



## **NJAFP 2024 Resolution #10**

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### **Affirming the Importance of Medication Abortion Training in Family Medicine Residency Programs**

1 **Whereas:** The American Academy of Family Physicians recognizes the right of every individual  
2 to access health care, including abortion and family planning services<sup>1</sup>, and

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4 **Whereas:** The American Academy of Family Physicians opposes policies that restrict the ability  
5 of physicians to practice evidence-based medicine<sup>2</sup>, and

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7 **Whereas:** Medication abortion is common and now comprises over 50% of abortions provided  
8 annually in the United States<sup>3</sup>, and

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10 **Whereas:** Medication abortion is safe, with major complication rates of less than 0.5%<sup>4</sup>, and

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12 **Whereas:** The need for medication abortion services persists, and has perhaps increased, due to  
13 the overturning of Roe v. Wade with the Dobbs decision in 2022<sup>5</sup>, and

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15 **Whereas:** The integration of family planning and abortion training in Family Medicine  
16 Residency is associated with increased access to abortion within primary care<sup>67</sup>, and

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18 **Whereas:** The implementation of medication abortion into Family Medicine Residency  
19 curriculum does not require procedural skills or equipment, now therefore be it

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21 **RESOLVED:** That NJAFP draft a position statement affirming its support for the inclusion of  
22 medication abortion provision in the curriculum of family medicine residency programs, and be  
23 it further

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25 **RESOLVED:** That NJAFP recommends that residency programs notify their trainees of the  
26 existence of resources on medication abortion provision, such as the TEACH abortion training  
27 curriculum<sup>8</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> "Reproductive Decisions." *American Academy of Family Physicians*. Sep. 2022.  
<https://www.aafp.org/about/policies/all/reproductive-decisions.html>

<sup>2</sup> "Infringement on Patient Physician Relationship." *American Academy of Family Physicians*. Jan 2022.  
<https://www.aafp.org/about/policies/all/infringement-patient-physician-relationship.html>

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<sup>3</sup> “Medication Abortion Now Accounts for More Than Half of All US Abortions.” *Guttmacher Institute*, 24 Feb. 2022. <https://www.guttmacher.org/article/2022/02/medication-abortion-now-accounts-more-half-all-us-abortions>

<sup>4</sup> Upadhyay, Ushma, et al, Incidence of Emergency Department Visits and Complications After Abortion, *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, 2015, 125(1): 175-183, doi: 10.1097/AOG.0000000000000603.

<sup>5</sup> “#WeCount Public Report April 2022 to September 2023.” *Society of Family Planning*. 28 Feb. 2024, [https://societyfp.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/SFPWeCountPublicReport\\_2.28.24.pdf](https://societyfp.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/SFPWeCountPublicReport_2.28.24.pdf)  
<https://doi.org/10.46621/675707thmfmv>

<sup>6</sup> Strasser J, Schenk E, Luo Q, Bodas M, Anderson O, Chen C. Training in Residency and Provision of Reproductive Health Services Among Family Medicine Physicians. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2023 Aug 1;6(8):e2330489. doi: 10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2023.30489. PMID: 37610750; PMCID: PMC10448301.

<sup>7</sup> Summit AK, Chong E. Abortion Training in Family Medicine Residency Programs: A National Survey of Program Directors 5 Months After the *Dobbs* Decision. *Fam Med*. 2024;56(4):242-249. <https://doi.org/10.22454/FamMed.2024.683874>.

<sup>8</sup> [TEACH Abortion Training Curriculum](https://teachtraining.org/abortioncurriculum). UCSF Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health. 2022. <https://teachtraining.org/abortioncurriculum>