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To Whom It May Concern:

I am most distressed to hear that the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is taking a stand and asking family doctors not to act in accordance with their consciences, but instead comply with regulations that may force them to give out birth control, refer for abortions, and possibly become participants in assisted suicide.

It is unfortunate that the Hippocratic Oath is no longer adhered to; it states that a physician will do no harm. It is a proven fact that birth control pills are carcinogenic.

If a doctor does not believe that the life of an unborn child should be terminated in an abortion, he should not be forced to behave in a way that violates his/her belief system.

When talking about doctor assisted suicide, I find this to be a very confusing matter. Suicide is a big issue in our society with many organizations working to help people contemplating suicide. Why then is the College condoning assisted suicide?

Doctors are healers. People go into this profession because they have a natural gift to help and heal. It is wrong to then force them to go against their best instincts.

I strongly disagree with the policy of forcing doctors to comply with directives to go against their conscience. It is appalling to hear that doctors with strong moral convictions are being told to get out of the business of family practice.

Please note my disagreement with this directive.