Law for representing CMDA in [the following] cases.” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [12/22/23](#)]

- **2022: The Alliance Defending Freedom Represented The Christian Medical And Dental Associations In *Lacy V. Torres*.** “Related Case: Lacy v. Torres... Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys representing a Christian doctor and the Christian Medical & Dental Associations sued the state of New Mexico Wednesday for enacting a law that

requires doctors to facilitate physician assisted suicide in ways that violate their religious convictions and professional ethics.” [Alliance Defending Freedom, [12/15/22](#)]

- **Since 2022, The Alliance Defending Freedom Represented The Christian Medical And Dental Associations In *Christian Medical And Dental Associations V. Bonta*.** “Summary: A Christian physician and the Christian Medical & Dental Associations are suing the state of California after it enacted a law that requires doctors to participate in physician-assisted suicide against their religious convictions and professional ethics.” [Alliance Defending Freedom, accessed [1/4/24](#)]
- **Since 2023, The Alliance Defending Freedom Represented The Christian Medical Has Represented The Christian Medical And Dental Associations In *State Of Texas V. Becerra*.** “Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys are representing doctors who are members of two pro-life organizations—the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) and the Christian Medical and Dental Associationss (CMDA). If the new abortion rule from the Biden administration stands, these doctors will be forced to perform abortions in violation of their deeply held beliefs.” [Alliance Defending Freedom, [2/24/23](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Has Won Lawsuits That Have Eroded Professional Medical Standards, Permitted Physicians To Obstruct Patients’ Care, And Allowed Hospitals To Exploit Religious Exemptions As A Means Of Dodging Federal Anti-Discrimination Standards

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Filed A Lawsuit In 2022 Challenging A California State Medical Aid-In-Dying Law. “The Christian Medical & Dental Associations (CMDA), a group aiming to be the “hands of Jesus” in healthcare, along with one of its physician members, Dr. Leslee Cochrane, filed a lawsuit against California Attorney General Rob Bonta and other state officials challenging the constitutionality of California’s recently amended medical aid-in-dying law on Feb. 22, 2022.” [Compassion & Choices, accessed [12/22/23](#)]

- **The Law In Question Made It Possible To Enact Discipline Or Licensing Sanctions For California-Licensed Physicians Who Refused To Document A Patient’s Request For Medical Aid-In-Dying, Provide Basic Medical Information About Aid-In-Dying Options, Or Refer The Patient To Another Healthcare Provider After Refusing To Provide Care.** “It is hereby ordered that Defendants Rob Bonta, in his official capacity as Attorney General of the State of California... and all other persons in active concert or participation with Defendants, are hereby permanently enjoined from enforcing any criminal or civil punishment, including professional discipline or licensing sanction for a California-licensed physician’s refusal or failure to: (1) Document a patient’s request for medical aid-in-dying, as permitted by the EOLOA, in the patient’s medical record, as required by Cal. Health & Safety Code § 443.14(e)(2); (2) Provide information to a patient about aid-in-dying, other than the fact that the physician does not provide aid-in-dying services under the EOLOA, when a patient requests aid-in-dying; or (3) Refer a patient to another physician when the patient seeks such referral for the purpose of obtaining aid-in-dying services.” [United States District Court, Central District of California, opinion via the Medical Board of California, [5/17/23](#)]

- **The Christian Medical And Dental Associations, Represented By The Alliance Defending Freedom, Won The Case In 2023.** “ADF attorneys favorably settle lawsuit on behalf of doctor, Christian Medical & Dental Associations... In a victory for religious medical professionals, the state of California will no longer force doctors to participate in physician-assisted suicide against their religious convictions and professional ethics.” [Alliance Defending Freedom, [5/17/23](#)]

