German Docs Apologize for Nazi Atrocities

Like me, you probably missed this story. On May 23rd, 68 years after the Nuremberg Trials, the German Medical Association apologized for Nazi-era atrocities committed by doctors. Their Declaration acknowledges that German doctors were “guilty of scores of human rights violations.”

They admit that doctors were “not forced by political authorities to kill and experiment on prisoners but rather engaged in the Holocaust as leaders and enthusiastic Nazi supporters.” They said these crimes, involving leaders in medicine, “should be taken as a warning for the future.” Indeed. A tragic slip in medical ethics could happen anywhere…even in America.