

# Code of Medical Ethics

## 4.2.7 Abortion

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Abortion is a safe and common medical procedure, about which thoughtful individuals hold diverging, yet equally deeply held and well-considered perspectives. Like all health care decisions, a decision to terminate a pregnancy should be made privately within the relationship of trust between patient and physician in keeping with the patient's unique values and needs and the physician's best judgment.

The Principles of Medical Ethics of the American Medical Association permit physicians to perform abortions in keeping with good medical practice.

### AMA Principles of Medical Ethics: III,IV

*The Opinions in this chapter are offered as ethics guidance for physicians and are not intended to establish standards of clinical practice or rules of law.*

### Policy Timeline

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