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## Reproductive Healthcare, 392.00

### PURPOSE

Provide general guidance in the area of reproductive health care.

### POLICY

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

It is the policy of Franciscan Health System 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. See: [Initiating Ethics Consult Policy, #370.00](#).

For hospitals with Emergency Departments: Franciscan Health System 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 as a result 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. Refer to: [Sexual Assault Victims Emergency Contraception Options Policy, #826.75](#)

### REQUIRED REVIEW:

Senior Vice President of Mission

### DISTRIBUTION:

Regional Administrative Manual

### CROSS REFERENCE:

## Attachments

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No Attachments

## Approval Signatures

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## Applicability

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CHI Franciscan Health, Franciscan System Services, St. Anne Hospital, St. Anthony Hospital, St. Clare Hospital, St. Elizabeth Hospital, St. Francis Hospital, St. Joseph Medical Center, St. Michael Medical Center

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