

ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

**Resolution 09.2022-16
(A-23)**

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Subject: Women’s Reproductive Health

Referred to: Council on Education & Health Workforce

1 Whereas, physician residency programs have variations in how the Accreditation
2 Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) guidelines are implemented. As a
3 result, physician residents may have varying degrees of knowledge and skills related to
4 reproductive health; and

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6 Whereas, reproductive healthcare problems can have a significant impact on a
7 woman’s quality of life and are a leading cause of death and disability among women
8 worldwide; and

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10 Whereas, ACGME programs in the United States are required to provide
11 instruction on a variety of topics related to women’s reproductive health, some of which
12 are being threatened by current political thinking and actions; therefore, be it

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14 RESOLVED, that in accordance with ACGME guidelines, ISMS support and
15 protect residency training for women’s reproductive health and all of its manifestations.

Fiscal Note:

None

Existing ISMS policy related to this issue:

The decision to perform an abortion is a medical matter to be determined by agreement between the patient and the physician. Abortions must be performed in conformance with state and federal law and current medical standards, and when so performed shall not be considered unethical. Physicians shall not be required to perform or participate in an abortion by hospital regulations or any other institutional requirement. (HOD 1980; BOT 2003 Reaffirmed; Reaffirmed 2009; Last BOT Review 2010)

ISMS affirmed Board action regarding Resolution 12.2019-20 (A-20), Parental Leave & Family Planning Resources for Medical Students; Resolution 12.2019-20 (A-20) Adopted as Amended. (2021 Annual Meeting)

The Illinois State Medical Society recommends elimination of the requirement for a physician's prescription to purchase birth control pills (BCP) and OTC hormonal contraceptives and allow OTC purchase, and advocates for the revocation of FDA and/or Congressional regulations requiring a prescription for OTC hormonal BCP. (2021 Annual Meeting; BOT 2020-OCT; Last BOT Review 2020)