

Feminist activities in pharmaceutical industries

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ABSTRACT :

Introduction: Dosing emergency contraceptive pills and mifepristones are major issues with feminism activities related in pharmaceutical industries. Focusing on social sciences as a basis, the interviewees were asked their beliefs and pro and con arguments of their experiences in related activities and future activities, which applies to theoretical positions for analyzing the issues.

Methods: The methods of research are revealing the background, considering phenomenology of moral, disclosing situation of pharmaceutical and feminism sides by having qualitative interviews, applying issues to philosophy and regulations, and analyzing public opinion and statistics.

Results: Phenomenology of utilizing adequate effective information in each organization would be moving further appropriate activities. Then the research would be reaching to adequate solution.

Discussion: In terms of disclosing abortion's present issues by having qualitative interview, the issues would be address to adequate solutions. The public opinion indicates that dosing emergency contraceptive pills and mifepristones are in charge by women's will.

Conclusions: As standing a pharmaceutical health care side, we need to concern about the individual rights, who are addressing, women or unborn children. Regarding implementation of qualitative researches, researcher can understand the actual status however it's hard to achieve direct solution.

I. INTRODUCTION

For many years, researchers have a deal with abortion issues, however, a theory of research haven't instrumented by point of view in various industries. For instance, whereas, dosing emergency contraceptive pills and mifepristones are major issues with feminism activities related in pharmaceutical industries, the issues were researched by being one-sided. Above drug dosing would be applying to feminist activities because only women will get harm from drug intakes. According to listening to people's present voice who involved the issues, which would be solving the issues. As the detail of methodology, three interviews were conducted with three significant pro-active specialists in different fields, which designated to outline serious flaws of abortion issues by providing open and ended questions in semi-structure interviews. They are Dr. Rodney A. Carter, Associate Dean of professional experience and external relations in the college of Pharmacy at the University of Minnesota, Dr. Wendy L. Hellerstedt, Associate professor of division of epidemiology and community health at the University of Minnesota, and Dan Buck-Grassroots, organizer NARAL pro-choice Minnesota at the Minnesota Women's Consortium. Introducing pro and con arguments with philosophy terminologies imply analyzing feminism movements in pharmaceutical healthcare industries. Focusing on social sciences as a basis, the interviewees were asked their beliefs and pro and con arguments of their experiences in related activities and future activities, which applies to theoretical positions for analyzing the issues. Phenomenology of utilizing adequate effective information in each organization would be moving further appropriate activities. Consequently, the research would be reaching to adequate solution. According to having a qualitative interviews would be disclosing present pharmaceutical issues by feminist perspective.

II. BACKGROUND

Emergency contraceptive drugs, known as Plan B, or morning after pills, are taken within 72 hours to help prevent pregnancies. The components of these emergency contraceptive pills are ethinyl estradiol 100 mcg and norgestrel 0.1 mg and should be taken within 72 hours after unprotected sexual intercourse, and the second dose twelve hours after the first (White). It is known to prevent that 95 % of pregnancies by episodic prevention of an egg from being delivered, or by interfering with fertilization, or by corrupting fertilization itself within 120 hours (5 days) after having unprotected sex(B. Dan, personal communication,

October 4, 2009). Dr. Hellerstedt, Dr. Carter and Grassroots endorse women being able to receive the emergency contraceptive drugs anywhere (H. L. Wendy, and A. C. Rodney, personal communication, October 3, 2009). The policy details are different; hospitals and pharmaceuticals' policy outlooks determine that women aged 18 or over can receive emergency contraceptive drugs without prescriptions, and that women aged under 18 need prescriptions to receive the drug. Another feminists outlook is that women with the potential for pregnancies should be able to receive the drug without prescriptions because of expensive costs of prescriptions.

II. METHODOLOGY

The methods of research are revealing the background, considering phenomenology of moral, disclosing situation of pharmaceutical and feminism sides by having qualitative interviews, applying issues to philosophy and regulations, analyzing public opinion and statistics. Practically, three interviews were conducted with three significant pro-active specialists in different fields, which designated to outline serious flaws of abortion issues by providing open and ended questions in semi-structure interviews. The component of research inquires were 1. Their personnel information 2. Current pharmaceutical feminist activities 3. Feminist ideologies 4. Feminist activities in State of Minnesota. 5. History of feminist activities 6. Suggestion to pharmaceutical industries at feminist points of view. The reasons of why, interviewee were selected due their expertise in feminist activities in Twin Cities. In a fact, the researcher proposed many feminist specialists to have qualitative interview, however only above interviewee have gotten accepting. Regarding research to dedicate issues, the researcher picked qualitative research methods, thus the research implies meeting to more personal answers.

