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Topic

" Advancing Technologies at Life's Beginning and End: Policy Implications for Women's Health and Wellbeing "

Discussion of a purported "war on women" places the health and wellbeing of women at the center of the political maelstrom in current policy debates. Advancing technologies that expand both reproductive options and life expectancies can have major implications for the health and wellbeing of women, particularly in relation to traditional caregiving roles. Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART) that expand women's childbearing capacity, as well as advanced medical technologies that extend life expectancy, have resulted in changing circumstances for family caregivers, a role traditionally filled primarily by women. This panel proposes to examine some of these changing demands and their potential policy implications.