REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE

PURPOSE
Provide general guidance in the area of reproductive health care.

POLICY
Formulation of policy and practice are consistent with the Franciscan Health System mission to protect human life and respect human dignity.

It is the policy of Franciscan Health System that all services rendered in our hospitals shall be supportive of life. At no time may direct actions to terminate life be performed or permitted.

Franciscan Health System supports the hospital’s obligations under WAC 246-320-370 for emergency contraception provisions for sexual assault victims. The Emergency Department (ED) must provide emergency contraception as a treatment option to any woman who seeks treatment as a result of a sexual assault. The Emergency Department provider must provide each patient with medically and factually accurate and unbiased written and oral information about emergency contraception.

Medical Staff, staff, and family/surrogate decision-makers may consult with the FHS Ethics Committee to advise on policy for decision-making where ethical considerations involving reproductive health care might need additional guidance.