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Abstract

Abstract The birth of neonates at the limits of viability, or periviability, poses numerous challenges to health care providers and to systems of care, and the care of these pregnancies and neonates is fraught with ethical controversies. This statement summarizes the ethical principles involved in the care of perivable pregnancies and neonates, and provides expert clinical opinion about

the numerous challenges posed by this problem around the world. Topics addressed include a summary of the published experience, an ethical framework, translating neonatal outcome data to the obstetric arena, management as a trial of intervention, referral to tertiary centers, neonatal resuscitation, cesarean delivery for fetal indication, and limits on life-sustaining neonatal treatment.