

## Examples of Conscience Violations from the Catholic Medical Association

Data from March 8, 2018

1. Family Medicine physician had to stop providing gynecologic services due to coercion to provide or refer for contraception. Similar scenario, and termination, faced by an obstetrician/gynecologist. A physician extender was told that person could not return from maternity/paternity leave unless willing to prescribe contraceptives.
2. A palliative care practice in a state that has legalized physician-assisted suicide required the director to be willing to implement the “death-with-dignity law.”
3. Recommendations of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the Society for Maternal-Fetal Health Medicine, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommendations on NICU treatment based on fetal age, overriding the clinical judgment and consciences of neonatologists.
4. Managing anesthesiologists having to provide coverage for a surgical schedule (which they do not control) for morally illicit procedures that violate the conscience of the anesthesiologists.
5. Pediatric patients being dismissed from practices because their parents refuse vaccinations with vaccines developed from cell lines of aborted fetuses. Physicians are incentivized to have high immunization rates.
6. A physician who is uncomfortable co-signing narcotics prescriptions for physician extenders and charged with insubordination, then challenged on a hypothetical bioethical politically charged scenario, creating a hostile work environment.
7. A physician ordered to stop using his/her social media to present on ethical positions of family and human sexuality and ordered to sensitivity training.
8. A medical student was failed for refusing to participate in a surgical sterilization. The medical student, now a physician, had grades of A/B up to that point. A similar scenario occurred for another medical student for refusing to implant a long-acting contraceptive.
9. A physician was chastised for trying to provide true informed consent on transgender issues.
10. A resident now in an environment respecting conscience, has a number of past incidents in which there was coercion related to homosexuality, transgender issues, and end-of-life care.
11. A physician was told by a healthcare agency that the physician could not be a member of the Catholic Medical Association while being a spokesperson for that health care agency.
12. Physicians being coerced to prescribe Viagra in situations that would be a violation of conscience.
13. A physician was removed as a spokesperson for a hospital after speaking at a board of education meeting on the curriculum on sex education.