



Reproductive Health Services

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Policy : Reproductive Health Services

Summary/Intent

Reproductive health services provided at King County Public Hospital District No. 4 d/b/a Snoqualmie Valley Health

Definitions

Snoqualmie Valley Health offers some but not all reproductive health services. We will provide un-biased information and support a woman through her decision making process. For those services which we do not provide an appropriate referral will be coordinated.

Affected Departments/Services

All

Policy: Compliance - Key Elements

It is the intention of Snoqualmie Valley Health to comply with all state and federal laws regarding reproductive health as pertains to Washington's Reproductive Privacy Act, RCW 9.02.160.. Snoqualmie Valley Health only provides emergency deliveries in the emergency department.

Snoqualmie Valley Health provides emergency contraception to victims of sexual assault. Victims of sexual assault are given unbiased information pertaining to emergency contraception and if requested administration of the oral contraceptive Plan B (levonorgestrel). [RCW 70.41.350]

Nothing in this policy prevents a hospital or clinic provider from providing information about birth control services when requested. Birth control prescriptions of all forms (oral, injectable, topical, barrier) and intra-uterine birth control devices (IUDs) can be prescribed and/or administered and/or implanted upon verbal informed consent by the patient regardless of age. SVH offers chemical termination services for pregnant patients requesting these services. SVH providers place referrals for surgical services that are otherwise not offered at SVH such as surgical termination, tubal ligation, D&C and vasectomies.

Procedure:Emergency Deliveries

- Assessment of labor will be completed by the available Emergency physician. EMTALA guidelines shall be followed at all times.
- If the patient and unborn infant are in need of transfer to a more suited facility and stabilization has been accomplished, the emergency department physician will arrange for the transfer via an appropriately monitored and supported medical vehicle.
- If birth is imminent the emergency department physician and staff will proceed to support the delivery. Once the infant is delivered, the mother and newborn will be transported to an accepting facility for further evaluation and care.
- Emergency department staff will participate in annual competency assessment for this low-frequency occurrence.

Emergency Contraception

- Victims of sexual assault are provided medically accurate and unbiased written and verbal information about emergency contraception options.
- Victims of sexual assault are informed of the option to have emergency contraception. If not medically contraindicated and if requested by the victim, the oral contraceptive Plan B (levonorgestrel) will be administered. Levonorgestrel significantly reduces the risk of pregnancy when taken as directed within 72 hours of sexual contact.
- Plan B (levonorgestrel) will be available in the emergency department at all times.

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