Abortion issues in status quo

Abortion issues contain complicated moral issues. Dosing Mifeprestons prevents progesterone activities to induce miscarriages for effective abortions within 7 weeks. It contains side effects such as stomachaches and feeling nauseas (H. L. Wendy, personal communication, October 3, 2009). Hospital policies for prescribing Mifeprestons is that they apportion the drugs only the conditions only under the conditions that the women was raped. The reason for this policy is due to religious beliefs. Regarding White, Roman Catholic Medical Ethics say "While every person is obliged to use ordinary means to preserve his or her health, no person should be obliged to submit to a health care procedure that the person has judged, with a free and informed conscience, not to provide a reasonable hope of benefit without expensive risks and burdens on the patient or excessive expense to family or community" (white). Actually, according to the abortion affects matrix, women who have had abortions have higher risks for their next pregnancies. However, their viewpoints also concern fetus. The majority of observations, when a life began are during the phase of fertilizations. The main points of argument for the point of a human being's existence are the fertilization times. Using innovative resources will be used to make right court orders. Depend on innovating technologies, the forward general statements would be proving fertilizations or not.

Phenomenology applied moral

That phenomena can apply to social sciences by Emile Durkheim, which is that morality is socially construed. To ask the individual to elude social prejudice is to ask the individual to elude morality and ultimately the self "The individual is an integral part of the society into which he is born; the latter penetrates him from every side; to isolate and separate oneself from it is to diminish oneself" (Cladis). Even though, across the ages, ethics of human essences are a universal standard, people will argue with the human origins. Also moral can address the concern on first philosophy by Rene Descartes, which is the morals are created by Jesus (Armitage). Concerned the topics of believe contains doubts because nowadays are diversity cultures, event though morals exist cannot be same as the bible states.

The pharmaceutical circumstances in practical field

Pharmaceutical view points for prescribing mifepristones are same with hospitals' points of view, however, regarding an emergency rule amending Board of Pharmacy regulations, pharmacies cannot deny a women's requests for providing abortion pills (White). That regulation is leading to the proposing conscious clause, which is the American Medical Association's House of Delegates introduced pharmacist conscience clauses to the House of Delegates (American pharmacist association). The component of pharmacist the conscience clause allows the dispensing of prescriptions according to the pharmacists' believes.

The circumstances of feminist side in practical field

The feminist side provokes resistance forces. They are claiming actual experiences for reasons of opposing to passing the conscience clause. For instances, the women who are living in poverty regions where are Pine Ridge reservations in Minnesota, would not receive the emergency contraception drugs from a pharmacist who is living 1000 miles from the reservations without rides under might passing the conscience clause (B. Dan, personal communication, October 4, 2009).

Abortions phenomena in a philosophy

Applying the phenomena in a philosophy of the Emmanuel Kant. Under his interpretivism believes, White states that “Duties are absolute obligations that you must follow through with, regardless of your personal feelings or inclinations.”, “Duties apply to all of us in the exact the same way.”, “The only thing good in itself is good will; it’s the only “good” that cannot be used for a bad purpose.”, “Your will determines the morality of an act-not the outcome”. Indeed, White implies that Immanuel claims that the reasons of outcomes are not always inappropriate and intangible to the determination of intent. Obligations are not all universal joints, they all be addressed without expectations (White). In this phenomena, the pharmacists do not have to prescribe emergency contraception medicines because it is against their believes. However, pharmacists have to offer adequate resources, which allows people to receive the services at third parties, or other pharmacists within the limited times. A positivism, which contains the procedure 1. The Metaphysical state 2. The Theological State 3. Fundamental Law of Development by August Comte (Archie). That can introduce the conscience clauses because women can know the fertilizations or not for the time of their religion believes by utilizing innovative technologies.

