



# CHARITY WATCHLIST

## American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists



### ABORTION

- Since 1993, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has had an official [policy statement](#) regarding support of abortion:

*All people should have access to the full spectrum of comprehensive, evidence-based health care. Abortion is an essential component of comprehensive, evidence-based health care. As the leading medical organization dedicated to the health of individuals in need of gynecologic and obstetric care, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) supports the availability of high-quality reproductive health services for all people and is committed to protecting and increasing access to abortion.*

- Its [“Advocacy” section](#) refers to abortion as “essential healthcare.” Numerous links promote and normalize the murder of preborn children.
- A [2025 statement](#) demands more access to abortion and condemns all bans against it:

*The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists calls for the cease and repeal of all legislation, policy, and executive actions that ban abortion, create barriers to abortion access, or interfere with the patient–health care professional relationship and the practice of medicine, including, for example:*

- *The federal Hyde Amendment and other federal and state restrictions on public and private insurance coverage of abortion care;*
- *Gestational age–specific bans on abortion care;*
- *Requirements that only physicians or obstetrician-gynecologists may provide abortion care*
- *Telehealth bans;*
- *Mandatory evaluation requirements, including but not limited, to ultrasonography and waiting periods before obtaining abortion care;*
- *Mandatory parental involvement in the care of minors;*
- *Restrictions on interstate or international travel for abortion care;*
- *Punitive policies for self-managed abortion;*
- *Mandatory use of non-evidence-based regimens and processes;*
- *Facility and staffing requirements, including burdensome reporting requirements that are disproportionate to the risks and safety of abortion care provision.*

- A list directs women on where to get an abortion. [List](#) includes Planned Parenthood, National Abortion Federation, I need an Abortion, and Abortion Finder.

### IVF

- [Supports IVF](#) along with other means of [assisted reproductive technologies](#). It condemns legal attempts to recognize the personhood of human embryonic children, [claiming personhood bills](#) seek to restrict “reproductive health care.”

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#### Mission

Advance women’s health care through medical education, practice, research, and advocacy.

#### Focus

Obstetrics, gynecology, prenatal care, reproductive health care

**Charity Watchlist Rating: RED**  
unworthy of support



## CONTRACEPTION

- Its [Postpartum Contraceptive Access Initiative](#):  
*Prepares obstetrician-gynecologists and other health care providers to offer the full range of contraceptive methods after delivery through comprehensive, individualized trainings.*
- Promotes “[long-acting reversible contraception](#)” for women, specifically after having an abortion.
- Promotes [birth control and sterilizations](#) for men and women.



## PLANNED PARENTHOOD

- Following the Supreme Court’s decision in *Medina v. Planned Parenthood* (2024), [ACOG defended Planned Parenthood](#):  
*Separately, the targeting of Planned Parenthood for ideological reasons is harmful to the health care system overall. Patients across the country seek nonjudgmental, compassionate, evidence-based care at Planned Parenthood because it is right for them.*



## LGBTQ+

- [Affirms](#) LGBTQ+ lifestyles:  
*ACOG supports efforts to affirm and uplift the civil, human, and reproductive rights of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual (LGBTQIA) and gender diverse communities and opposes laws and regulations that discriminate against or otherwise marginalize these communities.*
- Supports access to surgeries/gender hormones for those struggling with gender dysphoria and [urges health insurance companies](#) to cover the costs.



## EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

- In 2006, ACOG’s Committee on Ethics [published its support](#) for human embryonic stem cell research:  
*The Committee supports embryo research within 14 days after evidence of fertilization but limits it according to ethical guidelines. The Committee recommends that cryopreserved embryos be the preferred source for research but believes that the promise of somatic cell nuclear transfer is such that research in this area is justified. The Committee opposes reproductive cloning. Intended parents for whom embryos are created should give informed consent for the disposition for any excess embryos. The donors of gametes or somatic cells used in the creation of such tissue should give consent for donation of embryos for research. Potential research projects should be described to potential donors as much as possible. Donation of embryos for stem cell research requires specific consent. The Committee believes that compensation for egg donors for research is acceptable, consistent with American Society for Reproductive Medicine guidelines.*



## ASSISTED SUICIDE

- In a 2015 article on end-of-life decisions for pregnant women, ACOG [expressed support](#) for assisted suicide:  
*Statistics from the United States show that where assistance in dying is legal and patients have asked for this assistance, not all use it to hasten their deaths. Patients living in these states report that this option gives them a sense of control, and data show that palliative care efforts increase.*