

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE

PURPOSE

Provide general guidance in reproductive health care.

POLICY

Formulation of policy and practice are consistent with the CHI Franciscan Health mission to protect human life and respect human dignity.

It is the policy of CHI Franciscan Health that all services rendered in our hospitals shall be supportive of life. At no time may direct actions to terminate life be performed or permitted.

Medical Staff, staff, and family/surrogate decision-makers may consult with the CHI FH Ethics Committee to advise on policy for decision-making where ethical considerations involving reproductive health care might need additional guidance.

For hospitals with Emergency Departments: CHI Franciscan Health supports the hospital's obligations under WAC 246-320-370 for emergency contraception provisions for sexual assault victims. The Emergency Department (ED) must provide emergency contraception as a treatment option to any woman who seeks treatment because of a sexual assault. The Emergency Department provider must provide each patient with medically and factually accurate and unbiased written and oral information about emergency contraception.