UWMF Board of Directors
July 27, 2022, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

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Agenda

4:00 PM  
I. Call to Order  
Dr. Alan Kaplan

4:00 PM  
II. Meeting Minutes - Open Session  
Dr. Alan Kaplan

4:01 PM  
III. UW Health COVID-19 Situational Update  
Dr. Peter Newcomer

4:11 PM  
IV. Impact of Dobbs Decision on Patient Care  
Dr. Peter Newcomer  
Presentation - Impact of Dobbs Decision on Patient Care

4:26 PM  
V. Closed Session  
(Materials Available To Members Only)  
Motion to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.85(1)(e), for the discussion of the following confidential strategic matters, which for competitive reasons require a closed session: review and approval of closed session minutes; review of year-to-date unaudited preliminary financials; UW Health Workforce report; review of clinical services and facilities planning strategy; and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes sections 19.85(1)(c) and 19.36(10) for review of the UW Health CEO Performance.

6:00 PM  
VI. Adjourn
UW Health
Reproductive Health Care in a post-Dobbs era

Pete Newcomer, Chief Clinical Officer, UW Health
7/28/22
Wisconsin Law Post-Dobbs – Wis. Stat. 940.04

It is a felony for “any person, other than the mother” to “intentionally destroy the life of an unborn child” (perform an abortion) except where it is “performed by a physician” to “save the life of the mother.”

- Unborn child is defined as a “human being from the time of conception until it is born alive.”

The law applies to both medication and procedural abortion

The “mother” who seeks or obtains an abortion cannot be criminally charged
Dobbs’ Implications

Complications of self-managed abortion, abortions received out-of-state & miscarriage
  • Treating complications of any abortion or miscarriage is permitted under the law
  • Treat complications of abortion consistent with standard medical practice

Contraception
  • Contraception remains legal and all contraceptive services currently offered will continue at UW Health
  • Neither emergency contraception (Plan B) nor IUDs (intrauterine devices) cause abortion

Fertility care
  • Fertility treatment, including IVF, and embryo storage and disposition are legal, and these services will not change

Counseling Patients and Other Support
  • Patients can be provided with information about abortion services legally available out-of-state
Ectopic Pregnancy

Management of ectopic pregnancy *does not* constitute abortion

- Management of ectopic pregnancy is not abortion because an embryo implanted outside of the uterus cannot lead to a live birth and therefore does not constitute an *unborn child*
- Ectopic pregnancy represents an extreme and immediate threat to maternal life
- Ectopic pregnancy should be treated at diagnosis according to standard medical practice and tailored to the clinical situation. Treatment should not be unduly delayed or withheld
Key Resources and Contacts

UW Health has created a hub containing up-to-date information and guidance:

- https://uconnect.wisc.edu/inside-uw-health/mission-watch/wrh/
Impact of Supreme Court Opinion on Dobbs v Jackson Women’s Health
Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

11. Q: Is abortion illegal in Wisconsin?
A: As of June 24, 2022, it is only legal to provide abortions in Wisconsin to save the life of the mother. Current Wisconsin law criminalizes the physician providing abortion care but does not criminalize the person seeking or undergoing an abortion.

Other (General) Questions

12. Q: Can Wisconsin patients access abortion care anywhere?
A: Abortion remains legal in Illinois and Minnesota, but high demand may lead to delayed appointment scheduling in these states. Patient navigator programs are available through Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin (AllNavigator@ppwi.org) and Pregnancy Options Wisconsin: Education, Resources and Support (pregnancyoptionswi.org, call line 833-514-1774).

13. Q: Is Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin still open?
A: Yes. Planned Parenthood continues to offer early pregnancy assessment, sexually transmitted disease screening and treatment, contraception, PAP tests and other gynecologic care.

14. Q: Are staff required to report a patient who expresses intent to get an abortion or who shares that they have had an abortion?
A: No. We have no duty and are, in fact, precluded by HIPAA from reporting that any patient had an abortion or expressed the intent to have an abortion. HIPAA...
What has happened in the first month since the Dobbs Decision

- We are working through the training issues for our OB/GYN residents and our students
- Faculty are very concerned about their personal legal risk even when performing appropriate/legal procedures
- We are helping patients work through issues that could be expected based on this decision