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THE ABORTION WARS and the GONZALES V. CARHART DECISION

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Reception to Follow

For the first time in history, the United States Supreme Court has directly ruled on the legality of a particular surgical procedure, exclusively because it involves abortion. The issue merits review and discussion by physicians to understand what happened in the case of *Gonzales v. Carhart*. What exactly was the decision? What were the facts of the case? How was the medical profession involved in the testimony? What are the implications of the case for patients and physicians now, and for the future?

Dr. Bruce Patsner's work focuses on health policy issues including healthcare access for the uninsured, regulation of medical technology, food and drug law, and regulation of the medical profession by state and federal government. Dr. Patsner has worked as an independent consultant on clinical trial design and compliance issues for several academic medical centers in the U.S. as well as a Senior Medical Officer for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.