III. REGULATIONS OF ABORTIONS

According to Emanuel Kant’s Theories of Knowledge, Greenberg states “Mere regularity or rule-gov-ernedness falls short of lawfulness because of its contingency: Law, not mere regularity, entails necessity. Hence, regularity alone does not warrant the ascription of objectivity to a proposition” (Greenberg). The theory implies feminists movement alter changing old regimes. That can apply to phenomena feminism activities. In a fact, the state of Minnesota is the states that are under court order to fund abortions for low-income women on the same terms as other pregnancy-related are funded. Roe v. Wade in 1973, the abortion was legalized. The Hyde Amendment in 1978, Minnesota State passed. “The Hyde Amendment”, which state Medicaid funding of abortions to affairs of only rape-related pregnancies within the 48 hours of crimes. Doe vs. Gomez in 1995, a plaintiff Gomez was a student at University of Minnesota. Regarding her shortage of financial resources, she decided to have illegal abortion. Consequently, she passed away with unborn-baby. The case established “legislated funding policy”, which state covers for low-income women on portion of abortion costs 18.5% in 2000(B. Dan, personal communication, October 4, 2009). The case cited the empathy public movement caused by women sacrifices. Above feminism movements are broke out by sacrificed women.

Public opinions of abortions

The cases caused the extreme for caught up the empathy from public opinions changed social norms. Dr. Hellerstedt explains 15 % of the public opinion is pro-life, 15% of the public opinion is pro-choice, 70 % of the public opinion is in a between. The statistics of public opinion for emergency contraceptive pills for females aborted embryos and fetus are depending on the situation for patients such as in early timeline abortions or later timeline abortions, and rape or woman's' choice. Peoples are more sympathies for rape conditions, and physical risk for late timeline. Other statistics of women’s survey, after they aborted the babies are number, women feel release from huge responsibilities, which is number one responses (K.Sally, personal communication, October 2, 2009). These results clearly show overloaded women’s duties affect actually decreasing the birth rates.

Statistics of abortions

The number of abortions are not precisely number public opinions for abortions are negative impacts. Women may not be disclosed the evidences. The number of abortions annual year per 1,000 women aged 15-44. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention gather the abortion data for nation wide. The Minnesota Department of Health gathers the abortion data in the state. Utilizing the data purposes are identify the risks, innovating abortifacient substances, monitoring temporary trends, comparing utilization with states and nations, lead to political clouts, and identify the appropriate dozing⁶. The procedures are having tendencies of the method of qualitative inquires.

Qualitative interview at Minnesota Women's consortium

As a proactive organization, Minnesota Women's consortium contains 600 members. They alternate old regime regulation a couple of times. Their current activities are accelerating the number of appropriate sex-education. Generic drugs are cheaper than commercial drugs, thus consumers tend to use generic drugs with prescriptions. Pro-choice 1965-1966 Women's liberation movements started. Their resistant forces are mainly small groups, such as the Pill kill anti-drug utilization groups. The Minnesota Women's consortium is claiming that abortion rights are under the Bill of Right's "The Right to know"(B. Dan, personal communication, October 4, 2009). Feminists suggest that Minnesota should amend its state constitution to be identical to the federal constitution (Courneya). They indicate the hospital structures are considered as resistance forces for abortions, because of their religion believes. Indeed, major hospitals funding are based upon state funding, thus they are fighting with states and hospitals. Regarding Horst, the Nature of democracies are "Judicial review is, among other things, a device for regulation federalism. It is an institution through which the national government supervises state and local institutions" (Horst). The phenomena can address to the Constructionism because the structures are established by mass public opinions.

IV. DISCUSSION

Implementation of qualitative inquiry is in the hypothetical situation, pharmacists and women with EPC prescriptions will both work through frameworks similar to this one in order to make their conscientious decisions (White). Ethical responsibilities in pharmacy practice are identifying the problems, and developing varying courses of action so that the aim can select the appropriate course of actions. Select the one best course of action that permits the decision maker to have the greatest peace of mind, which the most satisfied the demands of consciences. After the interviewer had qualitative interview with feminist specialists, the response from interviewee disclosed current pharmaceutical issues. Then public opinion indicates that dosing emergency contraceptive pills and mifepristones are in charge by women's will.

V. CONCLUSION

Phenomenology of utilizing adequate effective information in each organization would be moving further appropriate activities. For instance, U of M pharmacists unloaded prescription for emergency contraceptive pills by Buck(B. Dan, personal communication, October 4, 2009). Overall the interviews are addressing ethnomethodologies, which are proposed research methods by Harold Garfikel in 1967. The research methods of communication analysis with non verbal communications identify social phenomena (Sharrock).

My analysis reveals that social phenomena tend to dominance of feminist organizations because of their gestures and full of enthusiasms, sufficient knowledge, and practical accomplishments. As standing a pharmaceutical health care side, we need to concern about the individual rights, who are addressing, women or unborn children.

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