

HB1317 Informed Consent- Women's Right to Know Act

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I am a vascular access board certified registered nurse.

This (attached) is the consent form I use before placing a central IV line in patients. After reviewing labs and tests, I must then explain all findings and be certain the patient understands the rationale, risks, benefits and alternatives of the procedure. If I were to proceed without this signed paper, I could be charged with battery. My hospital is scrupulous regarding education and liability.

But not so for abortion in Maryland where this norm in health care disintegrates as there is no requirement for informed consent. It doesn't follow logic or science or law or ethics – only economics, for the abortion industry. It is part of a broader cultural and legislative scheme to maintain our lucrative abortion business.

Informed consent should be required as it is for every other invasive procedure to be thorough and prudent. A woman deserves to know the physiology of her pregnancy, how it will end, and the incidence of every complication. Women can never fully choose if they're not informed. Anything less is deceptive.

Currently no one knows if a woman is coerced into an abortion since there is no proof that she ever agreed to it. This has enormous ramifications for abuse of minors, victims of rape, incest, and sex trafficking in Maryland. And with no statistics to report, Maryland can abort with impunity in a reckless business that refuses to measure quantity or quality.

Without a consent, really every abortionist in Maryland should be charged with battery every time his needle, suction, curette, drill, forceps, or decapitator enters the womb of an unknowing women.

If you reject HB1317, on your conscience will be the inexcusable withholding of statistics, the cowardly fear of telling the truth, the betrayal of women by suppressing their intellectual discernment, and the blood of the babies of uninformed women.

