

**POSITION STATEMENT
TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

USE OF MIFEPRISTONE (RU - 486)

The Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners advocates neither for nor against the performance of abortions by the physicians that it licenses. If a physician during the course of treatment of, and in consultation with, a patient determines that a medical abortion is an appropriate course of action and that physician is considering the use of mifepristone (RU - 486) to accomplish that abortion, the physician shall do so only in compliance with the procedures and standards as announced in the article entitled **Medical Management of Abortion** as published in the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Practice Bulletin, Clinical Management Guidelines For Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Number 67, October 2005 or any supplement, update or any replacement Practice Bulletin published by ACOG subsequent thereto purporting to update the procedures and/or standards contained in the cited article.

The Board will consider a physician's level of compliance with the requirements announced in this Position Statement if called upon to make a determination whether a physician has acted in an unprofessional, dishonorable or unethical manner or committed malpractice or negligence such that the license of that physician should be disciplined pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, § 63-6-214(b)(1) and/or (4).

Adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners on this the 17th day of July, 2007.