

It's up to you!

Here's what you must do. The other doctors on the Medical Council need to know that you fully support their opposition to abortion. On this page are listed the members of the Medical Council and the phone number and address of the Council. We're asking you to make your voice heard by ringing and writing to the Council.

It's important to state clearly that you don't want the Medical Council to change their current ethical guidelines which rightly ban abortion. **Quite simply, if the current ethical guidelines are changed, it will be impossible to prevent Irish politicians from legalising abortion.**

Irish doctors need to know that you are fully behind them in their efforts to oppose those few doctors who support the legalisation of abortion. You could also call or visit your local GP and ask them to write to the Medical Council expressing their opposition to any change in the ethical guidelines. Your actions are crucial at this time. The Medical Council will vote on the motions in September. Your phone calls are needed for the future of best medical practise in Ireland, and for the very lives of our unborn children.

Members of the Medical Council

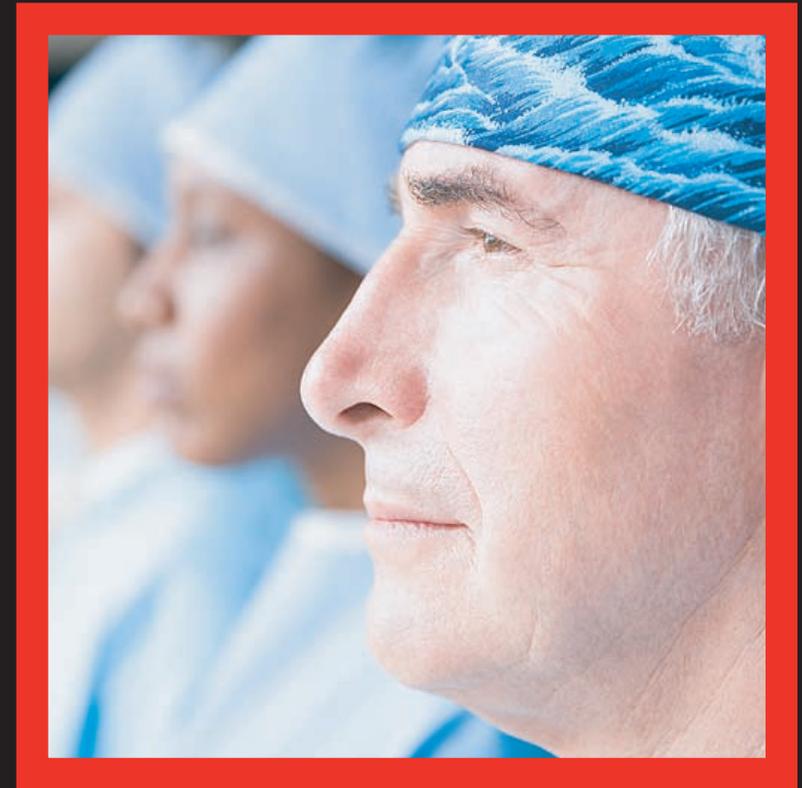
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MEDICAL PRACTISE IN IRELAND HAS BEEN AMBUSHED!



DOCTORS NEED TO HEAR YOUR SUPPORT NOW

Your voice can save babies lives!

According to Unicef, Ireland is the safest place in the world for a mother to have a baby. That's the good news!

But now, a few doctors with their own agenda, have hijacked the Irish Medical Council with plans to drastically change medical practise in Ireland. They're promoting the legalisation of abortion, which will destroy the Irish pro-life ethos which has so successfully protected both mothers and babies. The vast majority of Irish doctors absolutely oppose abortion. And

