

Terminating a pregnancy is indicated in some circumstances to save the life or preserve the health of the mother. Intact D & X is one of the methods available in some of these situations. However, a select panel convened by ACOG could identify no circumstances under which this procedure, as defined above, would be the only option to save the life or preserve the health of the woman. ~~Notwithstanding this conclusion,~~ ACOG strongly believes that decisions about medical treatment must be made by the doctor, in consultation with the patient, based upon the woman's particular circumstances. The potential exists that legislation prohibiting specific medical practices, such as intact D & X, may outlaw techniques that are critical to the lives and health of American women. The intervention of legislative bodies into medical decision making is inappropriate, ill advised, and potentially dangerous.

~~Another option~~

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Supported options:

~~An intact D+X/~~  
~~this procedure,~~ however, may ~~not~~ be the best or most appropriate procedure in a particular circumstance to save the life or preserve the health of a woman, and ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> doctor should be allowed to make this determination.

A doctor, however, <sup>must be able</sup> ~~may~~ <sup>should be allowed to</sup> determine whether ~~this procedure~~ <sup>an intact D+X</sup> is the best or most appropriate procedure in a particular circumstance to save the life or preserve the health of a woman.