

Valentina's father: "My daughter screamed in pain, the doctor said he couldn't intervene."

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Catania, Italy: Video of interview with Valentina's father

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"As long as the little heart beats, I cannot proceed. I am a conscientious objector." Salvatore, the father of Valentina Miluzzo, confirms the answer from a doctor at the Cannizzaro Catania hospital, where his daughter was dying. "My daughter screamed in pain, no one did anything to relieve her," says the father, retracing Valentina's last day. (Alessandra Ziniti, George Ruta)

Question: Dr. Miluzzo, you are Valentina's father. So, do you confirm that the doctor on duty that night in the birthing room told you that he couldn't operate because he was a conscientious objector?

Dr. Miluzzo: Yes, I do. He said "As long as that small heart is beating, even if it's only one of the two fetuses, I can do nothing, because I am a conscientious objector."

Question: As you said, of course your daughter really wanted her pregnancy, she never would have wanted to have an abortion. Do you confirm that when you realized the fetuses could not be saved anyway, you asked explicitly for the operation [to terminate]?

Dr. Miluzzo: Yes, I do. At 11:30 am, my wife and I, in front of relatives and friends, asked the doctor to not let our daughter suffer anymore. She was in an agonizing pain, screaming in a terrible way since 9:00 am. They didn't give her anything to relieve her pain, and she had already collapsed three times. Her blood pressure was 70 and her body temperature was 34°C (93.2°F).

Question: So you are denouncing that Valentina would have been without medical assistance for hours, and even the doctor didn't realize what was happening.

Dr. Miluzzo: Valentina remained unattended from 9 in the morning until three hours later when they moved her to the delivery room, because there was no doctor on the floor where she was. We had already requested a doctor, but there wasn't one.

This is what happened next, after we heard the terrible cries of our daughter, we came to get information. They told us: "Be quiet, it is a renal colic" and they closed the door.

After six or seven hours, and hearing Valentina always shouting, my wife asked to go and see my daughter. She went in and found her fainted with a 34-degree temperature. My wife screamed. She requested help, they gave oxygen to Valentina, my wife slapped her to wake her up a bit.

My daughter said: "Mom, I'm dying, I can't stand it any longer. Tell them to give me something to sleep, I can't do it, I want to sleep." But a doctor told us, "Be quiet, it is only the pains of childbirth." And he did nothing.