

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 34.—Hospitals

28-34-138. Abortion procedure.

(a) Each applicant and each licensee shall ensure that written policies and procedures are developed and implemented for the following procedures:

(1) Safe conduct of abortion procedures that conform to obstetric standards in keeping with established standards of care regarding the estimated gestational age of the unborn child;

(2) the appropriate use of local anesthesia, analgesia, and sedation if ordered by the physician; and

(3) the use of appropriate precautions, including the establishment of intravenous access for any patient undergoing a second or third trimester abortion, unless the physician determines that establishing intravenous access is not appropriate for the patient and documents that fact in the medical record of the patient.

(b) Each licensee shall ensure that the following procedures are followed for each patient after completion of all requirements for patient screening and evaluation required in K.A.R. 28-34-137 and before performance of an abortion:

(1) Information is provided to the patient on the abortion procedure, including alternatives, risks, and potential complications.

(2) Written consent is signed and dated by the patient.

(c) Each licensee shall ensure that a physician and at least one health professional is available to each patient throughout the abortion procedure.

(d) Each licensee shall ensure that an infection control program is established which includes the following:

(1) Measures for surveillance, prevention, and control of infections;

(2) policies and procedures outlining infection control and aseptic techniques to be followed by staff members and volunteers; and

(3) training on infection control and aseptic techniques for all staff members and volunteers.

(e) Each licensee shall ensure that each abortion is performed according to the facility's policies and procedures and in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

(f) Each licensee shall ensure that health professionals monitor each patient's vital signs throughout the abortion procedure to ensure the health and safety of the patient.

(g) Each licensee shall ensure that the following steps are performed if an abortion procedure results in the delivery of a newborn child:

(1) Resuscitative measures are used to support life;

(2) the newborn child is transferred to a hospital; and

(3) resuscitative measures and the transfer to a hospital are documented.

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