



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 services¹, 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 medicine², and

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7 **Whereas:** Medication abortion is common and now comprises over 50% of abortions provided
8 annually in the United States³, and

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10 **Whereas:** Medication abortion is safe, with major complication rates of less than 0.5%⁴, 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 2022⁵, 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^{6,7}, 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 work with the NJFMRD to increase support of the inclusion of
22 medication abortion provision in the curriculum of family medicine residency programs and
23 awareness of this education and resources, and be 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 curriculum⁸; and be it further

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29 **RESOLVED:** that the NJAFP petition the AAFP to recommend to the ACGME that training for
30 medication abortion provision be included in family medicine residency curriculum.

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

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

³ “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>

⁴ 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.

⁵ “#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://doi.org/10.46621/675707thmfmv>

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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>.

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