

**Pregnancy termination services
at Madison Surgery Center**

Fact Sheet

- **The decision to terminate a pregnancy is an intensely personal one, permitted by the laws of Wisconsin and the United States government.**
- **The debate over whether second-trimester terminations are right or wrong is a societal discussion. The joint partners in Madison Surgery Center believe it is their responsibility to provide a full continuum of care in all medical areas – including the full range of legal services associated with women’s health, family planning and reproductive health care.**
- **This is not a new service for the Madison area, nor are increases in the number of second trimester terminations anticipated. What has changed is the location. These procedures have been available in Madison for many years by Dr. Dennis Christensen, who retired in December. The decision to continue offering these procedures at Madison Surgery Center assures continuity of access to this service in a patient-oriented environment.**
- **No state funding will be used to compensate physicians for performing second trimester terminations. Payment is solely through private, third-party coverage or self-pay. The malpractice insurance of those physicians is through private, third-party coverage only, not via public funding.**
- **Second-trimester terminations account for approximately 10 percent of all pregnancy terminations. Approximately 120-130 have been performed annually in Madison.**
- **No physicians, residents, students or staff will be required to participate in any aspect of this procedure if it is against their personal beliefs. Participation is strictly voluntary.**
- **There is no research of any sort associated with these procedures.**
- **There is no financial incentive for the MSC to perform second trimester terminations. These procedures are offered to ensure that the Madison-area community has safe access to a legal medical procedure.**
- **Any patient requesting second trimester pregnancy termination health services must offer full consent, agree to a 24-hour waiting period, and will receive counseling services that offer alternatives to the procedure.**