

Information about your Medical Services

Surgical Abortion

Name:	Date of Birth:	Tod	ay's Date:
Date of Next Appointment:	Time	Balance:	(←To be filled in by your Health

Educator)

We thank you for choosing and trusting Falls Church Healthcare Center for your services and we welcome you as our patient. If you are a private pay patient, included in your healthcare service fees are your laboratory studies, sonogram, health education, the Doctor's fee, and your wellness follow-up in 13 to 20 days. If you are using your insurance you may need to pay copays or deductibles for your visits. It is very important that you follow all your aftercare instructions and that you return for your follow-up appointment. Please be thinking of which day will be convenient for you. Appointments are available Monday through Friday. Plan to be at the center approximately 45-60 minutes for your follow-up. The doctors will be available to review any of your related medical concerns at that time. Additional unrelated medical services such as a Well Woman Exam or IUD Consultation can be included with your follow-up at the discounted rates or through your insurance. Follow-ups rescheduled for more than 4 weeks after your procedure may incur a nominal additional charge. Please tell your Health Educator if you want to include the Well Woman Exam or any additional medical services with your follow-up.

Service Options: \$440 Awake (can drive self) & \$565 "Asleep" (IV sedation, needs ride)
Services available Monday through Saturday

Rh Negative blood factor add \$65

YOUR MEDICAL SERVICES:

1. Explanation of Registration Appointment: Probable time at center: 1.5-2 hours

A registration appointment includes completing paperwork, an ultrasound, lab testing, and health education. At this appointment, you will be greeted, fill out a medical history form, read additional information, and then make your payment. Next, you will complete your lab tests including a urine testing, Rh blood typing, and testing for anemia. If you are determined to have a negative Rh blood factor you will owe an additional \$65 for necessary medication. As of July 1, 2012 per Virginia legislation, ultrasound imaging shall be performed a day or more prior to the abortion. The ultrasound helps confirm the gestational age. During the ultrasound your medical history will be reviewed. After your ultrasound, you will speak privately with your Health Educator. She will provide information tailored to your needs as a unique woman, review all of your paperwork, and schedule your abortion appointment. She also will review how to take care of yourself at home, review family planning options and answer any questions you may have. Private pay patient pay a fee of \$190 is credited towards the final cost of your procedure. If you are using insurance, you will have to pay your office visit copay on this day and on the day of your procedure pay the copay or other cost prescribed by your insurance

2. Explanation of Surgical Abortion: For procedure probable time at center: 2.0-3.0 hours
In addition to your sonogram, the state legislature requires some information be given to you at least 24 hours before your abortion. Please read the following information required by the state legislature. Please discontinue use of any vaginal medications 24 hours before your abortion. We require that you have someone drive you home and have nothing to eat or drink (including water, smoking, candy or chewing gum) 8 hours prior to your appointment. When you return for your procedure, you will be greeted and you will make any remaining payment towards your account balance or your additional insurance fees. Next, your vitals will be taken again. You will next be given your pre-medications, review your aftercare, schedule your follow-up appointment, have opportunity to ask questions then sign your medical consent for treatment.

You may choose to be awake and aware of your surroundings with medication to aid in your comfort or to be "asleep" unaware of your surroundings with more comfort during the procedure. After a brief pelvic exam the doctor places a speculum to see the cervix. A dilator is used to dilate the cervix and a small canula gently removes products of conception and menstrual tissue with a very gentle suction. The doctor may do a final check with a curette. This is called an "aspiration D&C". You will be in the procedure room approximately 10 minutes.

After the procedure you will be taken to a patient lounge to monitor your progress. Some women experience light cramps during their recovery. If your lab test indicated you are Rh-negative a medication called Rhogam is required to prevent potential problems in a future pregnancy. The lounge attendant will again review your aftercare, confirm your follow-up appointment and assist you with birth control information as you request.

When you feel comfortable, usually after 25-40 minutes, you may be discharged. You will be able to have a light meal and return to your normal activities immediately. We will provide our 2 telephone numbers - our center number for any questions, problems or concerns you may have as well as an after-hours medical emergency number.

