



SAEM Statement on SCOTUS Decision RE: Roe v Wade

As emergency physicians, we stand in support of access to the full spectrum of comprehensive reproductive health care, including access to safe and legal abortion. The emergency department (ED) is a critical access point for reproductive healthcare. Early detection and treatment of pregnancy complications are critical for saving lives. Medical or surgical pregnancy termination is often a required lifesaving treatment for ectopic pregnancies. Our commitment to patient safety and autonomy requires the ability to provide high-quality care, and access to all reproductive options to pregnant patients and those experiencing pregnancy complications. A loss of federal protections for reproductive rights will exacerbate existing inequities in care and disproportionately harm those with limited access to resources. We are deeply concerned about the impact of restrictions on reproductive rights on patient safety, and on our ability to provide the best care for our patients. We stand with patients who deserve equitable access to safe, high quality reproductive care.