



FCEP Supports Protection of the Physician-Patient Relationship

The Florida College of Emergency Physicians (FCEP) is concerned about the recent Supreme Court ruling which overturned the precedent established by *Roe v. Wade*. FCEP believes decisions made by judicial and nonmedical professionals that interfere with the physician-patient relationship and dictate clinical practice may threaten the emergency safety net provided by emergency physicians. FCEP believes further analysis and discussion is necessary before Florida passes any binding laws which may have unintended and potentially dangerous consequences on the health of Floridians.

FCEP also has concerns regarding the Florida State Supreme Court's future interpretation of the *Roe v. Wade* overturn and how they apply towards existing federal laws such as EMTALA—with potential significant impact on frontline emergency physicians providing acute care to their patients. Ultimately, FCEP believes emergency physicians must be able to practice high quality, objective, evidence-based medicine without legislative, regulatory, or judicial interference in the physician-patient relationship. FCEP will continue to monitor the legislative and legal sequela of the supreme court's decision, and advocate at the state level on behalf of its patients for access to safe emergency medicine care.