

Forward to the Spring 2026 Edition of ILM JAHM

Issues in Law and Medicine was founded in 1985 by the National Legal Center for the Medically Dependent & Disabled, Inc. and was published w/o interruption until 2025 when acquired by the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine. In this inaugural edition of Issues in Law and Medicine: a Journal of the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine (ILM JAHM), under new owners and leadership, we continue the tradition of ILM by presenting insightful articles at the nexus of law and medicine that address issues important to the most vulnerable populations.

Our first article, **Beyond Genetic Discrimination: Emerging Challenges in the Age of Artificial Intelligence**, explores the legal and policy issues that are rapidly emerging in the application of AI to governmental, educational, and other fields. The current regulatory framework is inadequate to address the subtle and powerful biases that may manifest accidentally or intentionally, and suggestions for mitigating these risks are proposed.

Our second article, **Anti-Progesterone in Environmental Water**, reports on a preliminary investigation into the presence or absence of the endocrine-disrupting compound mifepristone in environmental surface water. Although a small study, this work provides preliminary evidence suggesting the need for further investigation into the presence and effects of endocrine-disrupting compounds on mammalian life.

Our third article, **Risk factors predictive of post-abortion distress demonstrate that most abortions are contraindicated: A retrospective cross-sectional study**, examines the effectiveness of an 8-item scale for risk assessment as a screening device to identify women who are perceiving pressure to undergo unwanted (coerced) abortion. This screening device may aid in identifying women at highest risk of post abortion distress, leading to better informed consent prior to abortion.

Our fourth article, **Viewing D&E Abortion Procedure Promotes Negative Emotions**, explores the effects of a visual depiction of a D&E abortion on prolife/prochoice identification, knowledge of the procedure, and emotional response after viewing. This article provides interesting insights into immediate responses to viewing an accurate visual description of a D&E procedure.

We hope you will enjoy reading these well-written articles and consider submitting your future work to Issues in Law and Medicine: A Journal of the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine.

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