

# Wisconsin Medical Society: Statement on Dobbs decision

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The following statement regarding today's U.S. Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization can be attributed to Wisconsin Medical Society President Wendy Molaska, MD:

"Today's decision raises concerns that could result in significant interference with the physician-patient relationship – the sanctity of which is the bedrock of our healthcare system. Defaulting to a law first created in 1849 is not the best path forward. Inevitable confusion over the continued validity of that 19th century law makes proactive legislative action prudent. "The Wisconsin Medical Society supports legislation that would acknowledge the right of a physician to perform and give advice on this medical procedure – or refuse to do so according to the physician's training, experience and conscience. "The health and safety of our patients is our top priority. Wisconsin law should reflect that priority and ensure physicians can have full and frank discussions with patients about their health care without fear of imprisonment."