There are alternatives to abortion. These include parenthood and adoption. Falls Church Healthcare provides interim prenatal care, referrals for pre-natal care and offer adoption facilitation services as part of our gynecology medical practice.

Possible complications:

Although rare, possible complications from surgical abortion include: blood clots accumulating in the uterus, requiring another suctioning procedure, medication or monitoring, (less than 0.2% of cases). Infections, most of which are easily identified and treated if the woman carefully observes follow-up instructions, (0.1%-2.0% of North American cases). A tear in the cervix, which may be self-healing or repaired with stitches (0.6-1.2% of cases). Perforation (a puncture or tear) of the wall of the uterus and/or other organs (less than 0.4% of cases), this may heal itself or may require surgical repair or, rarely, hysterectomy. Missed abortion, which does not end the pregnancy and requires the abortion to be repeated (less than 0.3% of cases). Incomplete abortion, in which tissue from the pregnancy remains in the uterus, and requires a repeat suction procedure, (0.3%-2.0% of cases) or medication or monitoring. Excessive bleeding requiring a blood transfusion (0.02%-0.3% of cases). Death occurs in 0.0006% of all legal surgical abortions (1 in 160,000 cases). These rare deaths are usually the result of such things as adverse reactions to anesthesia, embolism, infection, or uncontrollable bleeding. In comparison, a woman's risk of death during pregnancy and childbirth is ten times greater.

- **3. Withdrawal of Consent:** You may withdraw your consent at any time prior to the performance of the procedure.
- **4.** Offer to Speak with the Physician: You will be able to speak with the physician on the day of your appointment before your procedure to review any questions or concerns you may have.
- **5.** <u>Probable Gestational Age:</u> Fetal ultrasound imaging shall be performed prior to the abortion to confirm the gestational age by one of our technicians or nurse.
- **6.** The final point of information required by the state legislature to be shared with our patients in advance is the offer to review printed materials they prepared. Those materials include information on fetal development; a list of agencies providing alternatives to abortion; information on medical assistance benefits available for prenatal care; childbirth and neonatal care; and information on child support and assistance in the collection of child support. It will also include a list of public and private agencies and services that provide ultrasound imaging and auscultation of fetal heart tone services free of charge. You have the right to review the materials the legislature prepared; copies are available here free of charge or online at www.vdh.virginia.gov/.

This information was assembled under the direction of our Medical Director.

Contact Falls Church Healthcare Center (703) 532-2500 or WomenFirst@FallsChurchHealthcare.com

Thank you for stopping by today, we are here to help and are just a phone call or email away!

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CONSENT TO TREATMENT, ANESTHETIC, AND RELATED MEDICAL SERVICES FOR VOLUNTARY INTERRUPTION OF PREGNANCY

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DISCLOSURE OF ALTERNATIVES, BENEFITS AND RISKS

FOR SURGICAL VOLUNTARY INTERRUPTION OF PREGNANCY

ALTERNATIVES: The alternative to ending a pregnancy is to continue it to term and birth. Thereafter, one usually either takes on the duties of parenthood or arranges for an adoption. Pregnancy has significant medical and emotional risks. These are considered by most specialists to be 14 times greater than the risks associated with an early abortion. Parenthood and adoption has both benefits and risks that vary widely depending upon the individual and her unique circumstances. We trust women can carefully consider these risks, benefits and detriments for each of these options of a pregnancy and make an informed decision. Once you are pregnant there is no way forward without sacrifice.

BENEFITS: The voluntary interruption of a pregnancy (VIP) in its early stage has various benefits, depending upon the individual. Abortion allows you to plan another pregnancy to a more supportable time for your economic, emotional and physical health and for the welcoming and wellbeing of a new life. Medically, an abortion usually allows you to resume your normal activities a short time after the procedure with return to full health and personally without additional disruption to your circumstances.

Please read this information carefully so that you understand the benefits and risks and that Falls Church Healthcare Center cannot guarantee the procedure results obtained here will always be perfect. As with any medical procedure, complications may occur and may require further treatment. You will have opportunities to fully discuss these risks with a health educator, nurse and physician. Your Follow-up evaluation is an integral part of your treatment.

