

UNOS Board Statement on the Supreme Court Overturning *Roe v. Wade*

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Access to reproductive healthcare for organ transplant recipients is critically important to mitigate life-threatening maternal and fetal complications. On June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*. Transplant candidates, organ recipients, and living donors have unique health challenges that make access to the full spectrum of reproductive care essential to their health and wellbeing. Pregnancy in a transplant recipient can place the mother, the fetus, and the transplanted organ at risk of harm. We believe the best health care for transplant patients includes access to all clinical options. We advise all patients, recipients, and living donors to speak to their personal healthcare providers or transplant teams to get the medical advice most applicable to their individual circumstances. Legislative actions could create life threatening restrictions on care for organ transplant patients. We encourage lawmakers to consider these challenges as they address the issues raised by the recent ruling.

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