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Policy

As defined by International Conference on Population Development (ICPD), reproductive health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, in all matters relating to the reproductive system and to its functions and processes. Reproductive health care includes having access to a range of good-quality information and services.

For all patients needing reproductive health care, this policy applies to services provided at Prosser Memorial Health (PMH) within the hospital and/or clinic setting.

Procedure

At Prosser Memorial Health, we provide a range of male and female reproductive health services to meet a patient’s clinical needs and a patient’s choice. Not every reproductive health procedure is available at the hospital and/or clinics, however, this policy does focus on services provided in the hospital and/or clinics.

1. Through the primary care settings within Prosser Memorial Health, patients have access to a full array of preventive healthcare services including all forms of contraception prevention, and the preventions and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases
2. Prosser Memorial Health routinely delivers babies and offers a full scope of services related to prenatal care, birth, maternal fetal medicine consultations and referrals and genetic counseling.
3. Within Prosser Memorial Health we offer both elective and medically indicated terminations of pregnancy in addition to actively referring patients to community providers.
4. Patients who wish to explore limited services related to male and female fertility can find a range of such service, which includes actively referring patients to community providers.

5. Our hospital permits their healthcare professionals to opt in/out of participating in services that violate their conscience or values. In such circumstances, the hospital will attempt to arrange for other healthcare professionals to deliver the care for the patient.
6. Minors may consent for reproductive health care and treatment to the extent allowed by Washington State Law (RCW 26.28.010).

References:

United Nations, *Reproductive Health Policies 2017*,

http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/publications/pdf/policy/reproductive_health_policies_2017_data_booklet.pdf

Providing Health Care to Minors under Washington Law: *A summary of health care services that can be provided to minors without parental consent.*

<https://depts.washington.edu/hcsats/PDF/guidelines/Minors%20Health%20Care%20Rights%20Washington%20State.pdf>

WA State Legislature RCW 71.34.530 *Age of consent – Outpatient treatment of minors.*

<http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=71.34.530>

WA State Legislature RCW 26.28.010 *Age of majority.*

<http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=26.28.010>