

CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Issue Theme: Conscientious objection to termination of pregnancy in the global south: medico-legal and ethical challenges

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Access to legal abortion in the global south is, on the whole, limited to situations where the continued pregnancy poses a danger to the woman's life or poses a risk to her health. In countries where abortion is legal on health, social or economic grounds or by request, access is oftentimes constrained by doctors and nurses who object to performing or assisting in the procedure on the basis of religious beliefs or other ethical convictions. The nexus of religious freedom, professional obligations and reproductive rights is fraught with ethical and legal disputes. We invite submissions of articles that address these ethical and legal problems.

Indicative of the kinds of questions such articles could address are the following:

1. Does professionalism in health care exclude refusal to provide legally permitted, requested services?
2. Are there situations where objectors must put aside their beliefs and provide such services?
3. To what extent do refusals hinder service provision?
4. What are the consequences of effective referral policies on patients and on non-objecting health care professionals in resource-poor settings?
5. Are state-provided health care systems justified in refusing to admit prospective medical students who will not perform abortions?
6. Should religious students be allowed to refuse training in performing abortions at institutions that provide these services?

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