

## Compassion, Caring, and Dignity with our Abortion Services

Women who are contemplating an abortion are facing one of the most difficult decisions of their lives. I have never seen a patient whether young, old, rich or poor, no matter what their religious background who doesn't take the decision to end a pregnancy seriously or without profound emotional anguish. We understand this and know that it takes a highly devoted, caring administration, physicians, and staff to provide the ultimate care and compassion to every patient that walks through our doors. It is the opportunity to demonstrate that ideal patient care truly does exist.

The concern and caring demeanor of our staff and physicians makes it easier for patients to feel more comfortable, less guilty, angry or depressed regarding the decision to have an abortion performed. Every patient's story is different about how they became pregnant and why they have chosen to have a termination of their pregnancy. These are trying times, not just for the patient, but also the patients' friends, family members or support person(s) whomever they may be.

Abortion at times can be an isolating event to the patient. In my practice, I do not feel that has to be the norm. We also recognize that a significant other, husband, mother, father, sister, or brother of the patient may also be going through similar agony, stress, grief, and depression. We feel that once they've had the opportunity to meet our staff, see our facility; to know that it is clean, sterile, and licensed by State Health Care Agencies that have strict guideline requirements, their fear and anxiety diminishes significantly.

We address the physical, psychological, emotional, social, age, family, and financial situation of each patient. This is where we may differ greatly from other facilities in the State and across the nation. Once obtaining this information through a patient's history, it is decided whether or not the abortion procedure should be performed. As I have told many patients; it is my preference not to terminate any pregnancy unless it is a threat to their lives or health. I believe strongly in the services I provide, and would do them at no cost if the situation was such that I could. It is not unusual for me to give patient discounts for their abortion procedures and there have been times when I have performed the procedure free of charge due to certain financial hardships.

This is the challenge facing all **Abortion Doctors** who provide **Abortion Services**. Our **Women's Health Centers** are all about caring, understanding, building trust, showing respect, and truly listening to our patients. And always, there must be compassion. Compassion goes beyond common courtesy; it means service to the patient that demonstrates genuine concern. Authentic compassion and caring about each patient on a personal level is the most evident form of personal behavior and translates into patient loyalty. The patient must always be treated with kindness and dignity. It is our mission to make patients as emotionally and physically comfortable as possible. Our staff takes great pride in making this a reality. We remain committed to ensure that this care continues.

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