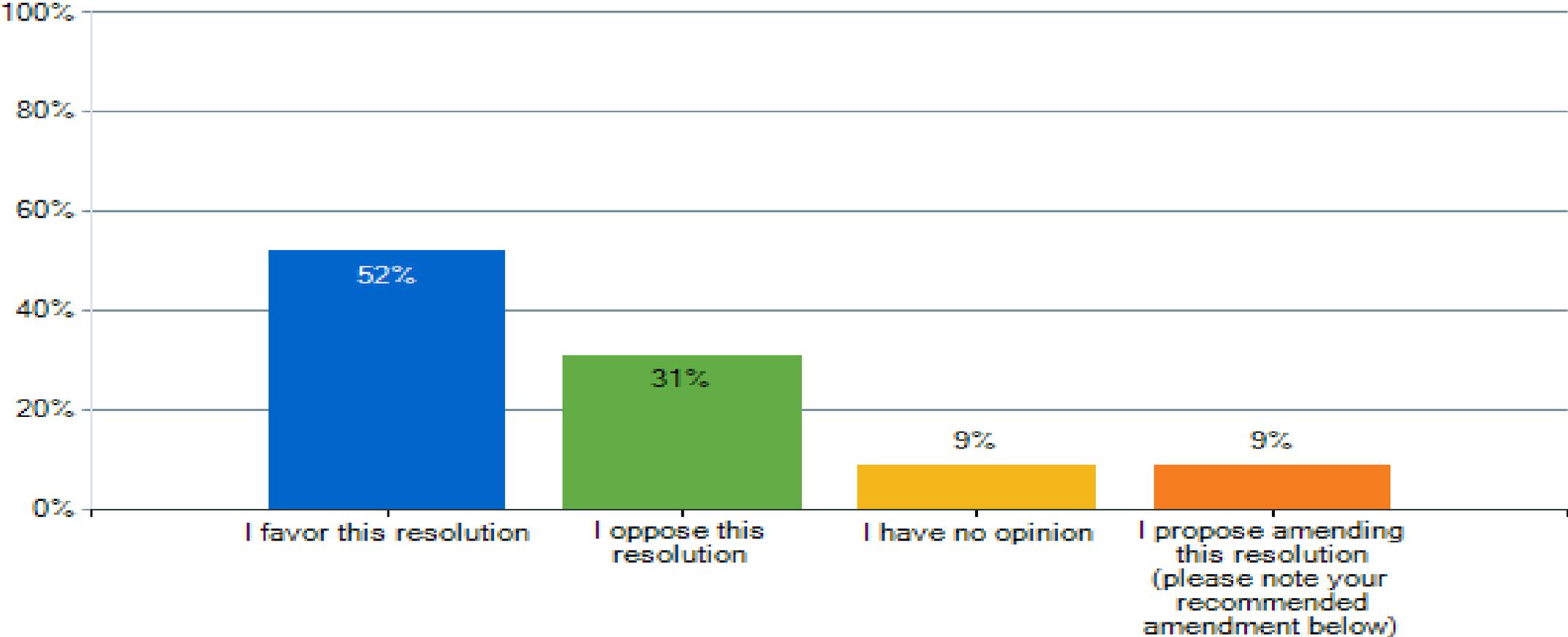
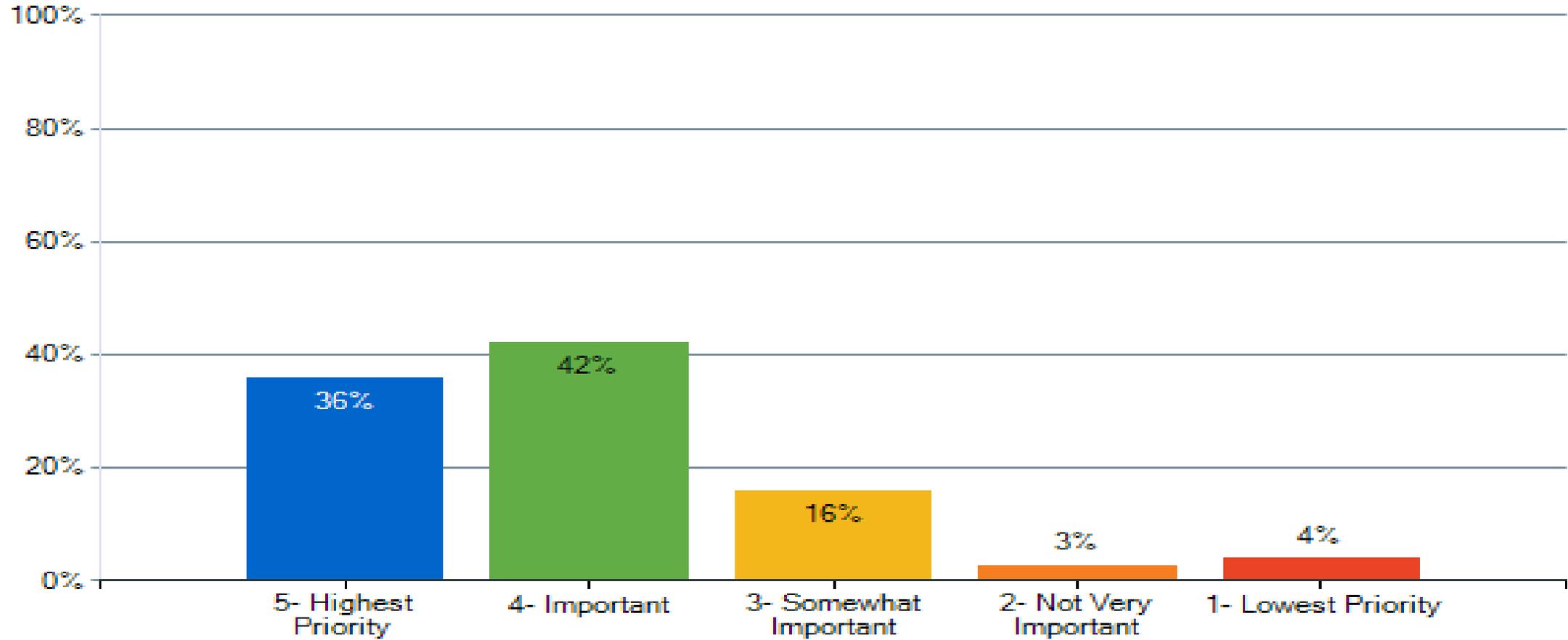


