

Clinical Guidelines for Nondirective Counseling of Pregnant Women

Organization	Guideline Type	Non directive	Language	Cite	Mention Adoption
Bureau of Primary Health Care	Policy Information Notice: 98-23	N/A	"...Health center clinic protocols should reflect the current guidelines established by health agencies or professional organizations such as the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology..."	Part II.7.a	N/A
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	Guideline for Women's Health Care	Y	"In the event of an unwanted pregnancy, the patient should be counseled about her options: 1) continuing the pregnancy to term and keeping the infant, 2) continuing the pregnancy to term and offering the infant for legal adoption, or 3) terminating the pregnancy."	Routine Assessments : Under 18 Years of Age	Y
Child Welfare League of America	Standard of Excellence: Services for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, Pregnant Adolescents, and Young Parents	Y	"The pregnant adolescent should be provided with individual and group counseling about her options: 1) continuing the pregnancy to term and keeping the infant, 2) continuing the pregnancy to term and offering the infant for legal adoption, or 3) terminating the pregnancy."	Standard 4.10	Y
Council on Accreditation for Children and Families	Standard: Pregnancy Counseling and Supportive Services	Y	"The organization offers counseling to help expectant parents decide if they want to parent the child, plan for adoption, transfer custody of the child, or terminate the pregnancy."	Standard S13.2.01	Y

American College of Nurse-Midwives ¹	Code of Ethics for Certified Nurse-Midwives	Y	“Nurse-midwives share professional information with their clients that leads to informed participation and consent. This sharing is done without coercion, or deception.”	Code Four	N
National Association of Social Workers	Policy Statement: Family Planning and Reproductive Choice	Y	“The nature of the reproductive health services that a client receives should be a matter of client self-determination in consultation with the qualified health care provider furnishing them.”	“Social Work Speaks”: Page 113, Policy Four	N
American Medical Association	House of Delegates: Adoption Policy	Y	“It is the policy of the AMA to (1) support the provision of adoption information as an option to unintended pregnancies; and (2) support and encourage the counseling of women with unintended pregnancies as to the option of adoption.”	H-420.973	Y

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¹ American College of Nurse Midwives Position Statement of Reproductive Choices states: “every woman has the right to access to factual, unbiased information about reproductive choices, in order to make an informed decision....” (Position 2).