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Joint Statement from the Reproductive Healthcare Nursing Organizations on the US Supreme Court Ruling on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

The National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH), the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM), and the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) are the leading national organizations representing reproductive healthcare nursing providers in the United States. Our organizations represent healthcare professionals including neonatal nurses, obstetric nurses, women's health nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, and other advanced practice registered nurses specializing in women's and gender-related healthcare.

We believe abortion care is healthcare. In the strongest of terms, we collectively condemn the SCOTUS decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. We believe reproductive health care decisions should take place between the well-informed patient and the licensed healthcare clinician. We believe and respect a woman's right to make her own decisions according to her personal values and preferences. We believe in protecting and promoting a woman's right to make her own choices regarding her health and well-being within the context of her lived experience and her personal, religious, cultural, and family beliefs.

The women and patients who will be harmed by this SCOTUS ruling are those individuals who experience social and systemic impacts of marginalization – Black, Indigenous, and other people of color; those with low incomes, LGBTQ+ people, and people with disabilities. We are committed to advocating for access to [the full spectrum of reproductive health services](#).

Abortion is essential women's health care that has the potential to protect women's lives and health from complications of pregnancy. Neither the federal nor state governments should place any restrictions on access to abortion including restricting trimester, gestational age, restrictions or penalties on clinicians, or onerous requirements for facilities.