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ABORTION

It is important to opine on this very important topic for the reason that abortion can not only be achieved by standard surgical means, but can also be induced by natural procedures such as abortifacient herbal preparations and acupuncture.

The pseudo-medical naturopathic group likely sees abortion as yet another procedure that is universally “for the good of the patient”, a sentiment that resulted in mainstream medical practitioners coding the procedure as a “therapeutic abortion”. There is nothing therapeutic about it.

As naturopathic doctors are called upon to enhance and reinforce life processes, it is a natural assumption that they would be called upon to *preserve and protect* life.

As an emergency procedure to save the mother’s life, abortion under such circumstances would be beyond the naturopath’s scope of practice anyway and therefore there is no need for comment.

The casual and frivolous use of abortion as simply another form of birth control cannot be too heartily condemned.