



MY BABY'S DEATH WAS **NOT** AN ABORTION

“I was so excited when we found out I was pregnant. But the baby had developed in my fallopian tube – it was an ectopic pregnancy. The doctors had to act immediately. They saved my life, but they couldn't save my baby. It was heartbreaking.

Now I hear pro-abortion campaigners claiming that treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is abortion. That's absolutely untrue – and it's so wrong to try to scare women by claiming necessary medical treatments are abortions. I didn't want my baby to die. And it hurts to see his death used to push for abortion.”

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“We consider that there is a fundamental difference between abortion carried out with the intention of taking the life of the baby, for example for social reasons, and the unavoidable death of the baby resulting from essential treatment to protect the life of the mother.”

Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Submission to the All Party Oireachtas Committee on the Constitution, 2000

“95% of members of the Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists surveyed said that they could preserve mother’s lives and health without abortion.”

February 2000

“As obstetricians and gynaecologists we affirm that there are no medical circumstances justifying direct abortion, that is, circumstances in which the life of a mother may only be saved by directly terminating the life of her unborn child.”

Professor John Bonnar, Trinity College, Dublin;

Professor Kieran O’Driscoll, University College, Dublin;

Professor Eamonn O’Dwyer, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at University College, Galway;

Julia Vaughan, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, 1992

“It would never cross an obstetrician’s mind that intervening in a case of pre-eclampsia, cancer of the cervix or ectopic pregnancy is abortion. They are not abortion as far as the professional is concerned, these are medical treatments that are essential to save the life of the mother.”

Chairman of the Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Professor John Bonner, to the All Party Oireachtas Committee, 2000

“After forty years as a consultant obstetrician/gynaecologist I can state:

- There is no conflict of interest between the mother and her unborn child
- There are no medical indications for abortion
- There is no risk to the mother that can be avoided by abortion
- Prohibition of deliberate intentional abortion will not affect, in any way, the availability of all necessary care for the pregnant woman.”

Eamon O’Dwyer MB, MAO, LLB, FRCPI, FRCOG

Professor Emeritus, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, NUI Galway

In evidence to the All Party Oireachtas Committee, 2000

“...those who want abortion – and there are people who want abortion, there are colleagues of mine who want abortion – are masters at muddying the waters and bringing in things that have no relevance whatsoever to the discussion, for example, ectopic pregnancy.....There is not a country in the world that regards the treatment of ectopic pregnancy as abortion. The only time I ever heard it was from a few people here in Ireland. It is just nonsense.”

Dr PJK Conway, Consultant and Obstetrician

Hearings of the All Party Oireachtas Committee on the Constitution, 2000

“There is therefore, a fundamental difference between abortion procured with intent to abort, for social reasons for example, ‘deliberate, intentional destruction of unborn life’ and destruction of unborn life incidental to requisite medical treatment, which is lawful and ethical, however distressing.

.....the Green Paper [on abortion] found no evidence that doctors in Ireland failed to treat pregnant women with cancer or other illnesses for fear such treatment might injure the unborn child.

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“Abortion causes women tremendous psychological and mental

health problems, and women need to be told of the health risks like depression, addiction to drugs or alcohol, and suicide.

- Recent longitudinal studies point to a causative association between abortion and mental problems;
- Abortion is associated with suicide;
- Abortion for fetal anomaly is associated with long term emotional problems;
- Further longitudinal studies with large samples are required to replicate the recent; and
- This information should be made available to women seeking abortion, at minimum the risk for those with prior history depression.

Professor Patricia Casey, Department of Psychiatry UCD and Mater Hospital, editor of the British Psychiatric Bulletin.

The Times, 2006

“The medical profession through the medical council sees no medical reason for abortion. Our doctors and nurses and particularly obstetricians and midwives have viewed pregnancy as caring for two people – the mother and her unborn child.”

Dr PJK Conway, Consultant and Obstetrician

In submission to the All Party Oireachtas Committee on the Constitution, 1999

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KEEP IRELAND ABORTION-FREE.**

