

The University of Vermont Medical Center is committed to providing comprehensive, high quality health care services to the patients we serve. This includes reproductive health care, such as abortion.

In light of the diverse beliefs that exist related to abortion and the complexity of related health care decisions, our institution has a careful process for ethical decision-making. Prior to viability, which we define operationally at 22 weeks of gestation, the provision of abortion is a private decision made between a patient and their physician. In rare cases at or above 22 weeks, we perform abortions after consideration and review with medical ethics and the Chief Medical Officer.

The University of Vermont Medical Center takes seriously these decisions, and we honor our diverse workplace, including the right of employees to opt out of participating in these procedures.