AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WOMEN PHYSICIANS SECTION

Resolution: 4
(June 2022)

Introduced by: Zoha Mian

Subject: Addressing and Banning Unjust and Invasive Medical Procedures among Migrant Women at the Border

Referred to: Reference Committee
( , MD, Chair)

 Whereas, In October 2020, at least 57 women in a Georgia Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention center said they were forced or pressured into having gynecological procedures; and

 Whereas, Women stated they were threatened with retaliation if they pushed back on recommended procedures, even in cases where their original complaints were non-gynecological; and

 Whereas, As of December 2020, 40 more women had submitted claims of abuse and unwanted invasive medical procedures; and

 Whereas, There has been no follow up since it was first reported in 2020 and since the members of congress asked for it to be further investigated in 2021; and

 Whereas, It is important that the AMA recognize these atrocious crimes and stand firmly against them; therefore be it

 RESOLVED, That our AMA should condemn the performance of nonconsensual, unnecessary, invasive medical procedures (Directive to Take Action); and

 RESOLVED, That our AMA should advocate against forced sterilizations of any kind, including against migrant women in detention facilities, and advocate for appropriate associated disciplinary action (including license revocation) (Directive to Take Action); and

 RESOLVED, That our AMA should advocate for safer medical practices and protections for migrant women against unsafe and invasive medical procedures (Directive to Take Action).

 Fiscal note: Minimal - less than $1,000

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RELEVANT AMA POLICY
Care of Women and Children in Family Immigration Detention H-350.955

References:
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