

NAPN POSITION STATEMENT ON NURSING ORGANIZATIONS WHICH CONDONE ABORTION OR AID IN DYING

WHEREAS the National Association of Pro-Life Nurses holds the position that human life is sacred from the moment of conception until natural death, and any direct attack on any human life for any reason does not meet the ideals and standards of professional nursing practice;

and WHEREAS any right to privacy, free speech or confidentiality does not extend to the taking of another human life;

and WHEREAS nurses are entrusted with the care of, among other people, pregnant women and their unborn children, to neglect or cause the death of one of those patients, including the unborn child, does not meet the ideals and standards of good nursing practice;

and WHEREAS nurses are called on to deal with human beings in all stages of development whose quality of life is considered by some to be compromised;

and WHEREAS NAPN declares that the practice of euthanasia or Medical Aid in Dying is objectionable by our members;

and WHEREAS there are other organizations within the nursing profession which state that nurses are mandated to give fair and equitable health care based on the rights of privacy, free speech and freedom of choice specifically meant to be interpreted as supporting a 'right' to abortion or aid in dying;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Association of Pro-life Nurses separates itself from these organizations, national and local, and stands in firm opposition to their position on abortion and/or aid in dying,

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any professional organization espousing policies which are contrary to the mission statement of the National Association of Pro-life Nurses do not, in our judgment, meet the ideals and standards of professional nursing practice and cannot be supported by NAPN.

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