

Abortion clinic without a doctor.



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Feb. 21--Erie County's only abortion clinic is closed, again.

Erie Medical Services, 1611 Peach St., will not see patients until it recruits a new physician, said a woman who answered the office's telephone Tuesday morning.

It's not the first time Erie Medical Services has closed because it didn't have a physician. Only a physician is legally permitted to perform abortions in Pennsylvania.

The clinic was closed for all but three weeks between August 2004 and April 2006 because it couldn't recruit a doctor.

One physician who performed abortions there, Harvey Bookman, M.D., had his medical license suspended -- and later revoked -- by the Pennsylvania Board of Medicine for unprofessional conduct and negligence. ...

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