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college, I was often asked: *what*  
thought about getting a doctoral  
various schools, but it just didn't  
becoming a doctor – and pretty :  
I hadn't heard the word *abortion*  
during the beginning of residency  
people, I started to learn about  
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During my first rotation as an abortion provider, I felt nervous, but  
patient going through all the steps. She had a transvaginal ultrasound and I had no clue what I was looking at.

Then there was a counseling session, and I listened to the patient confidently say that she was making her own  
decision to have an abortion. There was no sob story. She just knew she needed one, and that's why she was  
there.

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April Lockley is currently a fellow with RHAP's [Reproductive Health Care and Access Fellowship](https://www.reproductiveaccess.org/programs/fellowship/) (<https://www.reproductiveaccess.org/programs/fellowship/>), where she is learning to integrate full-spectrum reproductive health care into her family medicine practice.

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