INTRODUCTION: A voluntary interruption of a pregnancy by Aspiration D & C is a form of minor surgery which, like all surgery, has certain statistical risks. Medicine and surgery are not exact sciences. 96% of all abortions take place without any complications at all. About 1 in 200 patients may be kept for observation. Complication both minor and major may occur in a very small percentage of cases. It is very important that you give your complete medical history to our healthcare providers. You must tell your healthcare provider if you have an IUD in place and all the medications or drugs you use.

RISKS AND SIDE EFFECTS: the risks below known, but not limited to, will be discussed with you.

- 1. <u>RISK OF INFECTION:</u> 1-3 %. Abortion (whether spontaneous, surgical or medical) as well as Menstruation and childbirth create conditions that increase the risk of infection. Most infections are successfully treated with antibiotics when identified promptly. Minor, and very rarely major, infections can occur following this procedure rarely requiring hospitalization. Very rarely an **untreated** infection may lead to loss of ability to have another pregnancy.
- 2. RISK OF <u>INCOMPLETE ABORTION</u>: 1%. Rarely the tissue from the lining of the uterus is not fully removed by the D & C or your bleeding. This happens in a small percentage of the cases but may lead to infection unless therapy is begun.
- 3. RISK OF <u>CONTINUING PREGNANCY</u>: 1 in 500 cases. A woman may still have a pregnancy after a D & C due to multiple pregnancies (i.e. twins); a double uterus or an ectopic pregnancy (pregnancy developing outside the uterus). A failed procedure may be detected at your follow-up evaluation. A repeat procedure may be required. An ectopic pregnancy, difficult to detect, requires additional medication, sonography, laboratory tests or hospitalization. An ectopic pregnancy can be life threatening.
- 4. RISK OF <u>LACERATION OR PERFORATION</u>: 1 in 1,000 cases, very rare. During a D & C procedure, an instrument may tear (lacerate) the cervix or puncture (perforate) the uterine wall. In most cases this is self-resolving or the repair, if needed, is done during the procedure and you will be so informed. Hospitalization may or may not be necessary, depending on the extent of the laceration or perforation. In extremely rate cases this could affect the bowel or uterus such that a hysterectomy would be required.
- 5. RISK OF <u>BLEEDING OR HEMORRHAGE</u>: Most women have some moderate bleeding after an abortion. Rarely is there an incidence of hemorrhage or very heavy bleeding during or shortly after the procedure. This requires monitoring and evaluation. The treatment will depend upon the cause of the bleeding and may require hospitalization and therapies.
- 6. RISK OF <u>ANESTHETIC REACTIONS</u>: Anesthetics do not always eliminate all pain. In a small number of cases anesthesia (local or MAC) may add additional risks: allergic reaction, convulsions, cardiac arrest or prolonged unconsciousness. With anesthesia, transient mental impairment may affect decision-making and ability to operate heavy equipment.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS DISCLOSURE. I WILL DISCUSS THIS TO THE EXTENT THAT I NEED AND WILL ASK ANY QUESTIONS I HAVE BEFORE THE PROCEDURE.

PATIENT SIGNATURE:		Print Name:	
DATE:	AGE of Patient:	FCHC H.E./Med Professional:/	
REVIEWED BY M.D.		DATE:	



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ANESTHESIA, SEDATION, ANALGESIA CONSENT FORM

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PRE-OPERATIVE MEDICATION PATIENT ADVISORY

PLEASE READ, INITIAL, AND RETURN TO RECEPTIONIST.

Thank you for choosing Falls Church Healthcare Center for your services. This information tells you about medications you will take at your next appointment. These pre-operative medicines can increase your comfort and safety during your Aspiration D & C abortioncare. *There is no additional fee for these medications. You will be able to discuss these medications with the nurse today during your ultrasound services.*

About the Pre-medications: MISOPROSTOL gently relaxes your cervix to safely increase your comfort during an aspiration D & C abortion and prevents heavy bleeding. Some women experience period like cramping and or spotting while waiting; you will be given a sanitary pad. There are no major side-effects of Misoprostol, minor side-effects can include nausea and rarely diarrhea. Antibiotic prophylaxis may be used pre-procedure for in house aspiration abortion. The risk of infection is less than 0.5%. Some side effects may be headache, diarrhea, nausea, or rash.

