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Contemporary issues and trends in innovative medicine in relation to reproductive health and rights

Abstract:

Advancements in reproductive medicine bring significant responsibilities in ensuring the protection and respect of human rights. Reproductive rights encompass the right to reproduce, maternity protection, childcare, and access to adequate healthcare services, including information, counseling, and family planning. Innovative medicine directly impacts these rights, influencing decisions regarding childbearing, unintended pregnancies, contraception methods, genetic and gender selection, and pregnancy modalities. This paper examines contemporary medical developments in light of technological innovations and their legal implications for reproductive rights, particularly women's reproductive health. It reviews debates surrounding the potential protective rights of a fetus, legal structures governing reproductive freedom, and the frameworks that safeguard women's rights. The study further explores whether innovative medicine strengthens or undermines reproductive justice within broader social, legal, and ethical contexts.

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