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Medical advice needs to be comprehensive and to inform patients of the advantages and risks of any proposed treatment.

This needs to continue regardless of cultural or gender sensibilities.

Correct information is needed to make responsible decisions about our health. What patients do with the information is their responsibility once the doctor gives it.

However, if the procedure is against the doctor's conscience, he or she should also have the right to refer the patient to someone who does do it. In Australia we have many qualified people with differing viewpoints, so this is possible. It is not necessary to compel anyone to take action which is against their conscience.

Please do not change the present regulations.

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