# Parental Notification for Abortion



160 responses

Please indicate your view of this resolution as an ISMS priority.



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3	3	Knowledge is online. Parents are no longer needed for facts. Wisdom and judgement concerning hard choices. Advice from experienced persons with the best interest of the parties involved is still direly needed. Simple notification does not mandate any particular action on the part of the minor. The emancipation issue is a legal one, and the law stands as is at this point. I favor leaving the law as written.
7	7	My wife has been on the board and intimately involved with a crisis pregnancy center for 9 years. Our family has the utmost compassion for young pregnant women. It is for that reason I strongly oppose this resolution. Young women in crisis, such as those seeking an abortion have emotional stress among other factors which make decisions difficult. When adding those factors to the cognitive limitations of a minor, it is hard to imagine these decisions can be made with sound judgement. As a profession, we contend that a 17 year old cannot consent to be seen and treated for strep throat without an adult. How can we then take the position that a 13 year old is equipped to provide informed consent for an abortion? Abortions are surgical procedures with real risk of adverse events. Many children seeking abortion do so out of shame and hopelessness. These factors will also be major driving forces to prevent a child from seeking help should there be complications. Physicians should remove the politics and treat the patient. Anything less is dereliction of duty to our professional responsibility to first do no harm.
11	10	ISMS should strongly oppose parental notification rather than remain neutral. But for now, I'll take this.