In 2022, The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Won A Case That Shielded Christian Hospitals From Enforcement Action Being Taken Under The Affordable Care Act’s Anti-Discrimination Provision. “The U.S. government cannot require several Christian medical groups and providers to perform abortions or gender transition surgeries under the Affordable Care Act, a federal appeals court has ruled. A unanimous panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday upheld a lower court’s permanent order shielding Christian Medical and Dental Associations and Specialty Physicians of Illinois, along with Catholic hospital system Franciscan Alliance Inc, from any enforcement action under the ACA’s anti-discrimination provision, known as Section 1557, for refusing to perform the procedures, which they say would violate their religious freedom.” [Reuters, [8/29/22](#)]

- **The Enforcement Provision, Which Stood From The Obama Administration, Had Made Hospitals’ Eligibility For Federal Funding Contingent On Their Compliance With The Affordable Care Act’s Anti-Discrimination Standards.** “The Christian groups had sued in Wichita Falls, Texas federal court to challenge an HHS rule issued in 2016 during Democratic President Barack Obama’s administration. The rule interpreted Section 1557 to prohibit healthcare providers that receive federal funding or participate in ACA exchanges from discriminating on the basis of ‘gender identity’ or ‘termination of pregnancy.’” [Reuters, [8/29/22](#)]
- **In Describing The Potential Impact Of This Case, Georgetown University’s O’Neill Institute Wrote “Eroding Nondiscrimination Protections For Women And LGBTQI+ People Would Expose Them To Greater Challenges In Accessing Needed Services And Care.”** “Potential Impact: Eroding nondiscrimination protections for women and LGBTQI+ people would expose them to greater challenges in accessing needed services and care.” [O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, [4/13/23](#)]

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Filed An Amicus Brief On Behalf Of Plaintiffs Challenging A Washington State Law Prohibiting Minors From Being Subjected To Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity Change Efforts

The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Has Written That “Homosexual Behavior Can Be Changed, Even When Desire Persists” And Encourages Physicians To Support Parents Who Wish To Enroll Their Children In Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity Change Efforts. “Homosexual behavior can be changed, even when desire persists. There is valid evidence that many individuals who chose to abstain from homosexual acts have been able to do so... Healthcare professionals should not be prevented from providing support and counseling to patients or to parents of children who request assistance with healing from homosexual attraction and/or abstaining from homosexual behavior (change- allowing therapy).” [Christian Medical and Dental Associations, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

- **Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity Change Efforts (SOGICE) Is The Medically Accepted Term For Practices Sometimes Referred To As “Gay Conversion Therapy.”** “Most expressions of SOGICE have flown under the radar in recent media coverage of ‘gay conversion therapy’, particularly as formal ‘therapy’ that focuses on gay people is only a very small part of the LGBTQA+ conversion movement.” [SOGICE Survivor Statements via the Wayback Machine, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

2021: In *Tingley V. Ferguson*, A Christian Group Challenged The Constitutionality Of Washington State’s Prohibition On Subjecting Minors To Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity Change Efforts. “Tingley v. Ferguson... In 2018, the State of Washington passed a law prohibiting state-licensed therapists from trying to change the sexual orientation or gender identity of a patient under 18 years old. Every leading medical and mental health organization in the country has warned that these practices do not work and put young people at risk of serious harm, including depression, substance abuse, and suicide. In 2021, an anti-LGBTQ legal group filed a federal lawsuit challenging the new law on behalf of Brian Tingley, a therapist and advocate of conversion therapy.” [National Center for Lesbian Rights, accessed [12/18/23](#)]

- **April 2023: The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Filed An Amicus Brief Advocating Certiorari In *Tingley V. Ferguson*.**

In The
Supreme Court of the United States

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BRIAN TINGLEY,
Petitioner,

v.

