

DISCLOSE ACT supplies baseline data needed for true consent

A Kansas abortion merely requires making **one phone call or sending an email** to the clinic and bringing time-stamped paperwork with her the day of the abortion. There are four abortion locations in Kansas.

The caller is notified about the state-prepared handbook titled “If you are pregnant” and the listing of support services available across Kansas. **Ideally, the caller will take the necessary time to read that information** and possibly consult pregnancy maintenance organizations.

But she can ignore the state-prepared information as long as the abortion clinic has her **signature on a 24-hr informed consent document** with the baseline requirements set out in the Women’s Right to Know Statutes.

The Woman’s Right to Know law was passed in 1998. K.S.A. 65-6709 requires that the name of the abortionist be known and that the pregnant woman meets with her/him at least 30 minutes prior to the abortion taking place. But up until that last half hour inside the abortion clinic, the **woman may not know even the actual name of the abortionist**, much less one stitch of information about him/her.

The 24-hour abortion consent forms used in Kansas are available online. A woman seeking an abortion is not told which practitioner will do the abortion. Instead, the form includes **the names of ALL possible abortionists** employed —which is NOT what the law intended. Two Kansas abortion clinics currently use four “travelling” abortionists who reside many hours away. The seven abortionists (with ages) are shown below.

The state Board of Healing Arts reveals minimum data on licensed physicians but most people have no idea where to look for information. Even if they know about the Board, it would take six steps online to get that information on just on one practitioner. Women considering an abortion deserve **readily accessible, relevant info** needed to make a truly informed decision.

Under the DISCLOSE ACT, the **online informed consent statute is updated** so that this data (for each practitioner listed) is on the form at the top (in 12 pt black type) where it is easily accessible for a woman considering abortion:

- **Year medical degree attained (of the seven KS abortionists, four are in their mid-70s)**
- **Date employment began (Wichita abortion clinic has had 100% turnover in under 4 years)**
- **Whether he/she has been disciplined by Bd. of Healing Arts**
- **If he/she carries malpractice insurance**
- **Whether he/she has local hospital privileges (where /since when)**
- **Whether he/she has lost hospital privileges**
- **If he/she has Kansas residency**

