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## **ASTS Statement about Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health**

The American Society of Transplant Surgeons is deeply concerned with the decision of the Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* that overturns *Roe v. Wade*, allowing states to legislate the reproductive services that can be provided to women. This decision impacts the sanctity of the patient-physician relationship, interferes with privacy in medical decision making, and will disproportionately impact already vulnerable members of our society. The primary concerns of the ASTS about this legislation are that:

- Subjecting evidenced based medical care to legislation sets a dangerous precedent. Physicians should be able to freely provide evidence based medical care to their patients without fear of prosecution.
- Decisions about medical care are should be private, protected and between patients and their physicians without governmental interference.
- As a result of this ruling, access to safe, legal reproductive services will be restricted to those with adequate resources or favorable circumstances. Moreover, socially and economically disadvantaged individuals will be disproportionately impacted by legal restrictions to comprehensive reproductive care.
- Pregnancy in some end stage organ disease and post-transplant patients can be high risk for pregnancy loss, maternal and fetal complications as well as graft rejection and loss. States with restrictive abortion laws will put these patients grafts and lives at risk.

The ASTS supports legislation that protects comprehensive reproductive health care that is evidence based and opposes legislation that interferes with decisions that should reside within the privacy of the patient-physician relationship.