

How Have Abortion Bans Impacted Pulmonary and Critical Care Medical Practice and Physicians?

STUDY DESIGN		RESULTS				
Semistructured interview study of 29 pulmonary and critical care physicians in states with abortion bans and neighboring states		Who Is Impacted				
		Location of Impact	Patient	Control/ Traditional	Hospital/Health System	
			Clinical Care	Inaccessible care	Changes to documentation	Procedures, policies
				Delayed care	Fewer treatment options	
			Hospital/Clinic	Travel further for care	Moral distress at work	Trainee education
					Burnout	Recruitment and retention
			Outside the Health System	Financial burdens	Concerns about/limited health care access	Hospital/health system advocacy
					Personal/professional advocacy	

This study shows that abortion bans have impacted patients and physicians in pulmonary and critical care medicine in a variety of ways relating to delayed care, moral distress among physicians, and problems with recruitment/retention.