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Admitting Privileges Is Quality Care

It is not a secret that I am not a fan of abortion. I am less a fan of the procedure performed by individuals “not subject to review by a professional board to make sure their practices meet hospital standards.” Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, June 21, 2014, and June 24, 2014. The lack of review is cited as a reason two abortionists are denied admitting privileges at Milwaukee area hospitals.

During 2013, I authored Sonya’s Law. The law increases transparency and patient knowledge by requiring ultrasound results be described prior to an abortion, and the law requires patient safety and continuity of care by requiring abortionists to have hospital admitting privileges within thirty miles of an abortion.

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin sought, in federal court, to stop the second part of the law from going into effect. Planned Parenthood does not think it is important that abortionists have hospital admitting privileges. The trial for the Planned Parenthood lawsuit began during May 2014. During the trial, Judge William Conley encouraged abortionists without admitting privileges to get admitting privileges.

Admitting privileges are important to women’s safety. During cases of post-abortion complications, hospital admitting privileges are immensely important to women’s health. In the event of a complication from a surgical abortion, the abortion provider should have full access to a hospital and supply information leading to the complication.

More than 70% of emergency rooms do not have an Ob/Gyn specialist on hand at any given moment. Requiring an abortion provider has merely the option of admitting the patient is not unreasonable and is really minimal patient safety.

We should all be up in arms about the quality of care provided to women seeking abortions. Reputable physicians and medical facilities do not advertise and promote abortions, let alone the fact many physicians and medical facilities do not allow abortions in their professional work and do not allow abortions at their facilities.

Regardless of views about abortion, Planned Parenthood should not be able to dupe women into thinking abortion is quality care. Planned Parenthood and other abortion clinics certainly should not allow abortionists without hospital admitting privileges and abortionists “not subject to review by a professional board to make sure their practices meet hospital standards” to perform abortions.