

CALL FOR PAPERS

Special issue of *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*

Miscarriage and Spontaneous Abortion: Expanding the Discussion

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Submissions are invited for a special issue of *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* on the theme: “Miscarriage and Spontaneous Abortion.”

Often, contemporary philosophical discussion on miscarriage/spontaneous abortion centers on one debate: whether or not opponents of abortion are “doing enough” to prevent it. The aim of this issue is to provide philosophical analyses and discussions of other aspects of miscarriage and spontaneous abortion.

Potential topics may include (but are not limited to):

- Are there good philosophical reasons for using the term “miscarriage” rather than “spontaneous abortion” (or vice versa)?
- What is miscarriage – what does it involve and how should it be described?
- What philosophical or ethical questions arise when considering miscarriage and the developmental stages of an embryo or fetus? Does twinning or embryo fusion involve miscarriage? Do early and late miscarriage raise different philosophical or ethical questions?
- How do understandings of health, disease, disorders, or conditions inform our understanding of miscarriage?
- Do prospective parents have an obligation to use miscarriage-preventing technologies or treatment (when available)? Do physicians or midwives have an obligation to offer them? Why or why not?
- What are the moral issues associated with miscarriage prevention research?
- What questions arise concerning the phenomenology of miscarriage?
 - What is there to be said regarding the experiences and perspectives of prospective parents whose partners experience miscarriage?
 - What is there to be said regarding the experiences and perspectives of medical professionals whose patients experience miscarriage?
- How might emerging assisted reproductive technologies (such as artificial womb technology or gene editing) shape our understanding of (or response to) miscarriage and why?

The issue editor welcomes early discussions of brief proposals and/or abstracts by email to: colgron@wfu.edu.

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