



Defense Health Agency (DHA) Clinical Communities Speaker Series
FEB 2023 CCSS: Exploring Evidence-Based Practices in Women's and Infants' Health

S03: Clinical and Ethical Considerations of Overturning Roe v. Wade:
A Military Health Perspective

Resource List

Patients' access to the full spectrum of reproductive healthcare options is determined to be a health equity issue according to the [American Medical Association \(2022\)](#). A three-member panel of physicians from the Physicians for Reproductive Health, the World Health Organizations' Center on Global Health Law and Planned Parenthood convened to discuss an optimal course of treatment and overall practice of medicine in response to the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade. Free continuing education (CE) opportunities are available for health care providers. This resource is beneficial to any health care provider to promote or maintain best practices in delivering reproductive health care to patients that will be impacted by this landmark decision by the Supreme Court.

The [American Pharmacists Association \(2022\)](#) conducted two "listening sessions" for APhA members in response to the Supreme Court's ruling on Dobbs v Jacksons Women's Health Organization, which overturned Roe v Wade. Challenges will arise for patients attempting to access medications in certain parts of the country and further clarity between conflicting laws and regulations are forthcoming. Review the "key takeaways" from these listening sessions to remain current as this health care profession navigates the new normal for reproductive health care.

Abortion laws and psychology practice intersect in response to the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade. In response to the way forward for individuals seeking psychological resources who are faced with the consequences of this decision, the [American Psychological Association \(2022\)](#) created a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document for psychologists and other mental health care providers, preparing them for the patients they may encounter in the future. Familiarize yourself with this guidance which includes federal and state agencies, licensing board, and liability insurance carrier information for psychologists offering mental health services to patients managing the complexities of reproductive care.

For decades, the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Medicine have advised the nation on many issues related to maternal and reproductive health, unintended pregnancy, prenatal care, racial and ethnic disparities in health care, and abortion. Considering the decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, the [National Academies \(2022\)](#) are committed to mobilizing the scientific, medical, and health care communities to identify actions that can mitigate the potential negative impacts of this decision and continue to advance health equity.



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