

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)

1 Whereas, In October 2020, at least 57 women in a Georgia Immigration and Customs
2 Enforcement detention center said they were forced or pressured into having gynecological
3 procedures¹; and

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5 Whereas, Women stated they were threatened with retaliation if they pushed back on
6 recommended procedures, even in cases where their original complaints were non-
7 gynecological²; and

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9 Whereas, As of December 2020, 40 more women had submitted claims of abuse and unwanted
10 invasive medical procedures³; and

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12 Whereas, There has been no follow up since it was first reported in 2020 and since the
13 members of congress asked for it to be further investigated in 2021⁴; and

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

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

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

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25 RESOLVED, That our AMA should advocate for safer medical practices and protections for
26 migrant women. (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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4. <https://time.com/6049998/ice-end-use-detention-centers-georgia-detention-hysterectomy-allegations/>
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