



"Task sharing in unwanted pregnancy"

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The italian case: can MTOP minimize the problem of conscious objection?

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In Italy abortion is legal since 1978

Law 194



The law adopted in 1978 was viewed as

one of the most liberal abortion laws in Western Europe

article 9

Health personnel and allied health personnel shall not be required to assist in pregnancy terminations if they have a **conscientious objection** declared in advance

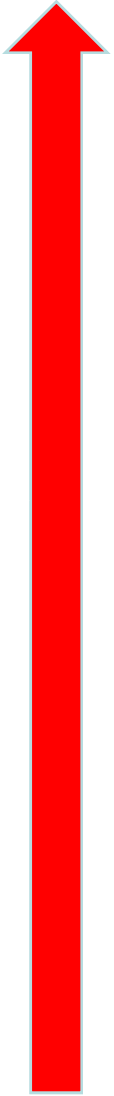


over the last 36 years the percentage of conscientious objectors has been increasing

Official Data

GYNAECOLOGISTS

Minsiterial Report (2009 data)	2011	70,7%
Minsiterial Report (2008 data)	2010	71,5%
Minsiterial Report (2007 data)	2009	70,5%
Minsiterial Report (2006 data)	2008	69,2%
Minsiterial Report (2005 data)	2007	58,7%
Minsiterial Report (2004 data)	2006	59,5%
Minsiterial Report (2003 data)	2005	57,8%





not only physicians

anesthesiologists

non medical providers

	2005	2010	2011
	45.7%	50,8 %	47.5
	38.6%	44.7%	43.1

Italian Health Ministry, 2013

Individual conscientious objection: **Official Data**

Confronto percentuale dell' obiezione di Coscienza tra i Ginecologi, 1983, 1992, 2001, 2011

REGIONE	1983	1992	2001	2011
Piemonte	nr	nr	62.3	65.7
Valle d'Aosta	44.4	20.0	16.7	15.4
Lombardia	59.3	64.9	62.3	63.6
Bolzano	78.3	81.8	80.0	81.8
Trento	59.3	58.1	46.7	58.3
Veneto	66.4	74.9	80.2	77.9
Friuli Ven. Giulia	55.4	55.2	65.9	59.1
Liguria	63.9	62.5	51.5	65.4
Emilia Romagna	36.6	41.9	35.7	51.9
Toscana	51.0	50.7	55.9	65.8
Umbria	76.7	75.2	67.2	69.0
Marche	62.2*	63.2**	78.4	67.2
Lazio	65.1	66.1**	77.7	80.7
Abruzzo	71.8	75.4	79.2	83.8
Molise	75.7	73.8	72.1	87.9
Campania	47.7	61.9	78.8	88.4***
Puglia	71.0*	78.6	79.5	69.7
Basilicata	78.6	79.3	93.8	85.2
Calabria	51.2	73.7	66.3	68.3
Sicilia	64.0	nr	71.6	84.6
Sardegna	60.0	66.4	54.9	56.5
ITALIA	59.1	62.2	66.6	69.3

* Dato che si riferisce al 1982

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*** Dato che si riferisce a 12 strutture su 26

