

医療者への中絶教育・研修の必要性とその背景について：  
イギリスの医学生への「包括的中絶教育」に焦点を当てて

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# The Background and Need for Abortion Education for Medical Students and Professionals: Comprehensive Education on Abortion Care for Medical Students and Professionals in the United Kingdom

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This article focuses specifically on undergraduate abortion education and postgraduate training for medical personnel as part of efforts to improve the reproductive environment (to achieve reproductive justice). Although little attention has been paid to this issue in Japan, such education and training are necessary to improve the environment for abortion and dispel the stigma surrounding it. The content of the training and education and how they are provided is also important. This paper reviews the elements of abortion care that constitute prerequisites for abortion education and training as well as the “comprehensive abortion education” proposed in other countries. We begin by reviewing the World Health Organization’s *Guidelines for Abortion Care*, which states that abortion is central to the guarantee of human rights. Similarly, in describing the specific nature of abortion care, the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics states that access to sexual and reproductive health and rights is a basic, nonnegotiable human right of all women and girls worldwide, asserting the need for safe abortion and for abortion education for all medical students. The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists has developed an education and training system that demonstrates best practice in abortion care, publishes learning and training content, and provides systematic e-learning. In collaboration with Doctors for Choice UK, the project has launched an initiative including medical students to review the curriculum and advocate for “comprehensive abortion education.” Guaranteed educational opportunities for medical students and reduced stigma among abortion care providers are essential components of safe abortion.