13	12	While I agree overall with ISMS remaining neutral on issues that are highly controversial and for the most part represent individual choice while being afforded that choice under the law I oppose any resolution that seeks to broadly blanket or limit the organizations ability to respond to future resolutions yet to be identified, written, submitted as resolutions in the future. All resolutions should be considered individually based upon their merit their impact and current ISMS policy.
14	13	Requiring parental notification brings us back to the stone age of cost hangers and alley quacks. I oppose parental notification for minors.
17	14	Minors, unless emancipated, cannot give informed consent. A parent must be involved in decisions that impact their children's health and well being, including reproduction and be given the information to carry out their responsibility. If the doctor thinks this puts the child in peril, the courts need to be consulted to intervene.
22	19	ISMS should favor repeal of a law requiring parental consent for abortion
25	22	Confidentiality of reproductive health care and recognition of the ability of older adolescents to make informed decisions with clinical guidance are critically important issues for clinicians and for young people.
28	25	I am opposed to abortion
31	28	Our support for patient autonomy ethically obligates us to oppose parental consent or notification for abortion. No where in our policies do we require parental consent or notification for pregnancy prevention, sexual education, nor are we advocating for a change in the emancipation laws to prevent parents who are under the age of 18 to consent to care for their child. If we as ISMS are trusting these patients to care for their children without parental consent, then we should not be requiring parental notification or consent for this family planning option.
37	34	The 2 resolutions seem contradictory.

38	35	Parents should be notified in all cases involving units. Rather ironical that minors have no voice in child custody cases and on the other side they have a voice o keeping abortions secret. ISMS needs to strongly support parents rights to know in case of minors
39	36	I believe that parents should be notified if the minor is under the parents custody
40	37	Why would we be neutral? Why not oppose requiring parental notification?
48	45	This seems inconsistent. ISMS should support repeal of laws that try to override physician judgement; including whether and how to involve parents or others, in a woman's medical decisions. The first "resolved" is not "neutral." It abdicates any position. Remaining neutral on the matter of notification ignores efforts to grab our authority and our patients' autonomy. It's an abandonment of medical responsibility. I do support repeal of a law mandating parent/guardian involvement; and repeal of any policy supporting blanket parent/guardian involvement or consent.
54	61	I support this resolution
55	69	There are many aspects of care in which physicians may sometimes feel that they know more or better about what is best for a child than the parent, but the parent's values guide the care of the child, and the parents are left helping the child pick up the pieces of their lives from any of these decisions, after the physician is long gone from the process. Parents should be notified regarding care of a minor child. Occasional concerns regarding abuse are not sufficient reason to alter this bedrock principle.
59	80	removing parents from involvement in one of the most significant decisions/crises in a young woman's life is unfathomable to me and an abuse of the trust parents place in their health care providers.....there are ways to deal with abusive parents rather than destroy parents' right/duty to be involved in their minor child's care
62	83	don't want to remain neutral. I support the absence of need for parental consent. I feel that consent will lead to interference of care to minors. Thanks

63	91	I feel that ISMS should be opposed to existing laws that require parental notification for a minor's access to abortion, not neutral, and should support efforts to repeal such laws.
71	98	Minors should be able to receive care for birth control, STD testing, and abortion without any mandate for parent involvement. For teens who have good parents, parental notification or consent isn't necessary because the teen already involves the parent in these situations. For teens who don't involve their parents, it is because they have good reason not to (abusive parents, their dad is also the father of their pregnancy, etc).
73	100	I favor parental notification.
74	101	I believe the ISMS should support repealing laws that require parental notification, especially given all relevant professional organizations are against required parental notification. I do agree with repealing the policy that ISMS supports parental consent to abortions in minors
76	103	I would more strongly favor a resolution that would support parental notification laws, however I believe this resolution moves us in the right direction
85	111	I feel that the ISMS should be against ANY recommendation for or requirement for parental consent for abortions in these situations. Nevertheless, I understand the pressures and favor the resolution as written.
86	112	We should be supporting efforts to repeal this law, not neutral
92	118	I am opposed to abortion

95	121	I think the AMA can be in the forefront of education about the complexity of these issues and the importance of the doctor-patient relationship. It is about applying nuanced understanding on a case by case basis that takes into account the risks to the young patient, adolescent psychology, minor status, and family input, when not endangering the patient. When you state the AMA remains "neutral" that seems to me not taking a stance at all. Instead, neutrality can lead to no influence as to what would be a more humane way to proceed. WE as an organization must act like leaders in finding a middle ground with this issue. Remaining "neutral" risks allowing laws to unfold that are more absolute, that just reinforce no nuanced thinking at all. There are many "neutral" parties to man's inhumanity to man. This feels like a cop out.
96	122	"Minor" implies an individual of sexual maturity, but without intellectual maturity. Given the current climate of sexual predation and trafficking, I insist that physicians providing these services be heroic in their efforts to rescue kids in greater trouble. Frankly, two irresponsible teenagers being caught being irresponsible is of minimal importance.
98	124	I feel like the argument outlined better argues for active support of minors autonomy instead of a neutral stance, as outlined in the first resolved clause.
99	125	Do not interfere with reproductive choices that females or males make
104	130	This is reasonable.
114	139	Parents need to be notified if their teenagers are having an abortion.
115	140	ISMS should actively support against notification of parents not remain neutral
121	145	In general, parents are the ones who have their children's best interests at heart. Unfortunately, that is not always true but it is usually true. What that means is that, in general, parent should not be kept in the dark about their child's wish to have an abortion. In unusual circumstances, parental involvement should not be sacrosanct. But since most parents want the best for their children, they should not be cut out of the process.