ROBERT W. FERGUSON, in his official capacity as Attorney
General for State of Washington; UMAIR A. SHAH, in his official
capacity as Secretary of Health for State of Washington; and
SASHA DE LEON, in her official capacity as Assistant Secretary
of the Health Systems Quality Assurance Division of the
Washington State Department of Health,
Respondents,

and
EQUAL RIGHTS WASHINGTON,
Respondent-Intervenor

—◆—
On Petition for Writ of Certiorari
to the United States Courts of Appeals
for the Ninth Circuit

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Brief of *Amicus Curiae*
Christian Medical and Dental Association
in Support of Petitioner

[*Tingley v. Ferguson*, amicus curiae via [supremecourt.gov](#), [4/27/23](#)]

- ***Tingley V. Ferguson* Ascended The Appeals Process Until December 2023, When The Supreme Court Declined Certiorari.** “Because the [Supreme Court] justices decided not to hear this case, known as Tingley v. Ferguson, and because the appeals court upheld Washington’s law, the state’s limited ban on conversion therapy remains in effect for now.” [Vox, [12/11/23](#)]

Members Of The Christian Medical And Dental Associations Have Delivered Court Testimonies On Abortion That Were Riddled With Medical Misinformation And Obscured The Physicians' Inexperience With Subject Matter Of The Hearings

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Dr. Ingrid Skop Is A Former Practicing Anti-Choice OB/GYN Who Works At The Charlotte Lozier Institute. “Ingrid Skop - A board-certified Texas obstetrician, she testified as a member of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) and the Christian Medical & Dental Associations (CMDA). Her testimony was cited as evidence doctors face violations of their conscience rights because they might have to complete elective abortions. She works at the Charlotte Lozier Institute, an anti-abortion group, and often testifies before lawmakers and in anti-abortion litigation.” [Reuters, [6/29/23](#)]

- **The Charlotte Lozier Group Is An Anti-Choice Advocacy Group.** “Ingrid Skop - A board-certified Texas obstetrician, she testified as a member of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) and the Christian Medical & Dental Associations (CMDA). Her testimony was cited as evidence doctors face violations of their conscience rights because they might have to complete elective abortions. She works at the Charlotte Lozier Institute, an anti-abortion group, and often testifies before lawmakers and in anti-abortion litigation.” [Reuters, [6/29/23](#)]
- **Dr. Ingrid Skop Left Her Medical Practice To Be Vice President and Director of Medical Affairs At The Charlotte Lozier Institute.** “Ingrid Skop, M.D., FACOG... Vice President and Director of Medical Affairs... Prior to joining Charlotte Lozier Institute, Dr. Skop served for over 25 years in private practice in San Antonio, where she delivered more than 5,000 babies and personally cared for many women who had been harmed, physically and emotionally, from complications due to abortion.” [Charlotte Lozier Institute, accessed [12/22/23](#)]

Dr. Ingrid Skop Is A Member Of The Christian Medical And Dental Associations. “Ingrid Skop - A board-certified Texas obstetrician, she testified as a member of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) and the Christian Medical & Dental Associations (CMDA).” [Reuters, [6/29/23](#)]

In 2022, Dr. Ingrid Skop Provided Expert Testimony In A Case Concerning A Florida Abortion Ban

Planned Parenthood Of Sw. & Cent. Fla. V. State (2022) Is An Ongoing State Case Concerning A Florida Bill That Bans Abortion After 15 Weeks And Threatens Violators With Jail Time. “On January 23, 2023, the Florida Supreme Court accepted a request by abortion providers to hear arguments in their case against House Bill 5 (HB 5), a ban on abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy that threatens to put doctors in jail for providing essential care beyond that point. The move comes after several court rulings closed off meaningful legal avenues to block the law. While providers' request for the court to hear arguments in the case

was granted, the justices declined to immediately block HB 5 while the lawsuit proceeds, leaving the ban in place for now.” [American Civil Liberties Union, [4/28/23](#)]

