Week 2: Introduction
Abortion, Professionalism, and Patient-centered Counseling

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Week 2: Overview and Objectives

After this week, learners will be able to

• Describe key stakeholders’ reactions to Roe v. Wade in American culture
• Understand the professional responsibilities of health-care providers caring for women seeking abortion
• Recognize and appreciate appropriate and inappropriate applications of “conscience” in the setting of abortion care
• Provide objective and compassionate pregnancy options counseling
• Practice patient communication skills
• Identify steps to take to enhance professionalism in personally challenging clinical encounters
Abortion in the U.S. After Legalization

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Physicians’ Professional Responsibilities in Abortion Care

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Nursing Roles in Abortion Care: Clinical Responsibility and Professional Ethics

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Conscientious Provision and Refusal of Abortion Care

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Decision Counseling for Positive Pregnancy Test Results

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Expert Interviews

• Diana Greene Foster, PhD, Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health (ANSIRH)
  – Turnaway Study
• Rebecca Gomperts, MD, MPP, Women on Waves
  – Abortion in the U.S.
• Sierra Harris, ACCESS Women’s Health Justice
• Amy Miller, Whole Woman’s Health
Additional Resources

Videos
- MSNBC’s Rachel Maddow Show segment: “Wendy Davis Seeks to Rouse Dormant Democratic Giant in Texas”

Articles in Popular Culture
- “Where are the Doctors.” USA Today.
- “What Happens to Women When They are Denied Abortion” The New York Times
Additional Resources

• Values Clarification Educational Materials
  – MedEdPORTAL Caring for Challenging Patients Workshop
  – Innovating Education in Reproductive Health
    • Professionalism Teaching Resources
    • innovating-education.org
  – Reproductive Health Access Project
    • Values Clarification
Academic Literature

• Perrucci AC. Decision Assessment and Counseling in Abortion Care: Philosophy and Practice. 2012.