TODAY: After laboratory services the nurse will review your medical history to verify if Misoprostol use or an antibiotic is appropriate for you. Please advise the nurse of any drug allergies, medical conditions or concerns you may have when you have your sonogram. **You may not be eligible for Misoprostol if you have cardiovascular disease, inflammatory bowel disease or are breastfeeding.** Then your ultrasound will be completed.

AT YOUR NEXT APPOINTMENT: The pre-medications will be given. If you are uncertain whether you want to proceed with the voluntary interruption of your pregnancy then you should not take these recommended pre-medication because you may not be able to successfully continue this pregnancy once you take the medicines. You may have some minor cramping and/or mild nausea after you take the medicines. If that occurs please advise the receptionist.

I certify I have read and understand the nature and purpose, benefits and risks of the pre-procedure medication Misoprostol and an antibiotic. I certify that I have discussed my medical history. I understand I will have another opportunity to ask questions prior to taking the Misoprostol or the antibiotic.

Printed Name	Patient initials	_ Date of Birth	Today's Date
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Virginia Pre-Information Received

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A medical explanation of the nature, ben procedure.	efits, risks and alternatives to the abortion
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I was offered the opportunity to review the Virginia's Department of Health. If I chose to recharge from the center, it was provided to me at mailed to me at least 72 hours before the abortion	eview such materials, available free of a least 24 hours before the abortion or
Patient Signature <u>:</u>	Date:
Witness Signature:	



Procedure Aftercare

After Hours Emergency Telephone: 301-953-8436 Business Hours Telephone: 703-532-2500

Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm Saturday: 8am-12pm

"A women's center serving the families of our community"

What Can I Expect At Home?

Bleeding: You can experience bleeding that lasts for 5-7 days, then experience spotting that lasts for a week or more.

The amount of bleeding will vary for each woman. For some women, the bleeding stops and starts for a few days at a time. Other women may not have bleeding at all. It is normal to pass clots while bleeding. Spotting could persist until your next menstrual cycle.

Cramps: Many women experience cramping similar to their menstrual cycle cramps.

If needed, you may take over the counter medications containing ibuprofen, naproxen or acetaminophen to help with discomfort. Take these medications according to manufacturer's instructions.

Change in Hormones: Your body will be undergoing some changes due to the gradual decrease in the pregnancy hormones.

Pregnancy symptoms usually subside within 10-14 days.

What do I need to Avoid?

- Avoid driving for 24 hours (if you had IV sedation)
- FCHC suggests refraining from sexual activity for the next 7 days.
- Pads should be used after your procedure to monitor bleeding.
 FCHC suggests you avoid tampons or menstrual cycle cups until bleeding has slowed down and you are only spotting.
- Do not use vaginal medications or suppositories unless you have checked with your physician.
- Do not douche.

Additional Important Information:

- You should have your period 4-8 weeks after the procedure.
- It is possible to become pregnant before your next period.
- A urine pregnancy test may show a positive reading up to a four weeks after your procedure. This may be due to the gradual decrease in the pregnancy hormones. Call us if you have concerns.
- We provide a discounted rate for continuing your gynecologic healthcare needs with us (see below).

What should I do to recover quickly and easily?

- Return to your normal activities as soon as the next day. You do not need bed rest.
- You may shower and take baths.
- If you experience cramping, applying heat or a cold pack may help.
 Use a heating pad on your abdomen or lower back. You can also massage your abdomen to relieve discomfort. Regular walks and light exercise could help decrease cramping as well.
- Sometimes with strenuous activity (like heavy lifting and exercise) your bleeding may increase. This doesn't happen for everyone. This is normal.

Call us if you have any concerns or:

- If you have a temperature of 100.4 or higher
- Experience severe cramping or pain not helped by medication
- Experience very heavy bleeding (soaking a maxi pad every hour for two hours in a row)
- Experience vomiting or diarrhea that persists for 24 hours
- Do not have your period within 8 weeks of your procedure or if pregnancy symptoms persist.

