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For over 2000 years, the medical profession has sworn an oath to do no harm to their patients whilst in their care.

This has formed the basis of medical practice until very recently when the concept of “evidence based medicine” was adopted.

The evolution from “first do no harm” to wholly evidence based medicine like biology itself, will take time to develop and although this concept has taken a foothold in modern medicine, one could argue its true value in many aspects of day to day practice.

Yet, in reproductive medicine, we are expected from day one to adopt this new fashion on the assumption that will be of benefit for all and leave behind 2000 years of other aspects of care to serve the population so well.

It is this fanaticism by our regulators that will be evaluated during this debate.