

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 34.—Hospitals

28-34-137. Patient screening and evaluation.

(a) Each applicant and each licensee shall ensure written policies and procedures are developed and implemented for the medical screening and evaluation of patients. A medical screening and evaluation shall be completed on each patient before an abortion procedure is performed.

(b) The medical screening and evaluation shall consist of the following:

(1) A medical history shall be completed, including the following:

(A) Reported allergies to medications, antiseptic solution, or latex;

(B) obstetric and gynecologic history;

(C) past surgeries;

(D) medication currently being taken by the patient; and

(E) any other medical conditions.

(2) A physical examination shall be performed by a physician, including a bimanual examination to estimate uterine size and palpation of the adnexa.

(3) An ultrasound evaluation shall be completed for any patient who elects to have an abortion of an unborn child. The physician shall estimate the gestational age of the unborn child based on the ultrasound examination and obstetric standards in keeping with established standards of care regarding the estimation of the age of the unborn child and shall verify the estimate in the patient's medical history. The physician shall keep the original prints of each ultrasound examination for each patient in the patient's medical history file. The original prints may consist of a digitized record or an electronic record.

(4) The appropriate laboratory tests shall be completed, including the following:

(A) For an abortion performed in a medical emergency and in which an ultrasound examination is not performed before the abortion procedure, urine or blood tests for pregnancy, which shall be completed before the abortion procedure;

(B) a test for anemia as indicated;

(C) determination of Rh factor or Rh typing, unless the patient provides written documentation of blood type acceptable to the physician; and

(D) other tests recommended by the physician or the medical director on the basis of the physical examination, which may include tests for chlamydia and gonorrhea and other cultures, syphilis serology, and a papanicolaou procedure.

(c) Each licensee shall ensure that another individual is present in the room during a pelvic examination or an abortion procedure. If the physician conducting the examination or the procedure is male, the other individual in the room shall be female.

(d) The physician or health care professional shall review, at the request of the patient, the ultrasound evaluation results with the patient before the abortion procedure is performed, including the probable gestational age of the unborn child.

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