For the health of our patients, staff and community the Falls Church Healthcare Center will be conducting follow-up assessments via phone at this time.

Complete your follow-up appointment by	
calling 703-532-2500 on:	

Please Note: Completing a urine pregnancy test prior to calling will help our nurse in your follow-up assessment.



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INSURANCE PARTICIPATION AND AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT

Using my Insurance: Falls Church Healthcare Center (FCHC), as a service for you, will file your claim for payment of your medical care with your listed Insurance Carrier. Although we rely on your insurance company's good faith pre-authorizations, verifications, certifications and coverage approvals and their reported co-pay, co-insurance and deductible amounts the claim may still be denied by your insurance company or some services not covered once FCHC files your claim. Your insurance plan is a contract between you and your insurance company. We must hold you responsible for any balances due. If your policy includes a co-insurance, a co-pay or deductible amount, that is determined by your insurance company and collected by FCHC at the time of service. If our office does not hear from your insurance company within 30 days, we may request your help in contacting your insurance company to resolve the payment delay. Please supply your insurance card and a photo I.D. at each office visit.

Authorization for Release of Information: I authorize Falls Church Healthcare Center to disclose all or any parts of my medical record to my listed insurance company(s) and any review agency which conducts practice utilization review under a HIPPA agreement with patient's payment source. I also understand that I may revoke this authorization by providing written notice to Falls Church Healthcare Center.

Laboratory Billings: Your services may include laboratory studies required by your insurance company and or requested as a standard of care by your clinician. Your clinician will discuss the recommended additional tests as part of your care. Though the specimens may be collected at FCHC, these studies are NOT conducted at FCHC but sent to and conducted by an independent laboratory. That independent laboratory will file a claim to your insurance company separately. Any unpaid deductibles, co-insurance and copay as well as denials by your insurance company for those laboratory studies will be billed to you separately by the independent laboratory and will be your financial responsibility.

Payment of Services: I understand I am financially responsible for all charges and fees related to the services provided to me by FCHC. I understand that laboratory services if any that are provided by other than FCHC may incur charges separately billed by the laboratory. I further understand that payment in full for any unpaid amount is expected upon receipt of Falls Church Healthcare Center's first invoice. The invoiced charges may include unpaid co-payments, to be billed co-insurance amounts, unpaid deductibles and any fees for services not covered or denied by your insurance company such as medications and anesthesia. I understand I can request a payment plan to be arranged. I understand that 10% late fees may be attached to unpaid balances. I understand I am financially responsible for any legal fees and collection service fees related to the collection of my overdue outstanding balances.

Assignment of Benefits: I hereby authorize and request that my insurance company(s) make payment for my medical care directly to the Falls Church Healthcare Center or its assigns. In the event an overpayment is made from more than one insurance company, I understand the overpayment will be sent to the appropriate payor.

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Patient Name (please print):	
Signature	Date
FOR OFFICE USE: Reviewed and verified by	

I have read, understand and agree to this Participation and Authorization Agreement:



Insurance Carriers Currently Accepted

As of April 2020

Aetna PPO, HMO	Cigna
Aetna Signature Administrator	Coresource
Anthem HMO, PPO, Healthkeepers	Coventry
Anthem Healthkeepers Plus GYN Only	First Health Network Emergency GYN Only
Assurant	Great West
Carefirst Administrator	Guardian
Carefirst, Blue Choice, HMO PPO	Meritain Health GYN Only
PHCS GYN Only	One Net Alliance

HAVE QUESTIONS? Happy to clarify this list, give our Health Educators a call 703 532-2500

- Medicare, Medicaid and federal government insurance plans do not cover abortioncare unless medically necessary.
- First Health Network International is travel Insurance so only covers injury or illness not related to routine gynecological wellness services.
- Carriers we currently <u>are unable to accept</u> for abortioncare or gyn services are Cigna EPO Connect, Golden Rule, Tricare and United Health Care.
- If you are not sure if your Insurance Policy includes pregnancy or gynecology benefits, you can call your policy customer service number on the back of your insurance card for clarification.