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It is my understanding that the CPSO is considering changes to its operational principles. These changes would restrict the rights of conscience of medical practitioners. Family physicians would be forced to prescribe, abort or refer, to lethally inject or refer, or get out of medicine. The doctors who would be targeted would be ones who understand abortion, contraception and euthanasia to be bad medicine. The changes would also mean that many potential doctors would be forced to consider an alternate profession.

It is understood that the CPSO is under some media pressure to change its principles due to the fact that 3 out of 4,000 Ottawa doctors refused to give a referral for contraception. The statistics alone make it obvious that it was and is a witch hunt and has little to do with the service those doctors provide on a daily basis.

The rights of medical practitioners to follow their conscience must be protected. With euthanasia looming on the horizon, this decision is critical to the general public as well as those physicians who uphold the sanctity of human life from the womb to the tomb.