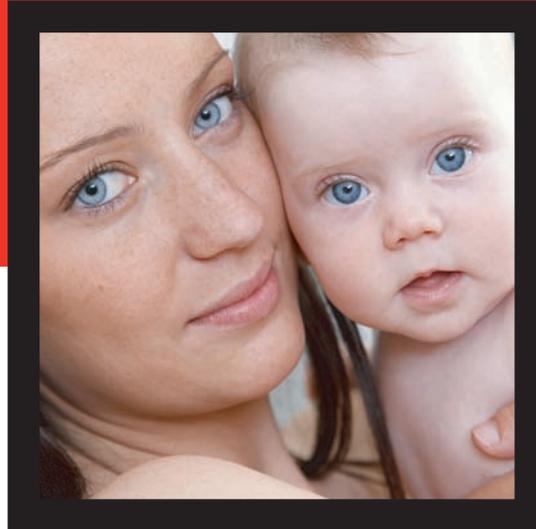
Now, an unrepresentative minority are demanding these guidelines be changed, thus destroying the well-established medical practise of protecting both mother and child. **Why?**

Because their agenda is the legalisation of abortion - not only against the wishes of the majority of doctors, but also in defiance of 70% of the Irish people who are totally opposed to abortion

A few doctors, in powerful positions, are trying to force the Medical Council to change their ethical guidelines. One of these is Walter Prendiville who has been described in the Sunday Business Post (10/06/2001) as an outspoken supporter of the liberalisation of the coun-

this pro-life ethos has always been reflected in the guidelines issued by the medical community. Until two months ago, the Irish Medical Council's ethical-guidelines on abortion were very clear.

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try's abortion laws. He was previously an Executive Director of the IFPA, who have long campaigned for the legalisation of abortion in Ireland.

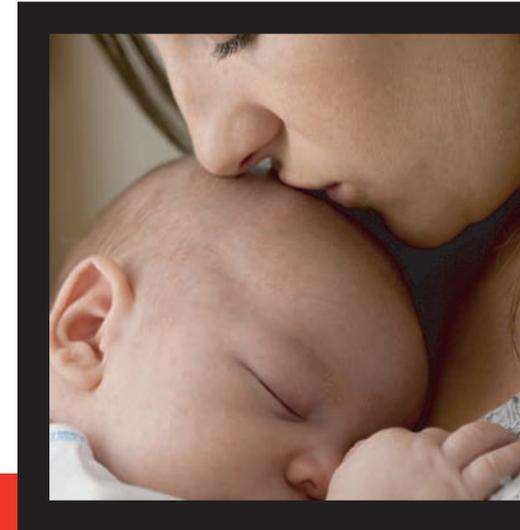
Walter Prendiville and Tom O'Dowd shocked the Irish medical community by putting two motions before the Medical Council which would facilitate the killing of children in Irish hospitals. The Medical Council will vote on these motions in September.

This is an outrage. What a gross insult to the intelligence and integrity of our Irish doctors. Our medical profession has never needed to resort to the dirty business of abortion to save the lives of Irish mothers.

Does Walter Prendiville expect us to believe that we now need abortion when we never needed it before? Is he seriously suggesting that the same Irish doctors who have made Ireland the safest place in the world to have a baby, have suddenly become incompetent? This small and powerful clique also managed to successfully oppose the suggestion that the Medical Council should consult with all Irish doctors before voting on the abortion motions in

September, something which has always been done in the past.

And so, in the most undemocratic fashion, they've managed to ambush Irish medical practise. That's why Irish doctors need to hear your support. And they need to hear it now, before it's too late.



FACT

The *Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists*, which guides the doctors who care for expectant mothers, obtained an unprecedented 95% consensus from their members who believe they can preserve mothers' lives and health without abortion. The *Medical Council* have said it is professional misconduct to deliberately destroy an unborn child. They have insisted rightly that women should receive all necessary treatment when pregnant.

FACT

The representative medical organisations have confirmed their ability to work freely and fully without access to legal abortion. They have agreed that a complete ban on abortion will not endanger women's lives. Rare and unusual conditions may arise during pregnancy which require treatment and which may result in the death of the unborn child. Such treatment is not abortion and has never been considered as such.

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