- **Dr. Ingrid Skop Is A Former Practicing Anti-Choice OB/GYN Who Works At The Charlotte Lozier Institute.** “Ingrid Skop - A board-certified Texas obstetrician, she testified as a member of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) and the Christian Medical & Dental Associations (CMDA). Her testimony was cited as evidence doctors face violations of their conscience rights because they might have to complete elective abortions. She works at the Charlotte Lozier Institute, an anti-abortion group, and often testifies before lawmakers and in anti-abortion litigation.” [Reuters, [6/29/23](#)]
- **Dr. Ingrid Skop Testified On Behalf Of The State Of Florida In *Planned Parenthood Of Sw. & Cent. Fla. V. State* (2022).** “The State presented live testimony from two experts, Dr. Ingrid Skop, an obstetrician and gynecologist and Senior Fellow and Director of Medical Affairs at the Charlotte Lozier Institute, and Dr. Maureen Condic, Associate Professor of Neurobiology and Anatomy at the University of Utah.” [Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida, opinion via the American Civil Liberties Union, [7/5/22](#)]

Dr. Skop’s Testimony Was Rejected By The Judge, Who Claimed Her Inexperience With Abortion Discredited Her From Speaking On Its Health Risks And Criticized Her For Providing “No Credible Scientific Basis For Her Disagreement With Recognized High-Level Medical Organizations In The United States”

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In July 2022, A County Circuit Judge Issued A Ruling In *Planned Parenthood Of Sw. & Cent. Fla. V. State* (2022) That Found Florida’s 15 Week Abortion Ban Unconstitutional. “A new Florida law blocking doctors from performing abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy remains in effect despite a Leon County circuit judge’s ruling that it is unconstitutional, as attorneys for the state swiftly appealed the decision Tuesday.” [Health News Florida, [7/5/22](#)]

- **In The Ruling, The Court Found That, Compared To That Of The Other Attending Physician, Dr. Skop’s Testimony On The Potential Risks Of Abortion Complications And Quality Of Abortion Care Lacked Credibility.** “Overall, Dr. Skop has no experience in performing abortions; admitted that her testimony on the risk of certain abortion complications was inaccurate and overstated, or based on data from decades ago; admitted that her views on abortion safety are out of step with mainstream medical abortions; and provided no credible scientific basis for her disagreement with recognized high-level medical organizations in the United States. The Court thus does not find Dr. Skop as credible on the risks of abortion complications and quality of abortion care as Dr. Tien, who has significant experience in performing abortions and the

other qualifications set forth above.” [Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida, opinion via the American Civil Liberties Union, [7/5/22](#)]

- **The Court Took Issue With The Fact That Dr. Skop Had No Experience Performing Abortions And Noted Her Admission That Her “Testimony On The Risk Of Certain Abortion Complications Was Inaccurate And Overstated.”** “Overall, Dr. Skop has no experience in performing abortions; admitted that her testimony on the risk of certain abortion complications was inaccurate and overstated, or based on data from decades ago...” [Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida, opinion via the American Civil Liberties Union, [7/5/22](#)]
- **The Court Also Found That Dr. Skop “Admitted That Her Views On Abortion Safety [Were] Out Of Step With Mainstream Medical Organizations; And Provided No Credible Scientific Basis For Her Disagreement With Recognized High-Level Medical Organizations In The United States.”** “Overall, Dr. Skop... admitted that her views on abortion safety are out of step with mainstream medical abortions; and provided no credible scientific basis for her disagreement with recognized high-level medical organizations in the United States.” [Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida, opinion via the American Civil Liberties Union, [7/5/22](#)]
- **The Court Also Noted That Dr. Skop Testified On The Alleged Mental Health Impacts Of Abortion Despite The Fact That She Admitted That She Lacked Relevant Mental Health Counseling Training And Would Not Refer To Herself As An Expert In Mental Health.** “Dr. Skop also testified that abortion has a negative effect o the mental health of the woman who obtains the abortion. Hr’g Tr. (Rough) 193:11-14. However, Dr. Skop acknowledged that she has ‘no formal training in mental health counseling outside of [her] time in medical school,’ id. at 199:21-24, and she testified that she would not refer to herself as an expert in mental health, id. at 200:3-4.” [Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida, opinion via the American Civil Liberties Union, [7/5/22](#)]

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