

Addressing Critical Issues

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In this issue of *Health Progress*, we are pleased to be addressing a wide variety of topics vital to our daily work in Catholic health care: spiritual leadership, integrative health care, senior housing, commitment to values, organizational change, and effective mission statements.

The most critical article in this issue, however, focuses on the treatment of rape victims in Catholic emergency departments. In a thorough analysis of this topic, Ronald Hamel, PhD, and Michael Panicola, PhD, examine the “ovulation approach” and the “pregnancy approach” in light of Catholic teaching and the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*. Accompanying this article are three commentaries by Margaret Barron, MD; Daniel P. Sulmasy, OFM, MD, PhD; and Daniel O’Brien, PhD, and John Paul Slosar.

The authors and the editorial staff of *Health Progress* invite readers to add to this discussion and welcome responses to this moral analysis in the form of Letters to the Editor, which can be sent to hpeditor@chausa.org.

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Rounding out this issue is an unusual “Final Say” column—a photo essay of highlights from the Catholic Health Association’s Joint Meeting with Catholic Charities USA August 3-6 in Chicago. For more highlights, photos, and editorial coverage of this historic event, visit CHA’s website at www.chausa.org.

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