



HOSPITAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Title: Reproductive Health Care for Women
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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.

The hospital and 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
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