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We object, in the strongest terms, to the “effective referral” proposal of the CPSO that would force Ontario physicians, in cases where they are unwilling to provide certain elements of care due to their religious beliefs, to refer patients to other physicians who would provide care which they found objectionable.

In our opinion this would be a violation of a physician's rights since it would compel he or she to be an accessory to a procedure or act which they found objectionable in the first place.

Such a requirement is also, in our opinion, a violation, in principle, of the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.