

Keep Abortion Safe and Legal

AAFP Value/Shared Value	Example of testimony
Build the organization's membership	Family medicine graduates are now more than 50% female.
Stand against legislative intrusions into medical practice	State bans, restrictions, scripted consents, etc. should be opposed.
Stand up for public health	Medical societies supported the legalization of abortion as a public health issue.
Respect bodily autonomy	We don't force people to give up kidneys to save someone's life (we don't even remove them from dead people!). How can we force women to carry pregnancies? It goes against our value of respecting bodily autonomy.
Support evidence-based medicine	When abortion became more and more inaccessible in Texas, there was a documented increase in maternal mortality.
Partner with leading medical organizations	ACOG and the AMA have been signing on to lawsuits that oppose the state bans on abortion – the AAFP should be partnering with them.
Patient centered care	If a doctor is forcing a pregnancy decision on a patient, their practice and care is NOT patient-centered.
Reduce the administrative complexity of modern medical practice	Paperwork associated with providing abortion is over the top, and more regulated than any other procedure. Abortion care requires endless reporting and lengthy legislated consent forms.
Facilitate active members' lifelong learning	
Take a leadership role in addressing diversity and social determinants of health	If the only patients who can access abortion are women with adequate means, it builds disparities in the health care system. This leads to worse outcomes for both women and their children, from economic status to education levels and everything in between.
Strive for health equity	The Hyde amendment prevents women with public coverage from accessing the same care available to women with private insurance.

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