

The Medical Right's **ROGUE'S GALLERY**

The organizations listed here are controlling the “facts” behind the Medical Right. All the power of the Medical Right rests here — and if we can track them, charting their actions and analyzing their strategies, we can counter their judgmental half-truths with knowledge, compassion, and empowerment.

One of the most important actions you can take to support our *Medical Right Watch* is by using this resource to spread the word about the dangerous agenda and influence of the Medical Right. Thank you for your help.

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This small collection of extremist groups is trying to control the reproductive rights of every woman and family in the nation. Will you support our work to balance their extremism? Please give generously!

American Academy of Medical Ethics

Conservative bioethics think tank. Focus on proving fetal pain and denouncing stem cell research and emergency contraception.

American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Group has only 2,500 members. They focus on “post-abortion syndrome” and the (scientifically disproved) abortion-breast cancer link.

American College of Pediatricians

Despite the impressive name, this group has only 60 charter members, all of whom are anti-choice. They focus on abortion, emergency contraception, and beginning of life.

Americans United for Life

Conservative public interest law firm; their slogan is “Changing law to protect human life, state by state.” Active in litigation on healthcare refusals as well as in high-profile abortion cases.

Association of American Physicians and Surgeons

Represents physicians who oppose abortion across a range of medical specialties.

Care Net

Represents 900 crisis pregnancy centers in the U.S. and Canada. These pseudo-clinics, outreach arms of the Christian Right, use free pregnancy testing (with sonogram equipment often purchased with federal or state tax dollars) to draw in pregnant women and teens. Any woman who seeks help there will be discouraged from having an abortion and may well be harassed if she indicates she doesn't want to carry a pregnancy to term.

Catholic Medical Association

Approximately 1,000 members. They oppose abortion, stem cell research, and all forms of contraception except natural family planning.

Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity

Conservative think tank founded to put a conservative viewpoint in the medical bioethics debate.

Christian Medical and Dental Association

Claims to be the largest organization of religious doctors with a membership of 17,000 doctors and dentists. 75 full-time employees.

Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer

Clearinghouse for information on the purported link between abortion and breast cancer.

Concerned Women for America

Large conservative women's policy institute. Claims a membership of 500,000. Focus on abstinence-only sex education, fetal pain, and emergency contraception.

Elliot Institute

Dedicated to promoting the idea of “post-abortion syndrome.”

Focus on the Family

Their Physicians Resource Council has 24 members. They provide a platform for a number of key anti-choice experts, including Dr. David Hager.

Medical Institute for Sexual Health

Dedicated to stopping the “global epidemic of non-marital pregnancy” by promoting abstinence-only sex education. (Dr. David Hager is on the board.)

National Association of Pro-Life Nurses

Largest organization of anti-choice nurses. Organization does not provide membership numbers.

National Right to Life

One of the largest of the mainstream anti-choice groups. They lobby on a host of abortion issues, including several key medical issues. Asserts it operates solely from a scientific basis, without regard to religious views.

Pharmacists for Life International

Founded in 1984 by pharmacists who believe oral contraceptives are abortifacients. Claims a membership of 1,500 but has assets of less than \$25,000 and no paid staff.

Pregnancy Centers Online

Clearinghouse for pregnant women to find “pregnancy centers.” These pseudo-clinics, outreach arms of the Christian Right, use free pregnancy testing (with sonogram equipment often purchased with federal or state tax dollars) to draw in pregnant women and teens. Any woman who seeks help there will be discouraged from having an abortion and may well be harassed if she indicates she doesn't want to carry a pregnancy to term.

Pro-Life Maternal-Fetal Medicine

Specialty group within the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine.



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