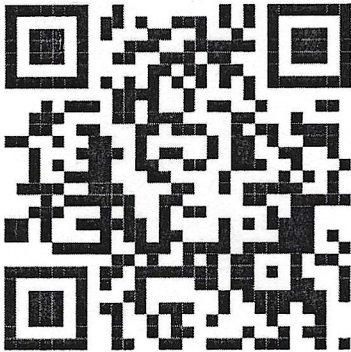


Principle of Double Effect

1. The treatment is directly therapeutic to in response to a serious pathology of the mother or child.
2. The good effect of curing the disease is intended and the bad effect is not intended.
3. The death of the child is not the means by which the good effect is achieved.
4. The good of curing the disease is proportionate to the risk of the bad effect.

Takeaway: Ectopic does NOT require abortion. In the case of ectopic pregnancy, salpingectomy (surgical removal of section of fallopian tube) is permissible but salpingostomy (opening and removal of embryo only) is not because it violates #3 and is a direct act that kills the embryo.



Resources

National Catholic Bioethics Center

<https://www.ncbcenter.org/>

NCBC, ectopic pregnancy, principle of double effect

<https://www.ncbcenter.org/messages-from-presidents/highrisk>

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