

Clinicians for Choice Abstract

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Workshop Title

The Critical Role of Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Midwives, and Physician Assistants in Abortion Care Provision

Abstract

In addition to physicians, other non-physician health providers play a critical role in ensuring that women have access to abortion. Panelists will discuss the role of nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Midwives, and Physician Assistants in linking and providing women with this essential reproductive health service in different settings and states in the US. Additionally, panelists will discuss the legal/ legislative challenges and successes.

Panelists will also discuss current initiatives (Clinicians for Choice, New Abortion Providers Training Initiative, Reproductive Options Education Consortium for Nursing) designed to reach non-physician health professionals to raise awareness about this critical role, and to provide curricula and training so that they are prepared to meet this health need of their female patients. Clinicians for Choice (CFC) is a membership organization of Nurse Practitioners, Midwives and Physician Assistants¹. The New Abortion Providers Training Initiative (NAPTI) seeks to address the shortage of abortion providers and to expand the scope of practice of advanced-practice and other primary care clinicians to include medical and surgical abortion². The Reproductive Options Education Consortium for Nursing (the ROE Consortium)³ is a pilot project that provides training, quality teaching materials, and support to nursing faculty and trainers across the U.S.

¹ Clinicians for Choice. <http://www.prochoice.org/cfc/>.

² New Abortion Provider Training Initiative. <http://www.abortionaccess.org/viewpages.php?id=83>.

³ The Reproductive Options Education Consortium for Nursing. <http://www.abortionaccess.org/viewpages.php?id=202>.