

Pregnancy of a Minor

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... Suppose a therapist is treating a fifteen-year old girl who tells the therapist that she is pregnant and is thinking about obtaining an abortion. Is the therapist required to keep this information confidential? Must a report of child abuse be made? What is the liability of the therapist if the parents are not informed of this information by the therapist and the abortion takes place, perhaps causing the girl to become seriously depressed? The answers will necessarily depend upon the applicable laws in the particular state involved – and may vary from state to state. It is critical, however, that practitioners know or obtain the answers to these and other questions.