



**HOSPITAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

**Title:** Reproductive Health Care for Women

**Number:** A725

**Effective Date:** 03-19-14

**Revise Date:**

**Review Date (no revisions):**

---

**PURPOSE**

Within the framework of the World Health Organization’s definition of reproductive health as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, Grays Harbor Community Hospital supports the sexual rights of all persons which must be respected, protected and fulfilled.

**POLICY**

This policy defines the woman’s right to appropriate health care services that will enable her to go safely through pregnancy and childbirth and the freedom to decide if, when and how often to reproduce.

Depending on services needed, care is provided in the Family Birth Center, Emergency Department, and Surgical Department. Grays Harbor Community Hospital does not provide medical or elective termination of pregnancies. Tubal ligation and vasectomy procedures are available. Specialized services are provided to victims of sexual assault.

Community physicians provide information and resources for patients, who are seeking termination of a pregnancy, infertility care, and safe, effective, acceptable methods of birth control.

**References**

WHO: Reproductive Health  
Reproductive Health Strategy – World Health Organization  
CDC Division of Reproductive Health

Approved By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Nursing Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Authenticated By:

\_\_\_\_\_  
President/CEO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date