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Abortionist Admits Lying to Patients

Claims a "License to Lie" about Abortion

ARLINGTON, VA - Wayne State in Detroit hosted Dr. Alberto Hodari on Friday, November 9. He admitted in a speech to students that he regularly lies to patients about state law.

Discussing those who wish to stay by the side of women going through an abortion, Hodari claimed that too many patient escorts fainted at the sight of abortions, resulting in Hodari instructing them that state law prevented him from allowing them with the patient.

Hodari said, "we doctors have a license to lie and it's true, it's absolutely true, sometimes you need to lie to a patient."

Some of Hodari's other lies and cover-ups have cost lives. Tamia Russell was only 15 when she died in 2004 from an illegal abortion performed by Dr. Hodari. Because of her status as a victim of statutory rape and of Michigan's parental notification laws, it was illegal for Hodari to abort Russell's child. Russell's family told news outlets that they did not even know she was pregnant and would not have consented to the abortion if they had been asked.

"Dr. Hodari takes the idea 'do no harm' and does harm to his patients; he thinks it means 'do nothing legal or ethical' when it comes to his patients," SFLA Executive Director Kristan Hawkins said. "Hodari lies about the law, and the Michigan board of health thinks he's perfectly fine to be a doctor and recruit future abortionists. What's happened to professional medicine in Michigan?"

Tamia Russell and Chivon Williams both died from Hodari's abortions. Over the past 25 years, at least 23 lawsuits have allegedly been filed against Hodari and his clinic, including four for serious malpractice. Wayne allowed this speaker to fulfill required seminars and encouraged students to attend.

Wayne State Physician's Assistant student Joanie Barrett said, "Many women have abortions because they feel that is their only option, and the abortion industry profits off their fear and desperation. That is not a choice. We need to provide real options for women, showing them that they can have their education, career or whatever is

important to them, and have their child as well."

Students for Life of America was founded in 1987 as American Collegians for Life. It is the only pro-life organization which focuses on organizing college students at the grassroots level. With six full-time staff members and five field agents traveling across the country, Students for Life of America has started 147 campus pro-life groups in the past year. There are now 387 active pro-life college groups across the United States, with several of those groups at medical schools.

For more information or video of the speech visit: <http://www.studentsforlife.org/>

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