122	146	I am totally against this and firmly believe parents should and need be involved. But preferably LETS ELIMINATE THE MURDER OF BABIES COMPLETELY
124	148	I do not agree that parents should be notified.
125	149	As a female I have witnessed and experienced the inequality forced on females. I remember before Roe v Wade the underground abortion house across the street from my dorm ( one of at least three such entities at at SIU). Doctors need to provide care and counseling unfettered by ignorant prejudiced politicians or the religious who want their theocracy.
126	150	Well researched. Timely. Impactful.
131	155	there is an inescapable investment by parents in children of their progeny; for such children are part of the parent's immortality, and priority of custody belongs not to their immature expectant daughter but to them.
133	157	I prefer that ISMS support the physicians that care for adolescents, and rather than remain neutral, advocate against mandatory parental notification.
136	174	How pathetic and typical of the profession today! No problem with murder but such gushy "compassion" for the adolescent. We are blinded by our own greed; claiming to be wise, we have truly become fools (Romans 1:22). Believe me, I've been there.
139	177	however, don't we have to obtain parental consent before any other surgical procedure on a minor? Does this mean abortion is sacrosanct?

144	182	<p>families that make Illinois great. In fact, adopting a position of neutrality will defame families in Illinois. If minors do not need a parent or guardian involved in the procedure, how can we be confident that these individuals are being explained the risks associated with abortion? Although provided with the benefits, they may not realize what they are sacrificing by surrendering their child. In 2019, the CDC reports TEEN--not minor--pregnancy at a little under 2%. To remain neutral on parental notification of abortion is to deny these individuals the highest quality of care. What kind of family lifestyle are we supporting if we allow minors to kill their children without acknowledging the parents? Would we dream of failing to notify grandparents if their school-age child had been murdered? Also, we neglect to realize that in instances of minors becoming pregnant, we as physicians become too paternalistic. We must question why we want to deny the parents or legal guardians a say in this issue. Are we so paternalistic to think that we know that abortion is what is best for the minor? Do we not encourage open and honest relationships with parents in all other instances? What gives us the authority to allow a minor to kill their child without outside adult consultation. We as physicians must honestly evaluate why we are seeking to provide this service to minors. I would argue that a silent abortion is not in the best interest of the minor, setting her up for a lifetime of secrecy and mental health concerns that she may have a</p>
147	185	<p>Abortion is a medical procedure performed in an operating room. At my large hospital, parental consent is required for every single procedure performed on a child in an operating room. I do not think any one procedure should be exempted from this. Why allow a 15 year old to consent to an abortion, but not an appendectomy? Lipoma excision? And so forth. I am also unsure of the legal ramifications of allowing minors to consent to any procedure by themselves.</p>
150	187	I AGREE
151	188	Blatently anti-abortion to require parental consent.
152	203	<p>I feel that this sort of legislation is more important than ever given the recent legal attacks of care LGBTQ+ youth + young women. It is the of the utmost importance</p>

157	192	I think this resolution could go farther and have ISMS actively support abolishing parental notification requirements but this is a reasonable first step. Long overdue
165	221	This is tricky because if we were to identify a situation in which a minor was requesting a surgical procedure without notification of the parents for informed consent, because the parents were abusive, we are mandated to report abuse. I think we should clarify that if the abortion is non-surgical, then perhaps treat it like STD standards but if it's surgical we can't remain neutral.
169	243	Confluence of ethics, health care delivery, and pragmatism. Have some family experience this item guides my perspective for the community.