## **Competing Rights**

- Article 40.3.3
- Rights of the foetus other than the right to life
- Limited application of *X case*

### The Right to Refuse Treatment

- The Guide to Professional Conduct and Ethics for Registered Medical Practitioners of the Medical Council of Ireland
- Paragraph 7.7 of the National Consent Policy
- In re a Ward of Court (Withholding of Medical Treatment)

### Refusal of Treatment During Pregnancy

- Where the treatment is necessary to protect the <u>life</u> of the unborn
- Where the treatment is necessary to protect the <u>health</u> of the unborn.
- HSE v B (caesarean section case)

#### Maternal Brain Death

- PP v HSE
- The Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015

## A Pregnant Woman's Right to Elect to Undergo Treatment

- A40.3.3 and the Right to Elect for Treatment
- Protection of Life in Pregnancy Act 2013
- X case test

#### Capacity to Consent to Medical Treatment

- Functional approach
- Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015
- Capacity of minors
- A and B v Eastern Health Board

## Parental Authority

- North Western Health Board v HW
- Article 42A of the Constitution

# Rights of Fathers?

 Entitlement to bring proceedings to protect the life of the foetus, if it were under threat.