

Supplementary Table 1. Knowledge of Italian legislation regarding procedures from which conscientious objectors are legally exempt and awareness of burial procedures after termination of pregnancy for fetal anomaly among healthcare professionals participating in the RESPeC-ToP study, Italy, 2022–2023. Data derived from a cross-sectional web-based survey of 552 healthcare professionals involved in hospital and community care for women and couples undergoing termination of pregnancy for fetal anomaly. Missing and non-applicable responses are not shown.

| Variable | N (%) |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Knows all procedures that can be refuted | |
| Yes | 326 (59.1%) |
| No | 226 (40.9%) |
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| Childbirth care | |
| Yes | 150 (28.6%) |
| No | 362 (69.1%) |
| N.A. | 12 (2.3%) |
| | |
| Hospitalization bureaucracy | |
| Yes | 24 (4.6%) |
| No | 490 (93.5%) |
| N.A. | 10 (1.9%) |
| | |
| Painkillers administration | |
| Yes | 11 (2.1%) |
| No | 515 (98.3%) |
| N.A. | 4 (0.8%) |
| | |
| Emergency care | |
| Yes | 5 (1%) |
| No | 515 (98.3%) |
| N.A. | 4 (0.8%) |
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| Filling of medical records | |
| Yes | 21 (4%) |
| No | 493 (94.1%) |
| N.A. | 10 (1.9%) |
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| Surgery care | |
| Yes | 368 (70.2%) |
| No | 142 (27.1%) |
| N.A. | 14 (2.7%) |
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| RU486 administration | | |
| | Yes | 498 (95%) |
| | No | 22 (4.2%) |
| | N.A. | 4 (0.8%) |
| Preoperative care | | |
| | Yes | 72 (13.7%) |
| | No | 431 (82.3%) |
| | N.A. | 21 (4%) |
| Knowledge about the possibility of burial | | |
| | Yes | 509 (97.1%) |
| Burial is possible in any case | | |
| | Yes | 402 (90.3%) |
| Different procedures under 20 WG | | |
| | Yes | 225 (50.6%) |
| Giving burial information also if not requested | | |
| | Yes | 391 (87.9%) |
| Hospital can bury anyway | | |
| | Yes | 216 (48.5%) |
| Hospital can decide NOT to bury | | |
| | Yes | 8 (1.8%) |
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STROBE Statement—Checklist of items that should be included in reports of cross-sectional studies

| | Item No | Recommendation | Page No |
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| Title and abstract | 1 | (a) Indicate the study's design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract | 1 |
| | | (b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found | 1 |
| Introduction | | | |
| Background/rationale | 2 | Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported | 2 |
| Objectives | 3 | State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses | 3 |
| Methods | | | |
| Study design | 4 | Present key elements of study design early in the paper | 4 |
| Setting | 5 | Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection | 4 |
| Participants | 6 | (a) Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants | 4 |
| Variables | 7 | Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable | 4-5 |
| Data sources/measurement | 8 | For each variable of interest, give sources of data and details of methods of assessment (measurement). Describe comparability of assessment methods if there is more than one group | 4-5 |
| Bias | 9 | Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias | 11 |
| Study size | 10 | Explain how the study size was arrived at | 4 |

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| Quantitative variables | 11 | Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why | 5 |
| Statistical methods | 12 | (a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding | 5 |
| | | (b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions | 5 |
| | | (c) Explain how missing data were addressed | 5 |
| | | (d) If applicable, describe analytical methods taking account of sampling strategy | |
| | | (e) Describe any sensitivity analyses | 5 |
| Results | | | |
| Participants | 13 | (a) Report numbers of individuals at each stage of study—eg numbers potentially eligible, examined for eligibility, confirmed eligible, included in the study, completing follow-up, and analysed | 6 |
| | | (b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage | N/A - Participation was voluntary and self-selected; no stepwise exclusions occurred beyond automated exclusion of incomplete questionnaires. |
| | | (c) Consider use of a flow diagram | N/A - The study design did not include multiple recruitment or exclusion stages requiring a flow diagram. |
| Descriptive data | 14 | (a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders | 6, Table 1 |
| | | (b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest | N/A - Records with missing data were excluded at the data extraction stage. Analyses were therefore conducted on a complete-case dataset, and the |

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| | | | final analytical sample contained no missing values for the variables of interest. |
| Outcome data | 15 | Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures | 6-7-8 |
| Main results | 16 | (a) Give unadjusted estimates and, if applicable, confounder-adjusted estimates and their precision (eg, 95% confidence interval). Make clear which confounders were adjusted for and why they were included | 6-7-8 |
| | | (b) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized | 6-7-8 |
| | | (c) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a meaningful time period | N/A - No relative risk estimates were produced. |
| Other analyses | 17 | Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses | 6-7-8 |
| Discussion | | | |
| Key results | 18 | Summarise key results with reference to study objectives | 9 |
| Limitations | 19 | Discuss limitations of the study, taking into account sources of potential bias or imprecision. Discuss both direction and magnitude of any potential bias | 11 |
| Interpretation | 20 | Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence | 9-10-11 |
| Generalisability | 21 | Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results | 11 |
| Other information | | | |
| Funding | 22 | Give the source of funding and the role of the funders for the present study and, if applicable, | N/A - No external funding was received for this study. Infrastructure and logistical |

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