

# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION *of* PRO-LIFE NURSES

## WHO WE ARE:

The National Association of Pro-Life Nurses (NAPN) is dedicated to promoting respect for every human life from conception to natural death, and to affirming that the destruction of that life, for whatever reason and by whatever means, does not constitute good nursing practice.

Beginning in 1973, when abortion was accepted as a legal alternative to pregnancy, healthcare professionals have been confronted by an ever-increasing number of morally challenging life issues.

The list of ethical dilemmas continues to grow: in vitro fertilization, fetal experimentation, patient rights, assisted suicide, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, and others.

No one is affected by these morally challenging issues more than nurses. The pressure to utilize unethical techniques and practices in the care of patients is increasing.

NAPN is dedicated to protecting and educating nurses, allowing its members to deliver the best possible patient care while preserving, and protecting the dignity of all human life.

## WHAT WE DO:

- Seeks to establish and protect ethical values in the nursing profession.
- Defends nursing and para-medical personnel from discrimination and/or job loss for refusal to participate in practices which violate these values.
- Demonstrates concern for those facing difficult choices involving life-taking decisions by the education and promotion of positive alternative choices.
- Develops life-affirming attitudes in the nursing profession through promotion of pro-life values in the workplace.
- Promotes research beneficial to humanity when it is done with consideration for the dignity of the persons involved.
- Rejects research that undermines the dignity and human rights of all people, born and preborn.

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