Italian Health Ministry, 2013



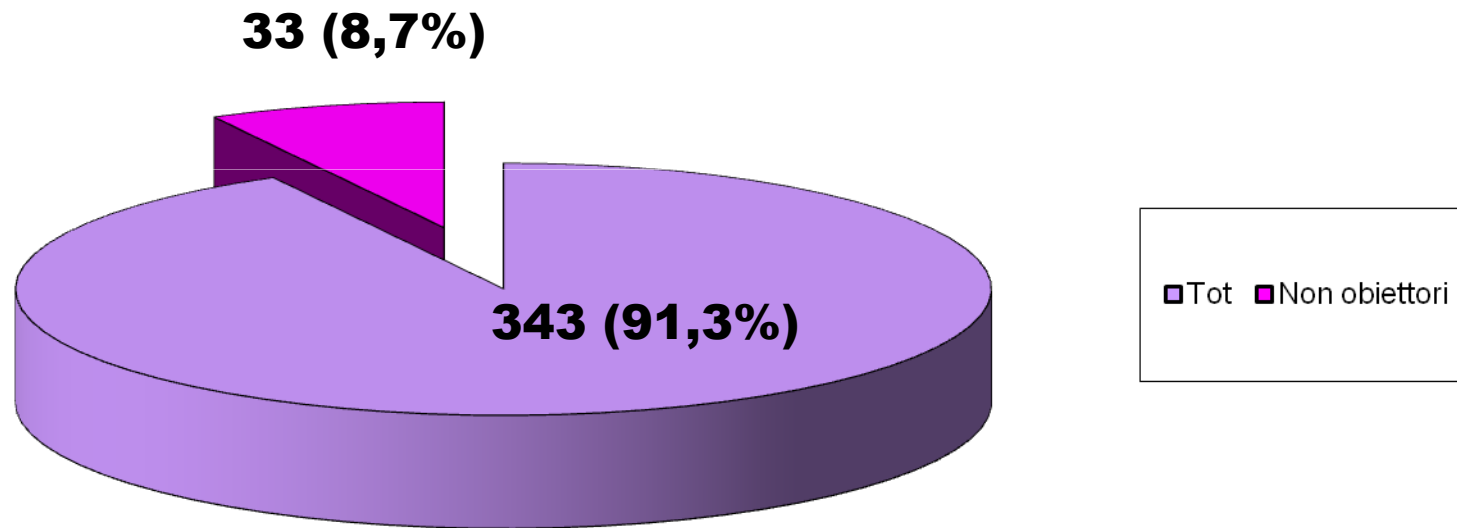
a 2012 survey “on the field” revealed that real data about conscientious objection

are dramatically critical

with rates in some regions near to 100%

The example of Lazio

Permanent Gynecologists in hospitals : 389



Data from LAIGA 2012

Coscientious objection: an instrument to obstruct women's access to safe abortion



Individual conscientious objection permitted by law

Objection “**of structure**”,
illegal, but widespread



Objection of structure
in red hospitals where is NOT possible to have an abortion

REGION	N of hospitals	1° trimester	2° trimester
Piemonte	36	29 (7)	3 (33)
Lombardia	64	27 (37)	6 (58)
Trentino Alto Adige	15	7 (8)	1 (14)
Veneto	42	13 (29)	3 (39)
Friuli Venezia Giulia	11	8 (3)	?
Liguria	12	7 (5)	2 (10)
Emilia Romagna	29	15 (14)	2 (27)
Toscana	26	24 (2)	3 (23)
Umbria	16	12 (4)	2 (14)
Lazio	31	21 (10)	7 (24)
Abruzzo	20	9 (11)	2 (18)
Molise	6	3 (3)	1 (5)
Basilicata	6	5 (1)	?
Puglia	33	22 (11)	5 (28)
Calabria	33	23 (10)	5 (28)
Sicilia	37	26 (11)	2 (35)
Sardegna	24	12 (12)	10 (14)



this abuse of conscientious objection causes that

the law ends up being a dead letter

refusing “de facto”

the right to reproductive health for many Italian women

Clandestinity: is unsafe abortion coming back?

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194, così sta morendo una legge In Italia torna l'aborto clandestino



Oltre l'80% dei ginecologi è obiettore di coscienza e le donne respinte dalle istituzioni tornano al segreto: ventimila le interruzioni di gravidanza illegali calcolate dal ministero della Sanità, ma secondo

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Maior victory in Europe on International Women's day

07 March 2014



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Milestone ruling against Italy on abortion and conscientious objection welcomed by IPPF EN

The milestone decision on conscientious objection and abortion delivered by the Council of Europe's Committee of Social Rights is welcomed by the International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPF EN)

IPPF EN lodged a collective complaint against Italy which stated **that the weak regulation of health personnel's conscientious objection violates the right to health protection.**

IPPF EN is pleased to announce that the claim has been successful – and in time for Saturday 8th March, which is International Women's Day

MToP in Italy

- Since 2005 in few hospitals
- Since 2009 MToP **within 49 days** is legally possible in hospital
- Recommended **hospitalization till expulsion** (generally 3 days), nevertheless about 76% of women refused hospitalization
- Possible in “day hospital” regimen only in few regions



from 2005 to 2011

Anno	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
N. di IVG	132	1151	1110	703	857	3836	7432
N. Regioni/PP.AA	2	5	5	5	5	18	20

MToP in Italy



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Interruption volontaire de grossesse hors établissements de santé

Livret d'information
à l'intention des médecins

Le cadre de la pratique « IVG hors établissements de santé »

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Review article

Can mifepristone medical abortion be simplified?
A review of the evidence and questions for future research

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JOURNAL ARTICLE

Simplifying medical abortion: Home administration of Misoprostol

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